

GREAT MATINS

Lazarus Saturday

The Opening Blessing, the Six Psalms, the Great Litany, and "God the Lord" in Tone 1

Troparia

Tone 1: O Christ our God, You confirmed the resurrection of all* before the time of your passion by raising Lazarus from the dead.* Therefore, we as the children of Israel, carry the symbols of victory* and cry out to You, the Conqueror of Death:* Hosanna in the highest!* Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord. (2)

Glory... Now... "O Christ our God, You confirmed..."

Sessional Hymn I

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Immediately followed by the Troparia of the Resurrection, and the Small Litany

Sessional Hymn II

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*Immediately followed by the **Psalm 50** and then Canon:*

Canon

Irmos 1: Let us sing a song of triumph to the Lord, who led His people through the Red Sea: for He has been glorified. With Thy divine command Thou hast raised dead Lazarus, in Thy love for mankind; for Thou art the Fashioner and Guardian of Life.

Irmos 3: Thou art the strong support of those that run to Thee, O Lord; Thou art the light of those in darkness, and my spirit sings in praise of Thee.

Irmos 4: O Lord, I have heard the mystery of Thy dispensation; I have considered Thy works, and I have glorified Thy Godhead.

Irmos 5: In Thy love for mankind, coming to the tomb of Lazarus Thou hast called him and granted him life, for Thou art the immortal life of all mortal men; and so Thou hast as God clearly foretold the future Resurrection.

Irmos 6: O Lord, who hast made Jonah dwell within the whale, deliver me from corruption, as Thou hast delivered him; for I am caught in the snares of the enemy.

Irmos 7: The Hebrew children in the furnace boldly trampled upon the flames, and changed the fire to dew as they cried aloud: 'Blessed art. Thou, O Lord our God, for evermore.'

Irmos 8: When the instruments of music sounded, countless multitudes worshipped the image in Dura; but the three Children, refusing to bow down, praised and glorified the Lord for ever.

NO Magnificat; Ode 9

Irmos 9: Come, all you people, let us glorify the holy Mother of God, who without being consumed, gave birth to the fire of the divinity in her womb; with our unceasing hymns, we extol her.

Verse: Glory be to You, our God, glory be to You!

The crowds, who saw a man dead four days now walking, were struck with wonder, and they cried out to the Redeemer: O Lord God, we extol You.

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To strengthen our faith in Your glorious resurrection, O Savior, You delivered Lazarus from Hades even though he had been dead four days, with our hymns, we extol You.

Glory be... Now... In an ineffable manner, O my Lord and Savior, You brought about my deliverance and my salvation, by Your own will and according to Your two natures.

Katabasia: We indeed acknowledge you as the Mother of God; through you we have found salvation. O most pure Virgin, with the choirs of angels, we extol you.

Omit: "It is truly right..."

Small Litany & "Holy is the Lord our God"

Exapostolarion (Hymn of Light)

Today, Lazarus rejoices in Your word, O Word of God, as he begins his life again; and the crowd greets You, O almighty One, with palms and branches; for by Your death, You have utterly destroyed the kingdom of Hades.

Sticheras at the Praises (Tone 1)

8/ O Christ, our Resurrection and our Life, * You **came** to the tomb of Lazarus* to confirm our faith in Your two natures;* O long-suffering Lord, born of the most pure Virgin,* in Your humanity, You asked:* Where have you buried him? And, in Your divinity, with a life-giving sign,* You raise the one who has been dead four days.

7/ O Christ, our Resurrection and our Life...

6/ Even though Lazarus had been dead four days,* You raised him from Hades, O Christ; * before Your own death, You destroyed the power of Death;* You freed one of Your friends from the tomb* to announce the resurrection of all.* Therefore, we bow before Your sovereign power and cry out:* Blessed are You, O Savior, have mercy on us.

5/ Even though Lazarus had been dead...

4/ Martha and Mary said to the Savior:* Lord, if You had been here, our brother would not have died.* And Christ, the Resurrection of the dead, * raised the one who had been dead four days*. Come, all you faithful, and bow before the One* Who comes in glory for our salvation.

3/ Martha and Mary said to the Savior...

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Now... Tone 2: You are truly blessed...

Great Doxology

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(See to the beginning)