

Bright Saturday

The Divine Liturgy begins:

Deacon: Master, give the blessing.

Priest: Blessed be the Kingdom of the ✙ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

Clergy: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life. (3)

People: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life. (3)

First Resurrectional Antiphon

Verse 1: Shout to the Lord, all the earth, * sing now to His Name, give glory to His praise. (Ps. 65:2)

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God [Theotókos], O Saviour, save us.

Verse 2: Say unto God, “How awesome are Your works! * Because of the greatness of Your strength Your enemies will flatter You.” (Ps. 65:3)

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God [Theotókos], O Saviour, save us.

Verse 3: Let all the earth worship You and sing to You, * let it sing to Your Name, O Most High! (Ps. 65:4)

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God [Theotókos], O Saviour, save us.

† Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, * now and forever and ever. Amen.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God [Theotókos], O Saviour, save us.

Second Resurrectional Antiphon

Verse 1: God be merciful to us and bless us; * make the light of Your face shine upon us and have mercy on us. (Ps. 66:1)

Refrain: Son of God, risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

Verse 2: That we may know Your way upon earth, * Your salvation among all nations. (Ps. 66:2)

Refrain: Son of God, risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

Verse 3: Let the peoples give praise to You, O God, * may all the peoples give praise to You. (Ps. 66:5)

Refrain: Son of God, risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

† Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, * now and forever and ever. Amen.

Only begotten Son...

Third Resurrectional Antiphon

Verse 1: Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from before His face. (Ps. 67:2)

Refrain: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life.

Verse 2: As smoke vanishes, let them vanish, as wax melts before the fire. (Ps. 67:3)

Refrain: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life.

Verse 3: So let sinners perish before the face of God, but let the righteous be glad. (Ps. 67:3-4)

Refrain: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life.

Entrance verse: In the churches bless God, the Lord from the fountains of Israel. (Ps. 67:26)

Troparion, tone 5: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life.

† Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, * now and forever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, tone 8: Though You descended into a tomb, O Immortal One, * yet You destroyed the power of Hades; * and You rose as victor, O Christ God, * calling to the myrrh-bearing women: Rejoice! * And giving peace * to Your Apostles: * You, who grant Resurrection to the fallen.

Instead of the Trisagion we sing: † All you who have been baptised into Christ, you have put on Christ. Alleluia. (3)

† Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen. You have put on Christ. Alleluia.

† All you who have been baptised into Christ, you have put on Christ. Alleluia.

Prokimenon, tone 3: The Lord is my light and my Saviour; * whom shall I fear? (Ps. 26:1)

Verse: The Lord is the protector of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? (Ps. 26:1)

Epistle: Acts 3:11-16, pericope 8

Alleluia, tone 8: The Lord is king and has robed Himself in splendour; the Lord is clothed with strength and has girded Himself. (Ps. 92:1a)

Verse: For He has established the universe, which shall not be shaken. (Ps. 92:1b)

Gospel: John 3:22-34, pericope 11

Instead of It is truly right, we chant: The Angel cried out to the One full of Grace: O chaste Virgin, rejoice! And again I say, Rejoice! Your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day, and raised the dead. Let all people rejoice!

Hirmos, tone 1: Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! Exult now and be glad, O Sion! And you, O chaste Mother of God [Theotókos], take delight in the resurrection of your Son.

Communion Verse: Receive the Body of Christ; * taste the fountain of immortality. Alleluia. (3)

Dcn.: Approach with the fear of God and with faith.

Faithful: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life.

Pr.: ✚ Save your people, O God, and bless Your inheritance.

Faithful: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life.

Pr.: Blessed be our God, always, now, and for ever and ever.

Faithful: Amen. Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life. (3)

In place of "Blessed be the Name of the Lord..."

Faithful: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life. (3)

And then Psalm 33.

Pr.: † Glory be to You, O Christ our God, our hope, glory be to You!

Faithful: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life. Lord, have mercy. (3) Give the blessing.

At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy we all sing together:

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life. (3)

And to us He has granted life eternal; we bow down before His resurrection on the third day.