

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2017
SATURDAY OF SOULS IN SECOND WEEK OF GREAT LENT

SOPHRONIOS, PATRIARCH OF JERUSALEM; MARTYRS THALLOS AND TROPHIMOS OF LATAKIA; VENERABLE
GEORGE OF SINAI; THEODORA OF ARTA, THE EMPRESS; EUTHYMIOS, BISHOP OF NOVGOROD

****DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM****

NOTE TO CLERGY: Remember to include this special petition in the Great Litany before the one for the head of state, as directed by the Antiochian Archdiocese.

Deacon: For Metropolitan Paul, Archbishop John, and for their quick release from captivity and safe return, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

Save us, O Son of God, Who art wondrous in the Saints, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF ORDINARY WEEKDAYS

Come, let us worship, and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, Who art wondrous in the Saints; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

APOLYTIKION FOR THE MARTYRS IN TONE TWO

Apostles, martyrs and prophets, hierarchs, holy monks and righteous men, who have fought the good fight to the end and kept the faith: since ye have boldness in the presence of the Savior, we entreat you, pray to Him on our behalf for the salvation of our souls.

APOLYTIKION FOR THE DEPARTED IN TONE TWO

Remember Thy servants, O Lord, in Thy love, and forgive them all the sins that they have committed in this life, for none is without sin but Thee, Who hast power to give rest to the departed.

- *Now sing the apolytikion of the patron saint or feast of the temple.*

KONTAKION FOR THE DEPARTED IN TONE EIGHT

With the saints give rest, O Christ, to the souls of Thy servants, where there is neither sickness, nor sorrow, nor sighing, but life everlasting.

THE EPISTLE

(For Second Saturday of Great Lent)

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O ye righteous. Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (3:12-16)

Brethren, take care lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we share in Christ, if only we hold our first confidence firm to the end, while it is said, "Today, when you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion." Who were they that heard and yet were rebellious? Was it not all those who left Egypt under the leadership of Moses?

THE GOSPEL

(For Second Saturday of Great Lent)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (1:35-44)

At that time, Jesus rose and went out to a lonely place, and there He prayed. And Simon and those who were with Him pursued Him, and they found Him and said to Him, "Everyone is searching for Thee." And He said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also; for that is why I came out." And He went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons. And a leper came to Him beseeching Him, and kneeling said to Him, "If Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean." Moved with pity, He stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I will; be clean." And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. And he sternly charged him, and sent him away at once, and said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to a priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a proof to them."

- *The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom continues with the following variables.*

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) FOR SOULS SATURDAY IN TONE EIGHT

Blessed are they whom Thou hast chosen and taken to Thyself, O Lord. Their memorial is from generation to generation. Alleluia.

- *Following "Blessed be the Name of the Lord," we have a Trisagion Service.*

SOULS SATURDAY TRISAGION

- *The clergy and altar servers now gather in front of the bowl of kollyva (boiled wheat) on the table placed before the icon of Christ at the iconostasis. The Trisagion Service now begins.*

TROPARIA FOR THE DEPARTED IN TONE FOUR

With the spirits of the righteous made perfect, give rest to the souls of Thy servants, O Savior; and preserve them in that life of blessedness which is with Thee, O Thou Who lovest mankind.

In the place of Thy rest, O Lord, where all Thy Saints repose, give rest also to the souls of Thy servants; for Thou only lovest mankind.

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

Thou art our God, Who descended into Hell, and loosed the bonds of those who were there; Thyself give rest also to the souls of Thy servants.

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

O Virgin, alone pure and immaculate, who without seed didst bring forth God, intercede for the salvation of their souls.

THE LITANY FOR THE DEPARTED

- *The deacon now censes the icon of Christ on the iconostasis.*

Deacon: Have mercy upon us, O God, according to Thy great goodness, we pray Thee: hearken and have mercy.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (THRICE)

Deacon: Again we pray for the repose of all pious Orthodox Christians who have fallen asleep in the hope of the Resurrection unto life-everlasting: kings, patriarchs, bishops, priests, deacons, hieromonks, hierodeacons, monks, nuns, parents, forebears, grandparents, great-grandparents, children, spouses, youths, brethren, and all our kinsmen, from the beginning until the end of time; and that Thou wilt pardon their every transgression, both voluntary and involuntary.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (THRICE)

Deacon: That the Lord God will establish their souls where the Just repose.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (THRICE)

Deacon: The mercies of God, the Kingdom of Heaven, and remission of their sins, let us ask of Christ, our Immortal King and our God.

Choir: Grant this, O Lord.

THE PRAYER FOR THE DEPARTED

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: O God of spirits and of all flesh, Who hath trampled down death, and made powerless the Devil, and given life to Thy world: Do Thou, the same Lord, give rest to the souls of Thy departed servants, all pious Orthodox Christians who have fallen asleep in the Lord from all ends of the world: kings, patriarchs, bishops, priests, deacons, hieromonks, hierodeacons, monks, nuns, parents, forebears, grandparents, great-grandparents, children, spouses, youths, brethren, and all our kinsmen, in a place of brightness, a place of verdure, a place of repose, whence all sickness, sorrow, and sighing have fled away. Pardon every sin which they have committed, whether by word, or deed, or thought; for Thou art good, and lovest mankind: for there is no man who liveth and sinneth not, and Thou only art without sin, and Thy righteousness is to all eternity, and Thy law is truth.

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: For Thou art the Resurrection, and the Life, and the Repose of Thy departed servants, (*Names*), O Christ our God, and unto Thee we ascribe glory, together with Thy Father, Who is from everlasting, and Thine All-Holy, and good, and life-giving Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.
May their memory be eternal. (THRICE)

THE GREAT DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: The blessing of the Lord and His mercy come upon you through His divine grace and love towards mankind, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Priest: Glory to Thee, O Christ our God and our Hope, glory to Thee.

Choir: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Lord, have mercy (*thrice*). Father, bless.

Priest: May 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 our father among the saints, John Chrysostom, archbishop of Constantinople, whose Divine Liturgy we have now celebrated; of the holy, glorious and right-victorious Martyrs; of our venerable and God-bearing Fathers; *of Saint N., the patron and protector of this holy community*; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; of our righteous father Sophronios, patriarch of Jerusalem; Martyrs Thallos and Trophimos of Latakia; Venerable George of Sinai; Theodora of Arta, the empress; Euthymios, bishop of Novgorod, whose memory we celebrate today, and of all the saints: have mercy on us and save us, forasmuch as He is good and loveth mankind.

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

Choir: Amen.