

Lazarus Saturday Propers, following the Canon

Exapostilarion: (Tone 1)

By Your word, O Word of God,
Lazarus leaps up, restored to life.
The people honor You with Palms O Mighty Lord, //
For Hell shall be utterly destroyed by Your Death.

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

By Your word, ...

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Through Lazarus, Christ is already despoiling you, O death.
Where, O hell, is your victory?
The weeping of Bethany is bequeathed to you. //
Let us raise victory branches to honor the Lord.

The Praises (Tone 1)

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord from the heavens.
Praise Him in the highest. //
To You, O God, is due a song.

Praise Him, all you angels of His!
Praise Him, all his hosts! //
To You, O God, is due a song!

v: To execute on them the judgment written: This is glory for all His faithful ones.

O long-suffering Lord,
born of the pure Virgin as both God and man,
You have confirmed our faith in Your two natures
by standing at the tomb of Lazarus.
For as man, You asked "where is he buried?"
But as God, by Your divine command,
You raised him from the dead on the fourth day. //
O Christ, You are the Resurrection and Life of man!

v: Praise God in His sanctuary! Praise Him in His mighty firmament!

By raising Lazarus from hell, O Christ,
You shook the dominion of death before Your death!
Through one friend, You foretold to all
The deliverance of all men from corruption!
We worship Your almighty power, crying out://
Blessed are You, O Savior, have mercy on us!

v: Praise Him for His mighty deeds! Praise Him according to His exceeding greatness!

Martha and Mary said to the Savior:
“If You had been here, O Lord,
Lazarus would not have died.”
But Christ, the Resurrection of those who sleep in death,
raised him up, although four days had passed.
Come, O faithful, let us worship Him.//
He is coming to save our souls.

v: Praise Him with trumpet sound! Praise Him with lute and harp!

O Lord, You gave Your disciples signs of Your divinity,
while concealing Your majesty from the crowd through humility:
To Your disciples You predicted the death of Lazarus,
revealing Your knowledge of future things.
But in the presence of the crowd at Bethany,
You asked “Where is my friend buried?”
For You, in Your compassion for us,
took upon Yourself our ignorance.
Then You raised up a man who had been dead four days.
Through Him, You have finally revealed Your divine power to all.//
O almighty Lord, glory to You!

v: Praise Him with timbrel and dance! Praise Him with strings and pipe!

(Tone 4)

By raising Your friend who had been dead four days,
You made the tears of Martha and Mary to cease, O Christ.
All creation exists through Your power and sovereign will!
The cherubim ceaselessly cry to You:
Hosanna in the highest!//
Blessed are You, O Master of all; glory to You!

*v: Praise Him with sounding cymbals; praise Him with loud clashing symbols!
Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!*

Martha cried to Mary:

“The Teacher is here. He is calling for you.”

Mary ran to the place where Jesus was.

When she saw Him, she fell at His feet, and cried://

“Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.”

v: Arise, O Lord, my God, lift up Your hand; forget not the poor forever.

(Tone 8)

O great and mighty wonder!

Lazarus, who was dead four days,

has been raised in Bethany.

As soon as the Lord approached the tomb,

His voice became life for a dead man.

Hell groaned aloud, and released him in fear.//

O Lord of many mercies, Glory to You!

v: I will praise You, O Lord with all my heart; I will proclaim all Your wonderful works.

As You told Martha, O Lord,

“I am the Resurrection and the Life.”

You sealed Your words through Your mighty deeds:

You called Lazarus forth from hell!

I am dead in my passions; //

raise me also, O Lord, in Your tender love for man.

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

(Tone 2)

A great and strange wonder is performed today!

Christ summons a four-day corpse from the grave!

He has raised His friend from death!

Let us glorify Him, for He deserves our highest praise,

That through the prayers of the righteous Lazarus,//

He may save our souls.

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

You are most blessed, O Virgin Theotokos!
Through the God and man who took flesh from you,
Hell has been captured and Adam recalled!
The curse has been annulled, and Eve set free!
Death has been slain, so we are given life!
Blessed is Christ our God, whose good will it was!
Glory to You!