

## **DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2017 THE SATURDAY OF SOULS**

*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 OF SOULS SATURDAY IN TONE EIGHT

O only Creator, Who directest all in the depth of the wisdom of Thy love to mankind, and rewardest all according to their worth, grant rest, O Lord, to the souls of thy servants; for in Thee have they placed their hope, O our Creator, our Author and our God.

- *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 the Saturday of Souls)

*Their souls shall dwell in prosperity. Unto Thee will I cry, O Lord my God.*

#### **The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Thessalonians. (4:13-17)**

Brethren, we would not have you ignorant, concerning those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose from the dead, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, shall not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the Archangel's call, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first; then we who are alive, who are left, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so we shall always be with the Lord.

### THE GOSPEL

(For the Saturday of the Souls)

#### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (21:8-9, 25-27, 33-36)**

The Lord said, "Take heed that you are not led astray; for many will come in My Name, saying, 'I am He!' and, 'The time is at hand!' Do not go after them. And when you hear of wars

and tumults, do not be terrified; for this must first take place, but the end will not be at once. And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and upon the earth distress of nations in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, men fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away. But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a snare; for it will come upon all who dwell upon the face of the whole earth. But watch at all times, praying, that you may have strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of man.”

- *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 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 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 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, 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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