

MAY 8, 2021 Bright Saturday
Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (sung on Saturday)
Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian

(at the Divine Liturgy, on Bright Saturday)

(After "Blessed is the Kingdom..." and "Amen." :)

Clergy:

Christ is risen from the dead,
trampling down death by death,
and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! *(thrice)*

Choir:

Christ is risen from the dead,
trampling down death by death,
and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! *(thrice)*

(The clergy then chant the Paschal verses with the choir singing the Troparion "Christ is risen..." after each verse.)

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

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

V. As smoke vanishes so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire! (Ps. 67:2a)

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

V. So the sinners will perish before the face of God; but let the righteous be glad! (Ps. 67:2b-3a)

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

*V. This is the day which the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
(Ps. 117:24)*

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

Clergy: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death,

Choir: and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

The First Antiphon

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His Name, give glory to His praise! *(Ps. 65:1)*

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Say to God: "How awesome are Your deeds! So great is Your power that Your enemies cringe before You!" *(Ps. 65:2) (Refrain)*

Let all the earth worship You and praise You! Let it praise Your Name, O Most High! *(Ps. 65:3) (Refrain)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. *(Refrain)*

The Second Antiphon

God be bountiful and bless us! Show the light of Your countenance upon us and have mercy on us! *(Ps. 66:1)*

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

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

Let the people give thanks to You, O God! Let all the people give thanks to You! *(Ps. 66:3) (Refrain)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

(“Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God...”)

The Third Antiphon

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

Christ is risen from the dead,
trampling down death by death,
and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

As smoke vanishes so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire! *(Ps. 67:2a)*

Troparion: “Christ is risen from the dead...”

So the sinners will perish before the face of God; but let the righteous be glad! *(Ps. 67:2b-3a)*

Troparion: “Christ is risen from the dead...”

Entrance Verse

Bless God in the churches, the Lord, O you who are of Israel’s fountain! *(Ps. 67:27)*

Troparion (*Pascha*)

Christ is risen from the dead,
trampling down death by death,
and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! (*thrice*)

Tone 2 Troparion (*St. John*)

Beloved Apostle of Christ our God,
hasten to deliver a defenseless people!
He Who allowed you to recline on His breast,
receives you as you bow before Him.
Implore Him, O John the Theologian,
to disperse the persistent threat from the heathens,//
entreating for us peace and great mercy!

Tone 2 Kontakion (*St. John*)

Who shall declare your greatness,
O virgin disciple,
for you pour forth wonders and are a source of healings,//
and pray for our souls as theologian and friend of Christ.

Tone 8 Kontakion (*Pascha*)

You descended into the tomb, O Immortal,
You destroyed the power of death.
In victory You arose, O Christ God,
proclaiming: “Rejoice!” to the Myrrhbearing Women,//
granting peace to Your Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.

(Instead of the Trisagion, we sing:)

As many as have been baptized into Christ,
have put on Christ. Alleluia.

Tone 3 Prokeimenon

The Lord is my Light and my Savior! / Whom shall I fear? *(Ps. 26:1)*

V. The Lord is the defender of my life! Of whom shall I be afraid? (Ps. 26:2)

Tone 8 Prokeimenon *(St. John)*

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, / and their words to the ends of the universe. *(Ps. 18:4)*

Epistle

Acts 3:11-16

Now as the lame man who was healed held on to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the porch which is called Solomon's, greatly amazed. So when Peter saw it, he responded to the people: "Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?

The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His Servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let Him go. But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses.

And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

1 John 1:1-7 *(St. John)*

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life - the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us - that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

And these things we write to you that your joy may be full. This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Tone 5

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty! (Ps. 92:1a)

V. For He has established the world, so that it shall never be moved. (Ps. 92:2)

Tone 1

V. The heavens will praise Your wonders, O Lord; and Your truth in the congregation of the saints. (Ps. 88:5)

Gospel

John 3:22-33

After these things Jesus and His disciples came into the land of Judea, and there He remained with them and baptized. Now John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was much water there. And they came and were baptized. For John had not yet been thrown into prison. Then there arose a dispute between some of John's disciples and the Jews about purification. And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, He who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you have testified - behold, He is baptizing, and all are coming to Him!"

John answered and said, "A man can receive nothing unless it has been given to him from heaven. You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ,' but, 'I have been sent before Him.' He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is fulfilled.

He must increase, but I must decrease. He who comes from above is above all; he who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all. And what He has seen and heard, that He testifies; and no one receives His testimony. He who has received His testimony has certified that God is true.

John 19:25-27; 21:24-25 (*St. John*)

Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home. This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true. And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.

(Instead of "It is truly meet...", we sing:)

The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace:
"Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again, I say: Rejoice,
your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb!
With Himself He has raised all the dead."
Rejoice, O ye people!

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem!
The glory of the Lord has shone on you.
Exult now, and be glad, O Zion!
Be radiant, O pure Theotokos,
in the Resurrection of your Son!

Communion Hymn

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality!
Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of
the universe. (*Ps. 18:4*)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

(During Bright Week, instead of "Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord," we sing the troparion "Christ is risen..." (once). Instead of "We have seen the True Light..." and "Let our mouths be filled ...," we sing "Christ is risen..." (once). Instead of "Blessed be the Name of the Lord," we sing "Christ is risen..." (thrice). Instead of "Glory to You, O Christ our God...", the priest sings: "Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death," and the choir concludes: "and upon those in the tombs bestowing life." The priest gives the Dismissal, and

after the singing of "Christ is risen" (thrice), we finish with: "And unto us He has given eternal life. Let us worship His Resurrection on the third day!"