

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SATURDAY, MARCH 06, 2010
SATURDAY OF THE SOULS IN THIRD WEEK OF GREAT LENT

THE 42 MARTYRS OF AMORIA IN PHRYGIA; DISCOVERY OF THE PRECIOUS CROSS AND NAILS BY ST. HELENA; VENERABLE FRIDOLIN, ENLIGHTENER OF THE UPPER RHINE

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

REFRAINS OF 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 Third 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. (10:32-38)

Brethren, recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, sometimes being publicly exposed to abuse and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. For you had compassion on the prisoners, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one. Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that you may do the will of God and receive what is promised. "For yet a little while, and the coming One shall come and shall not tarry; but My righteous one shall live by faith."

THE GOSPEL

(For Third Saturday of Great Lent)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (2:14-17)

At that time, as Jesus passed on, He saw Levi the son of Alphaios sitting at the tax office, and He said to him, "Follow Me." And he rose and followed Him. And as He sat at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were sitting with Jesus and His disciples; for there were many who followed Him. And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that He was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to His disciples, "Why does He eat with tax collectors and sinners?" And when Jesus heard it, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

- *The regular Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom continues.*

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 another 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 stain didst bring forth God, intercede for the salvation of their souls.

THE EKTENIA 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 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; 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 the holy, glorious and right-victorious 42 martyrs of Amoria in Phrygia; Venerable Fridolin, enlightener of the Upper Rhine, whose memory we celebrate today; and the holy and righteous Helena, whose discovery of the precious cross and nails 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.