

## **DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON FIFTH SATURDAY OF GREAT LENT SATURDAY OF THE AKATHIST HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS**

**\*\*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 FIRST ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy Name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all that He hath done for thee.

**Refrain:** Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

The Lord in Heaven hath prepared His throne, and His kingdom ruleth over all. Bless the Lord, all ye His works, in every place of His dominion. (**Refrain**)

Glory... Both now... (**Refrain**)

### THE SECOND ANTIPHON

Praise the Lord, O my soul. I will praise the Lord in my life, I will chant unto my God for as long as I have my being.

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

Blessed is he of whom the God of Jacob is his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God, Who hath made Heaven and earth, the sea and all that is therein. (**Refrain**)

The Lord shall be King unto eternity; thy God, O Zion, from generation to generation. (**Refrain**)

Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

### THE THIRD ANTIPHON

Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house. Even the rich among the people shall entreat thy favor. I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations. (*Now sing the Apolytikion below.*)

### 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.

- *Now sing these apolytikia in the following order.*

### APOLYTIKION OF AKATHIST SATURDAY IN TONE EIGHT

With mystic apprehension of the divine commandment, the bodiless angel quickly appeared in the dwelling-place of Joseph and said to the unwed Virgin: Lo, He Who in His Descent did bow the Heavens is housed unchanged and whole in thee; as I behold Him in thy womb taking on the form of a servant, I marvel and I cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without bridegroom!

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

KONTAKION OF THE ANNUNCIATION IN TONE EIGHT

To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.

THE EPISTLE

*My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.  
He hath regarded the lowliness of His servant.*

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (9:1-7)**

Brethren, even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lamp stand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.

THE GOSPEL

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (10:38-42; 11:27-28)**

At that time, Jesus entered a certain village; and a woman named Martha received Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to His teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to Him and said, "Lord, dost Thou not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her." As He said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore Thee, and the breasts that Thou didst suck!" But He said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

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

MEGALYNARION OF AKATHIST SATURDAY IN TONE FOUR

Let all the earth-born mortals rejoice in the Spirit, bearing their lamps. And let the nature of bodiless Minds celebrate with honor the holy festival of the Mother of God, and cry out: Rejoice! All-blessed, pure, and ever-virgin Theotokos!

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) IN TONE EIGHT

I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord. Alleluia.

- *Post-Communion Hymn: "We have seen the true light."*

### THE DISMISSAL

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, 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.

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