

LAZARUS SATURDAY SERVICES

(9th Hour to be chanted using the Lenten Order.)

Psalm 104 (usual daily beginning rather than Vigil beginning)

Great Litany [Lenten Melody]

[No Kathisma and no Little Litany]

Lord I Call (*on 10*) (*tone 8*)

We have completed the forty days which profit our souls.

Now let us beg the Lover of man;

Enable us to see the holy week of Thy *passion*,

That we may glorify Thy mighty work,

Thy wonderful plan for our salvation,

Singing with one heart and voice, // ⤴

O Lord, glory to Thee! (2x)

(tone 8)

O martyrs of the Lord, we beseech you to intercede with our God,

That He may forgive our many sins, // ⤴

And grant our souls abundant mercy.

(tone 6)

Wishing to see the tomb of Lazarus, O Lord,

Since of Thy own will, Thou wast soon to dwell in a tomb,

Thou didst ask: ‘Where have you laid him?’

Learning that which was already known to Thee,

Thou didst cry to Thy beloved friend: ‘Lazarus, come forth!’

He who had no breath obeyed the Lord who gave him breath: // ⤴

Thou, O Lord, the Savior of our souls. (2x)

(tone 6)

Thou hast come to the place of the burial of Lazarus, O Lord,

The tomb of a man four days dead.

Weeping for Thy friend, O Bread of Life, Thou didst raise him up.

Therefore death was bound by Thy voice,

Grave clothes were loosened by Thy hand.

The band of disciples was filled with joy.

One song of adoration was sung by all: // ⤴

Blessed art Thou, O Savior! Have mercy on us! (2x)

(tone 6)

Thy voice destroyed the Kingdom of hell, O Lord.
Thy powerful word raised from the tomb the one who was four days dead.
Lazarus became the saving first-fruits of the world's regeneration.
All things are possible for Thee, O Lord and King of all.//↔
Grant Thy servants cleansing and great mercy!

(tone 6)

Thou didst come to the tomb of Lazarus, O Lord.
Thou didst call him by name,
Wishing to assure Thy disciples of Thy own resurrection!
Hell was vanquished!
It released Lazarus who was dead four days.
He cried out to Thee://↑
'Glory to Thee, O blessed Lord!'

(tone 6)

Thou didst come to Bethany to wake Lazarus, O Lord,
Accompanied by Thy disciples.
Thou didst weep for him.
But he was raised by Thine almighty pow'r!
A man four days dead cried to Thee, O our Savior://↓
'Glory to Thee, O blessed Lord!'

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

(tone 8)

Standing by the tomb of Lazarus, O Savior,
Thou didst call to Thy friend, who was dead.
He heard Thy voice, and awoke as from sleep.
Mortality was shaken by immortality.
By Thy word the bound was unbound.
All is possible! All things serve and submit to Thee, O loving Lord.//↑
O our Savior, glory to Thee!

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

(tone 8)

We have completed the forty days which profit our souls.
Let us sing: 'Rejoice, O city of Bethany, home of Lazarus!
Rejoice, O Mary and Martha, his sisters!'
Tomorrow Christ will come and raise Thy dead brother to life.
Bitter and unsatisfied, hell will hear His voice.
Shaking and groaning, it will release bound Lazarus.

The assembly of Hebrews will be amazed.
They will greet Him with palms and branches!
Though their priests and elders look on Him with envy and *malice*,
The children shall praise Him in song:
'Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord, // ⬆
The King of Israel!'

Entrance and Gladsome Light

1st Prokeimenon (tone 6)

Our help is in the Name of the Lord * who made heaven and earth!

Verse: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, let Israel now say.

1st OT Reading Genesis 49:33 - 50:26 ('*The reading from the Book of Genesis*' [or the '*the 1st Book of Moses (called Genesis)*'])

49.33 When Jacob finished charging his sons, he drew up his feet into the bed, and breathed his last, and was gathered to his people. 50.1 Then Joseph fell on his father's face, and wept over him, and kissed him. 2 And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father. So the physicians embalmed Israel; 3 forty days were required for it, for so many are required for embalming. And the Egyptians wept for him seventy days. 4 And when the days of weeping for him were past, Joseph spoke to the household of Pharaoh, saying, "If now I have found favor in your eyes, speak, I pray you, in the ears of Pharaoh, saying, 5 My father made me swear, saying, 'I am about to die: in my tomb which I hewed out for myself in the land of Canaan, there shall you bury me.' Now therefore let me go up, I pray you, and bury my father; then I will return." 6 And Pharaoh answered, "Go up, and bury your father, as he made you swear." 7 So Joseph went up to bury his father; and with him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his household, and all the elders of the land of Egypt, 8 as well as all the household of Joseph, his brothers, and his father's household; only their children, their flocks, and their herds were left in the land of Goshen. 9 And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen; it was a very great company. 10 When they came to the threshing floor of Atad, which is beyond the Jordan, they lamented there with a very great and sorrowful lamentation; and he made a mourning for his father seven days. 11 When the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning on the threshing floor of Atad, they said, "This is a grievous mourning to the Egyptians." Therefore the place was named A'bel-mizraim; it is beyond the Jordan. 12 Thus his sons did for him as he had commanded them; 13 for his sons carried him to the land of Canaan, and buried him in the cave of the field at Machpe'lah, to the east of Mamre, which Abraham bought with the field from Ephron the Hittite, to possess as a burying place. 14 After he had buried his father, Joseph returned to Egypt with his brothers and all who had gone up with him to bury his father. 15 When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil which we did to him." 16 So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, 17 'Say to Joseph, Forgive, I pray you, the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, we pray you, forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. 18 His brothers also came and fell down before him, and said, "Behold, we are your servants." 19 But Joseph said to them, "Fear not, for am I in the place of God? 20 As for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. 21 So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he reassured them and comforted them. 22 So Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he and his father's house; and Joseph lived a hundred and ten years. 23 And Joseph saw E'phraim's children of the third generation; the children also of Machir the son of Manas'seh were born upon Joseph's knees. 24 And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die; but God will visit you, and bring you up out of this land to the land which he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob." 25 Then Joseph took an oath of the sons of Israel, saying, "God will visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here." 26 So Joseph died, being a hundred and ten years old; and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

2nd Prokeimenon (tone 4)

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion * which cannot be moved but abides forever!

Verse: For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest upon the land allotted to the righteous.

2nd OT Reading Proverbs 31:8-31 (*The reading from the Book of Proverbs.*)

31.8 Open your mouth for the dumb, for the rights of all who are left desolate. 9 Open your mouth, judge righteously, maintain the rights of the poor and needy. 10 A good wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. 11 The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. 12 She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. 13 She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. 14 She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from afar. 15 She rises while it is yet night and provides food for her household and tasks for her maidens. 16 She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. 17 She girds her loins with strength and makes her arms strong. 18 She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. 19 She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. 20 She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. 21 She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household are clothed in scarlet. 22 She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple. 23 Her husband is known in the gates, when he sits among the elders of the land. 24 She makes linen garments and sells them; she delivers girdles to the merchant. 25 Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. 26 She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. 27 She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. 28 Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: 29 "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." 30 Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. 31 Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

Augmented Litany

Vouchsafe

Evening Litany

[No Litya]

Aposticha (tone 8)

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That we may glorify Thy mighty work,

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Singing with one heart and voice, // ⤴

O Lord, glory to Thee!

Reader: To Thee I lift up my eyes, O Thou Who art enthroned in the heavens. Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maiden to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God 'til He have mercy on us.

We have completed the forty days... (*the choir repeats the previous stichera*)

Reader: Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us, for we have had more than enough of contempt; too long our soul has been sated with the scorn of those who art at ease, the contempt of the proud.

(tone 6—for Lazarus)

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Accompanied by Thy disciples.
Thou didst weep for him,
But he was raised by Thine almighty power!
A man four days dead cried to Thee, O our Savior: //
“Glory to Thee, O blessed Lord!”

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

(tone 8—for Lazarus)

Standing by the tomb of Lazarus, O Savior,
Thou didst call to Thy friend, who was dead.
He heard Thy voice, and awoke as from sleep. //
Mortality was shaken by immortality.

Prayer of St Symeon

Trisagion

Lord's Prayer

Troparia

(tone 1)

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion,
Thou didst confirm the universal Resurrection, O Christ God.
Like the children, with the palms of victory,
We cry out to Thee, O vanquisher of death:
Hosanna in the highest!//
Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!

Glory... Now and ever...

Resurrectional Theotokion in Tone 1 (see Vigil Book)

Standard Dismissal as at Great Vespers

Divine Liturgy of Lazarus Saturday

Entrance: “Come let us worship... who art wonderful in His saints...”

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

(tone 2)

Christ, the Joy, the Truth, and the Light of all,
The Life of the World, and the Resurrection
Has appeared in His goodness to those on earth.
He has become the Image of our Resurrection,
Granting divine forgiveness to all.

(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 26/27:1)

v: The Lord is the defender of my life! Of whom shall I be afraid? (Ps 26/27:2)

Epistle
Heb. 12:28-13:8

Tone 5

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

v: The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty. (Ps 92/93:1)

*v: :For He hath established the world so that it shall never be moved.
(Ps 92/93:1b)*

Gospel

John 11:1-45

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

Come, all people, let us honor the pure Theotokos!
She conceived the divine Fire within her womb, yet was not consumed.
Let us magnify her in song! *(Hirmos of the 9th Ode of the Kanon)*

Communion Hymn

Out of the mouths of babes and infants, You have fashioned perfect praise.
The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil
Tidings. *(Ps 111/112:6)*
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.