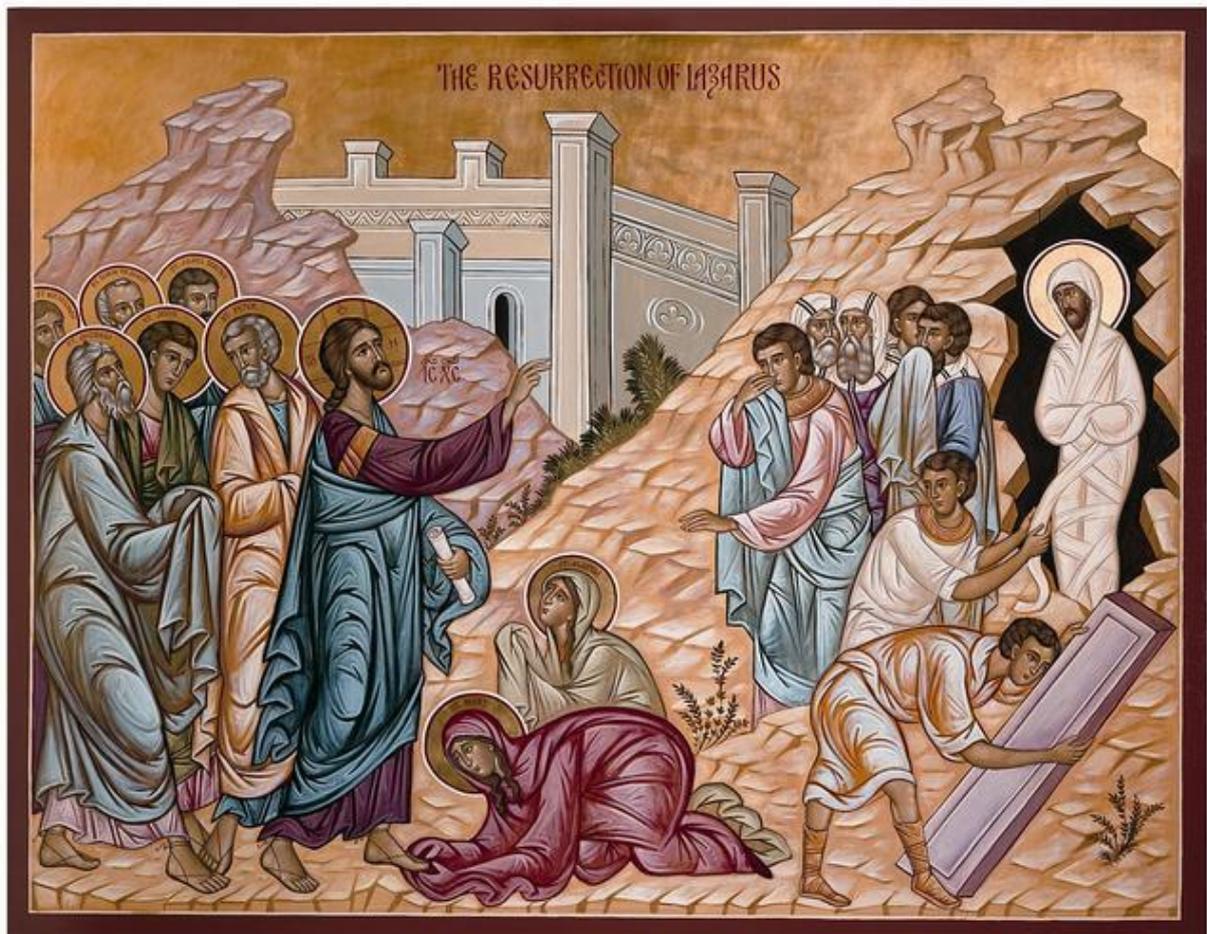


The Little Compline with The Canon to the Raising of Lazarus, the Righteous



The Small Compline

Priest: Blessed is our God always, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Priest: Glory to You, our God, glory to You.

O Heavenly King, Comforter and Spirit of Truth, You that are in all places and fill all things, the Treasury of Blessings and the Giver of Life: come to dwell in us, cleanse us from every stain, and save our souls, O Gracious One.

People: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.
(x3)

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

All Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One visit and heal our infirmities for your Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (x3)

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

Our Father, who are in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on Earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Priest: For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (x12)

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

O come let us worship and fall down before God our King.

O come let us worship and fall down before Christ our King and our God.

O come let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King, our Lord, and our God.

Psalm 50

Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your loving kindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight - That You may be found just when You speak, And blameless when You judge.

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me. Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, And in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me hear joy and gladness, That the bones You have broken may rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me by Your generous Spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners shall be converted to You.

Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, The God of my salvation, And my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips, And my mouth shall show forth Your praise. For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart - These, O God, You will not despise.

Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion; Build the walls of Jerusalem. Then You shall be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, With burnt offering and whole burnt offering; Then they shall offer bulls on Your altar.

Psalm 69

Make haste, O God, to deliver me! Make haste to help me, O Lord! Let them be ashamed and confounded who seek my life; Let them be turned back and confused who desire my hurt. Let them be turned back because of their shame, who say, "Aha, aha!" Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; And let those who love Your salvation say continually, "Let God be magnified!" But I am poor and needy; Make haste to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay.

Psalm 142

Hear my prayer, O Lord, Give ear to my supplications! In Your faithfulness answer me, And in Your righteousness. Do not enter into judgment with Your servant, For in Your sight no one living is righteous. For the enemy has persecuted my soul; He has crushed

my life to the ground; He has made me dwell in darkness, Like those who have long been dead. Therefore, my spirit is overwhelmed within me; My heart within me is distressed.

I remember the days of old; I meditate on all Your works; I muse on the work of Your hands. I spread out my hands to You; My soul longs for You like a thirsty land. Answer me speedily, O Lord; My spirit fails! Do not hide Your face from me, Lest I be like those who go down into the pit. Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning, For in You do I trust; Cause me to know the way in which I should walk, For I lift up my soul to You.

Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies; In You I take shelter. Teach me to do Your will, For You are my God; Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness. Revive me, O Lord, for Your name's sake! For Your righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble. In Your mercy cut off my enemies and destroy all those who afflict my soul; For I am Your servant.

Small Doxology

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill among men.

We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You for Your great glory.

O Lord, King, heavenly God the Father almighty; O Lord the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

O Lord, God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, Who take away the sin of the world: Have mercy on us, You that take away the sins of the world.

Receive our prayer, You that sit at the right hand of the Father; and have mercy on us.

For You alone are Holy, You alone are the Lord, Jesus Christ, to the Glory of God the Father. Amen.

Every day I will bless You, and I will praise Your Name forever and unto the ages of ages.

Lord, You have been our refuge from generation to generation. I said: O Lord have mercy on me, heal my soul, for I have sinned against You.

Lord, to You have I fled for refuge; teach me to do Your will, for You are my God.

For in You is the fountain of Life, in Your light we shall see light.

Continue Your mercy to those who know You.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin.

Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name to the ages. Amen.

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, even as we have hoped in You.

Blessed are You, O Lord, teach me Your statutes.

Blessed are You, O Master, teach me Your precepts.

Blessed are You, O Holy One, teach me Your commandments.

Your mercy, O Lord, endures forever: Despise not the works of Your hands.

To You belongs worship, to You belongs praise, to You belongs glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

The Creed

I believe in one God, Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one essence with the Father, through Him all things were made.

Who for us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became man. And He was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried.

And He rose on the third day, in accordance with the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

And will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father, Who together with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke through the Prophets.

And in One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the age to come. Amen.

Theotokion

It is truly right to call you blessed. O Theotokos, ever blessed and most blameless and Mother of our God. More honourable than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim, who without corruption gave birth to God the Word, the very Theotokos: you do we magnify.

The Canon of the Raising Of Lazarus (Tone One)

Ode One

Let us all sing a triumphant song to God, Who has done strange wonders with His mighty arm, and has saved Israel: for He is glorified.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

O my Saviour, You raised Lazarus who was four days dead, and freed him from corruption by Your mighty arm; and in Your strength You revealed Your power.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

Calling Lazarus from the tomb, immediately You raised him; but Hell below lamented bitterly, and groaning, trembled at Your power, O Saviour.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

You shed tears for Lazarus, O Lord, thus proving that You have truly taken flesh at Your Incarnation; and that, being God by nature, You have become by nature a man like us.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

You made the tears of Martha and Mary to cease, O Lord and Saviour, by raising Lazarus from the dead, and in Your power You endured a corpse with the breath of life.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

Obedient to the laws of human nature, You asked, O Master, where Lazarus was laid, showing to all, O Saviour, that at Your Incarnation You have become true man for our sake.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

Calling Lazarus by name, You have broken in pieces the bars of Hell and shaken the power of the enemy; and before Your Crucifixion, You made him tremble because of You, O only Saviour.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

O Master, You have come as God to Lazarus, bound captive by Hell, and You loosed him from his fetters, for all things submit to Your command, O Mighty Lord.

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

Let us now glorify Father, Son and Holy Spirit, undivided Trinity in Unity of Nature, and with the angels let us glorify Him as one uncreated God.

Now and forever, and to ages of ages. Amen.

O Virgin Mother, still remaining virgin, You conceived the Creator of the World through the Holy Spirit, according to the good pleasure of the Father; and without alteration or confusion, He became what we are.

Ode Two

Attend, O Heaven, and I shall speak and sing in praise of Christ, the Saviour of the world, Who alone loves mankind.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

Glory to You, Who alone called a four-day corpse from the tomb, raising Lazarus, Your friend.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

A lifeless corpse, he heard Your voice; and at once he rose from the dead, filled with the breath of life and glorifying You, O Lord.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

Lazarus already stank; but, receiving the command of Your life-giving voice, O my Saviour, he arose from the tomb.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

You shed tears for Your friend Lazarus, O my Saviour, proving that You have taken on Yourself our nature, and then You raised him up.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

Hell trembled when it saw him, bound in his grave-clothes yet returning at once to the life of this world when he heard Your voice.

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

The Jews were amazed when You called Lazarus, O Saviour, and raised him by Your word, Though his corpse already stank.

Now and forever, and to ages of ages. Amen.

The palaces of Hell were shaken, when in its depths Lazarus began once more to breathe, straightway restored to life by the sound of Your voice.

Ode Three

The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the rock upon which Christ has established the Church that He has redeemed from among the nations.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

O strange and marvellous wonder! Although He knew the answer, yet as if ignorant, the Maker of All asked: Where does he lie, whom you lament? Where is Lazarus buried, whom I shall shortly raise up for your sake, alive from the dead.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

Jesus commanded them to take away the stone that they had rolled on you when they buried you; and immediately He raised you, calling you: Lazarus, rise up and come to Me, that Hell may tremble at My voice.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

Shedding tears for Your friend, O Saviour, You have shown the reality of Your Incarnation: the flesh that You have taken from us was united to You in essence, not in appearance only. And, since You are a God Who loves mankind, immediately You called him and raised him up.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

Woe is me! Now am I destroyed utterly, Hell cried out, and he spoke to Death: See, the man from Nazareth has shaken the lower world, and cutting open my belly he has called a lifeless corpse and raised it up.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

What is this madness that has seized you, O Jews? Why do you disbelieve? How long will you wander in falsehood? You see the dead man leap up when Christ calls him, and you still disbelieve in Christ? Truly you are all children of darkness.

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

I acknowledge You as one of the Trinity, even though You art incarnate, and I worship You as one single Son, Who without seed has taken flesh from the Theotokos, yet are glorified with the Father and the Spirit.

Now and forever, and to ages of ages. Amen.

O strange and dread sight, foreseen by the prophets who proclaimed the truth: by divine providence the Virgin Theotokos conceived without seed and gave birth to God without corruption, remaining still a virgin after childbirth.

Ode Four

The sun's light was extinguished and the moon was halted in its course; You were lifted, O Longsuffering Lord, upon the Cross, and with it You built Your Church.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

O Lord, You shed tears for Lazarus, showing that You are man; and You raised him from the dead, O Master, showing to the peoples that You are the Son of God.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

Lifeless, he heard Your command, O Loving Saviour: Lazarus, come forth, and bound with grave-clothes he leapt up at once, bearing witness to Your power.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

O Christ our God, You made the tears of Martha and Mary to cease; calling Lazarus, through Your own authority You raised him by Your voice, and he worshipped You.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

As man, You shed tears for Lazarus; as God, You raised him up. You asked, O Loving Lord: Where is he buried, dead these four days?; thus confirming our faith in Your Incarnation.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

Wishing in Your love to reveal the meaning of Your Passion and Your Cross, You have broken, open the belly of Hell that never can be satisfied, and as God You raised up a man four days dead.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

Who has ever known or heard of a man raised from the dead, when his corpse already stank? Elijah and Elisha raised the dead, yet not from the tomb or four days after death.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

O Lord, we sing the praises of Your might; O Christ, we sing the praises of Your Passion: for through the one in Your tender mercy You worked a miracle; and the other You have as man accepted willingly for our salvation.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

You are God and man, proving by Your actions the true reality of both Your natures. In the flesh You have come to the tomb, O Word, and as God You raised up the man four days dead.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

The Jews were amazed, O Master, when they saw dead Lazarus rising from the tomb at Your voice; yet still they believed not in Your miracles.

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

Without beginning You shone forth from Your Father as one of the Trinity, O Saviour; and within time You have come forth from the Spirit, taking flesh in the Virgin's womb, O transcendent God.

Now and forever, and to ages of ages. Amen.

The Theotokos conceived without seed and gave birth without suffering corruption. For, bringing forth these wonders to pass, God emptied Himself that He might be united to us.

Ode Five

Give us Your peace, O Son of God, for we know no other God save You. We call upon Your Name, for You are God of the living and the dead.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

Since, O Lord, You are Life and true Light, You called dead Lazarus and raised him up, for in Your power You have shown to all that You are God of the living and the dead.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

Hell, that had received so many, was unable to resist Your sovereign command, O Jesus; but trembling, it surrendered Lazarus, four days dead, yet brought up to life by Your voice.

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Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

Joining dust to spirit, O Word, by Your word in the beginning, You breathed into the clay a living soul. And now, by Your word, You raised up Your friend from corruption and from the depths of the earth.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

None can withstand Your command, O Lord, for when You called dead Lazarus, though lifeless, he arose at once, and though his feet were bound, he walked.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

O folly of the Jews! O blindness of the enemy! Who has ever known a corpse raised from the grave? Once Elijah raised the dead, yet not from the tomb or four days after death.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

There is none like You, O Forbearing Lord. You do all things for our sake as God, and You suffer as man. Make us all partakers of Your Kingdom, at the prayers of Lazarus.

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

O Trinity Who was before all things began, Father Almighty, Son and Holy Spirit, coeternal and equal in honour, Holy Unity in three Persons: save us children of Adam who with faith sing Your praises.

Now and forever, and to ages of ages. Amen.

Your undefiled womb was sanctified, O pure Virgin, by the transcendent God Who took flesh from it: He is adorned as one of the Trinity, the Word from the Father, one God with the Spirit.

Ode Six

You have cast me, O Saviour, into the deep waters of the sea; yet You saved me from the bondage of death, and loosed the bonds of my transgressions.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

You know all things, yet asked where I was buried. As man by nature, You wept for me, O Saviour, and You raised me from the dead by Your command.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

You called me from the lowest depths of Hell, O Saviour, cried Lazarus to You when You set him free from Hell; and You raised me from the dead by Your command.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

You clothed me in a body of clay, O Saviour, and breathed life into me, and I beheld Your light; and You raised me from the dead by Your command.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

You breathed life into my flesh, O Saviour, when there was no breath within it; You bound it fast with bones and sinews, and You raised me from the dead by Your command.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

You have broken open the all-devouring belly of Hell and snatched me out, O Saviour, by Your power; and You raised me from the dead by Your command.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

You clothed Yourself in all my human nature, O Saviour, and kept pure in childbirth the undefiled womb from which You came forth incarnate, being one of the Trinity.

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

O Holy Trinity, I glorify Your compassion, and with the angels I sing the thrice-holy hymn: have mercy on the souls of us who praise You.

Now and forever, and to ages of ages. Amen.

O marvellous wonder! The Word entered Your undefiled womb, pure Virgin Mother, yet preserved it virgin after childbirth.

Ode Seven

The fire, O Saviour, did not touch or trouble Your children in the furnace. Then with one voice the three sang Your praise and blessed You, saying: O God of our Fathers, blessed are You.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

O Saviour Who loves mankind, You wept over the dead, in this way showing to all the peoples that, being God, You have become man for our sakes; and, shedding tears by Your own choice, You have given us proof of Your heartfelt love.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

When Lazarus, four days dead, heard Your voice below, O Saviour, he rose up and sang Your praises, crying aloud joyfully: You are my God and Maker; I glorify and worship You, for You have raised me up.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

Though I lie in bonds, O Saviour, Lazarus cried from below to You his Deliverer, yet shall I not remain forever in the depth of Hell, if You will only call to me, 'Lazarus, come out;' for You are my Light and my Life.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

I implore you, Lazarus, said Hell, Rise up, depart quickly from my bonds and be gone. It is better for me to lament bitterly for the loss of one, rather than of all those whom I swallowed in my hunger.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

Why do you delay, Lazarus? cried Hell. Your Friend stands calling to you: 'Come out.' Go, then, and I too shall feel relief. For since I swallowed you, all other food is loathsome to me.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

O Lazarus, why do you not rise up swiftly? Cried Hell below, lamenting. Why do you not run straightway from this place? In case Christ take prisoner the others, after raising you.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

You are magnified, O Master Christ, through the many miracles You performed. For You have given light to the blind and opened the ears of the deaf by a word; and, calling Your friend Lazarus, as God You raised him from the dead.

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

Let us sing praises to the Trinity, glorifying the eternal Father, the Son and the Spirit of righteousness, one single Essence that we magnify in threefold song: Holy, Holy, Holy are You, O Trinity.

Now and forever, and to ages of ages. Amen.

We glorify You, O Christ, as one of the Trinity. Without changing, You were made flesh from the Virgin, and endured all things as man, O Jesus; but, though united with us, You were not divided from the Father's nature.

Ode Eight

O heaven of heavens and the waters that are above the heavens, bless and praise the Lord.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

The Maker, Who upholds all things, came to Bethany in his compassion, to raise Lazarus.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

Four days dead, already stinking, bound in grave-clothes, lacking the breath of life, at Your call, O Lord, Lazarus leapt up endured with life.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

The Jewish people, seeing the dead man rise at Your command, O Christ, gnashed their teeth in fury.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

O Jews, the Light shines round you, but you still remain in darkness. Why do you doubt the resurrection of Lazarus? It is the work of Christ.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

Rejoice, Zion, and sing praises to the Giver of Life, who by His word has raised Lazarus from the tomb.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

The heavenly hosts and men on earth sang Your praises, O my Saviour, for You raised Lazarus.

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

I glorify and praise Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and with never-silent voice I cry: O Thrice-Holy, glory to You.

Now and forever, and to ages of ages. Amen.

I bless and worship You, born from the Virgin, yet never parted from the throne of Your holy glory.

Ode Nine

He has showed strength with His arm; He has put down the mighty from their seats and exalted the humble, for He is the God of Israel. The Dayspring from on High has visited us and guided us into the way of peace.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

Let Bethany sing with us in praise of the miracle, for there the Creator wept for Lazarus in accordance with the law of nature and the flesh. Then, making Martha's tears to cease and changing Mary's grief to joy, Christ raised him from the dead.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

To confirm men's faith in Your Resurrection, O Word, You called Lazarus from the tomb and as God raised him up, to show the peoples that You are both God and man in very truth, Who does raise up the temple of Your body.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

Shaking the gates and iron bars, You made Hell tremble at Your voice. Hell, and Death were filled with fear, O Saviour, seeing Lazarus their prisoner brought to life by Your word and rising from the tomb.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

All were dismayed to see You, Saviour, weeping over dead Lazarus, and in their misery, they said: Behold how He loves him. Then You straightway called him, and at Your command the dead man rose, delivered from corruption.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

The gates were shaken and the bars were shattered, and the bonds which held the dead man were loosed. When Christ spoke in power, Hell groaned bitterly and cried aloud: Woe is me! What and whence is this voice that brings the dead to life?

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

Rise up, obedient to the voice of your Friend outside, calling you. This is He Who raised the dead of old: for when Elijah and Elisha brought the dead to life, He it was that spoke and acted through them.

Glory to You, our God; glory to You.

O Word and Saviour, we sing the praises of Your surpassing power; for, by Your word, as Creator of all things, You raised from the depths dead Lazarus with his bones and sinews, as You raised the widow's son from the bier.

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

Most Holy Trinity, O God the Eternal Father, O Coeternal Son and Word of God, O Holy Spirit of God, Loving Comforter; one Light of the Threefold Sun, Consubstantial Essence, one God and Lord, take pity on the world.

Now and forever, and to ages of ages. Amen.

O Jesus, Who made all things in wisdom, You clothed Yourself in my whole nature, taken from the Virgin, yet forever You remain wholly in the bosom of the Father; and You have, as God, sent down Your Holy Spirit on Your flock: cover us with Your shadow.

Irmos

He has showed strength with His arm; He has put down the mighty from their seats and exalted the humble, for He is the God of Israel. The Dayspring from on High has visited us and guided us into the way of peace.

Continuing Small Compline
The Trisagion Prayers

People: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.
(x3)

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

All Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One visit and heal our infirmities for your Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (x3)

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

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on Earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Priest: For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Kontakion of Lazarus Saturday (Plain Reading)

Christ, Who is the Truth and Joy of all, the Light, the Life, and the Resurrection of the world, has appeared in His goodness to those on

earth, and become a Sign of resurrection, granting all divine forgiveness.

People: Lord, have mercy. (x40)

Have mercy on us and save us O Only Begotten Son of God.

At all times and at every hour, You are worshipped and glorified in heaven and on earth O Christ our God, long-suffering and most merciful and compassionate. You love the righteous and have mercy on sinners, calling all to salvation through the promise of good things to come. At this very hour receive our prayers, O Lord, and guide our life toward Your commandments. Sanctify our souls, purify our bodies, correct our thoughts, cleanse our intentions, and deliver us from every sorrow, evil and pain. Surround us with Your holy Angels, so that, guided and guarded by Your heavenly Hosts, we may attain to the unity of the faith, and to the knowledge of Your unapproachable glory. For You are blessed to the ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (x3)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

More honourable than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim, who without corruption gave birth to God the Word, the very Theotokos: you do we magnify.

In the name of the Lord, Father give the blessing.

Priest: May God be merciful to us, and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us, and be merciful to us.

People: Amen

The Prayer of St. Ephraim The Syrian

O Lord and Master of my life take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power, and vain talk. (*Full Prostration*)

But bestow upon me, Your servant, the spirit of chastity, humility, patience and love. (*Full Prostration*)

Yes, my Lord and King, grant me to see my own sins and faults and not to judge my brother or sister; for You are blessed to ages of ages. Amen. (*Full Prostration*)

Lord, have mercy. (x12)

Most Holy Theotokos, save us.

Prayer of Supplication to the Most Holy Theotokos

(Usually read in front of the icon of the Theotokos at the Iconostasis)

O all-pure, undefiled, incorrupt, all-chaste, all-blessed Lady, blameless Bride of God, who by your most glorious birth-giving, united the Word of God with man and linked our fallen nature with the heavenly. You are alone the hope of the hopeless, the helper of those attacked, the speedy defender of those who flee to you, and the refuge of all Christians. Do not despise me, I a sinner who is defiled by evil thoughts, words and deeds, and who became slave of life's pleasures. But being Mother of God, the lover of mankind, have mercy in compassion on me, your sinful and prodigal servant.

Accept this prayer which I offer to you from my impure lips, and exercising your maternal favour with your Son, our Lord and Master, intercede with Him to open to me the wings of His love of mankind, His loving-kindness, and bounty.

Beseech Him to disregard my countless transgressions and to lead me back to true repentance, and to make me a keeper and a faithful doer of His commandments. And as you are gracious, compassionate, and tender-hearted, be ever present with me in this life as my Mediatrix and helper, to repel the assaults of my adversaries and to guide me to salvation, and at the hour of departure of my wretched soul, care for me and drive from it the dark form of evils; and in the dreadful Judgment Day deliver me from everlasting punishments and torments, revealing me as an heir of the unspeakable glory of your Son and our God.

All which I shall obtain, O holy Mother of God, my Lady, through your mediation and intercession. By the grace and compassion of your only begotten Son, our Lord God, and, Saviour Jesus Christ, to whom belong with His eternal Father, and the all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit all honour, glory and worship now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

A prayer to our Lord Jesus Christ

(Usually read in front of the icon of Christ at the Iconostasis)

And now as we lay down to sleep, O Master, grant us repose both of body and soul, and preserve us from the dark sleep of sin and from the sensuous pleasure of the dark passions of the night. Still the assaults of passions; quench the fiery darts of evil which are craftily directed against us; calm the commotions of our flesh and put away all earthly and material thoughts as we sleep. And grant us, O God, a watchful mind, pure thoughts, a sober heart, and a gentle sleep, free from all the fantasies of Satan.

Raise us up again at the hour of prayer, strengthened in your commandments, and holding steadfast within ourselves the remembrance of Your judgments. Give us the words of Your glorification, all night long, that we may praise, bless, and glorify Your most honourable and magnificent Name, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

O most glorious, ever-virgin and blessed Mother of God, entrust our prayer to your Son, our God, and implore Him to save our souls through you.

The Father is my hope; the Son is my refuge; the Holy Spirit is my shelter. O Holy Trinity, glory to You.

All my hope I place in you, O Theotokos keep me under the wings of your care.

The Dismissal

Priest: Glory to You, O Christ our God and our hope, glory to You.

People: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and forever, and to ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy (x3)

In the name of the Lord, holy father give the blessing.

Priest: May He Who by raising Lazarus from the dead confirmed the Universal Resurrection for our salvation, Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-immaculate and all-blameless holy Mother; by the might of the Precious and Life-giving Cross; by the protection of the honorable Bodiless Powers of Heaven; at the supplication of the honorable, glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John; of the holy, glorious and all-laudable apostles; of the holy, glorious and right-victorious Martyrs; of our venerable and God-bearing Fathers; of Saint (*Name*), the patron of this holy Church; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; of the holy and righteous Lazarus of four-days, the friend of Christ, whose memory we celebrate today, and of all the saints: have mercy on us and save us, forasmuch as He is good and loves mankind.

People: Amen.

Priest: O God, be gracious unto me, a sinner, and have mercy on me.

Priest: Forgive me brothers and sisters, I am a sinner

People: May God forgive you, holy Father and forgive us.

Ektenia

*The priest recites the following Ektenia, the people respond to each petition with: **Lord, have mercy***

Let us pray for the peace of the world.

For pious and Orthodox Christians.

For our Father Metropolitan (*Name*), and all our brethren in Christ.

For those who govern this country and our armed forces, that they may govern and serve in righteousness.

For our absent fathers and brethren.

For those who hate us, and those who love us.

For those who are kind to us and those who serve us.

For those who have asked us to pray for them, although we are unworthy.

For the deliverance of captives and their salvation.

For those who travel by sea, by land, and by air.

For those who lie in sick.

Let us pray also for abundance of the fruits of the earth.

For the founders of this Holy Church, and our parents, teachers, and all our fathers gone before us, the Orthodox, who here and everywhere lie asleep in the Lord, let us say for them

People: Lord, have mercy. (x3)

And have mercy on us and save us for You are a good God and love mankind.

Troparion of Lazarus Saturday (Tone One)

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Your Passion, You confirmed the universal resurrection, O Christ our God. Like the children with the palms of victory, we cry out to You, O Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord.

Kontakion of Lazarus Saturday (Tone Two)

Christ, Who is the Truth and Joy of all, the Light, the Life, and the Resurrection of the world, has appeared in His goodness to those on earth, and become a Sign of resurrection, granting all divine forgiveness.

Priest: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us.

People: Amen.



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