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**Triodion - On Saturday Before Palm Sunday**  
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**at Matins**

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**Triodion**

On Saturday Before Palm Sunday - Morning  
Saturday of Lazarus

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**MATINS**

**CHOIR**

**Mode 1.**

God is the Lord, and He revealed Himself to us. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. [SAAS]

**Verse 1:** *Give thanks to the Lord and call upon His holy name.*

**Verse 2:** *All the nations surrounded me, but in the name of the Lord I defended myself against them.*

**Verse 3:** *And this came about from the Lord, and it is wonderful in our eyes.*

**Apolytikion.**

From Triodion - - -

**Mode 1.**

To confirm the general resurrection before Your Passion, You resurrected Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God. Therefore imitating the children, carrying the symbols of victory, we cry out to You the Victor over death: “Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are You, the One, who comes in the name of the Lord.” (3)

**PRIEST**

Again and again in peace let us pray to the Lord.

**CHOIR**

Lord, have mercy.

**PRIEST**

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

**CHOIR**

Lord, have mercy.

**PRIEST**

Remembering our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

**CHOIR**

To You, O Lord.

**PRIEST**

For Yours is the dominion, and Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

**CHOIR**

Amen.

**CHOIR**

**Kathisma I.**

From Triodion - - -

**Mode 1.** *The stone had been secured.*

*Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος.*

You took pity on the tears of Martha and Mary, \* and You ordered that the stone be rolled away from the tomb, \* O Christ our God. And then You called \* the dead man and resurrected him; \* and through him, O Giver of Life,\* You assured the world of its resurrection. \* Glory to Your dominion, O Savior; \* glory to Your authority; \* glory to You who established all things by Your word.

[SD]

Glory. Both now. **Repeat.**

You took pity on the tears of Martha and Mary, \* and You ordered that the stone be rolled away from the tomb, \* O Christ our God. And then You called \* the dead man and resurrected him; \* and through him, O Giver of Life,\* You assured the world of its resurrection. \* Glory to Your dominion, O Savior; \* glory to Your authority; \* glory to You who established all things by Your word.

[SD]

**Resurrectional Evlogetaria.**

**Mode pl. 1.**

*Blessed are You, O Lord, teach me Your statutes.*

When the hosts of the Angels saw how You were accounted among the dead, they all marveled. You, O Savior, are the One who destroyed the might of death; and when You arose You raised Adam with yourself and from Hades liberated everyone. [SD]

*Blessed are You, O Lord, teach me Your statutes.*

“Why do you mingle the ointments with your tears full of pity, O women disciples?” Thus the Angel who was shining in the tomb cried to the myrrh-bearing women. “See for yourselves the empty tomb and understand, that the Savior has risen from the sepulcher.”

*Blessed are You, O Lord, teach me Your statutes.*

Very early in the morning, the myrrh-bearing women were hastening to Your tomb lamenting. But the Angel appeared to them and

uttered, “The time for lamentation has ended; weep no more. Go announce the Resurrection to the Apostles.”

*Blessed are You, O Lord, teach me Your statutes.*

When the myrrh-bearing women had come with their spices to Your sepulcher, O Savior, they heard the voice of an Angel clearly speaking to them, “Why do you account among the dead the One who lives? For as God, He has risen from the sepulcher.”

Glory.

We bow down in worship to the Father and His Son and the Holy Spirit, the Holy Trinity, one in essence; and we cry aloud with the Seraphim: Holy, Holy, Holy are You, O Lord.

Both now.

Giving birth to the Giver of life, O Virgin, you delivered Adam from sin, and to Eve you have rendered joy in place of sorrow. He who from you became incarnate, God and man, has directed to life him who fell from it.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Glory to You, O God. (3)

**DEACON**

Again and again in peace let us pray to the Lord.

**CHOIR**

Lord, have mercy.

**DEACON**

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

**CHOIR**

Lord, have mercy.

**DEACON**

Remembering our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

**CHOIR**

To You, O Lord.

**PRIEST**

For You are good and benevolent God, and to You we offer up glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

**CHOIR**

Amen.

From Triodion - - -

**Kathisma II.**

**CHOIR**

**Mode pl. 1. As the Father and Spirit.**

*Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον.*

Source of wisdom and foreknowledge, Christ, You still inquired \* of the neighbors of Martha in Bethany, O Lord. \* And You said, “Where have you laid beloved Lazarus?” \* Sympathetically You wept for Your friend four days dead.\* Then by Your word alone You raised him, \* as the Lord and Giver of Life, \* compassionate and benevolent. [SD]

Glory. Both now. **Repeat.**

Source of wisdom and foreknowledge, Christ, You still inquired \* of the neighbors of Martha in Bethany, O Lord. \* And You said, “Where have you laid beloved Lazarus?” \* Sympathetically You wept for Your friend four

days dead.\* Then by Your word alone You raised him, \* as the Lord and Giver of Life, \* compassionate and benevolent. [SD]

**READER**

Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ, let us worship the holy Lord Jesus, the only sinless one. Your Cross, O Christ, we venerate, and Your holy Resurrection we praise and glorify. For You are our God; apart from You we know no other; we call upon Your name. Come, all faithful, let us venerate the holy Resurrection of Christ; for behold, through the Cross, joy has come to the whole world. Ever blessing the Lord, let us praise His Resurrection; for having endured the Cross for us, He destroyed death by death. [GOA]

**Psalm 50 (51).**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your great mercy; and according to the abundance of Your compassion, blot out my transgression. Wash me thoroughly from my lawlessness and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my lawlessness, and my sin is always before me. Against You only have I sinned and done evil in Your sight; that You may be justified in Your words, and overcome when You are judged. For behold, I was conceived in transgressions, and in sins my mother bore me. Behold, You love truth; You showed me the unknown and secret things of Your wisdom. You shall sprinkle me with hyssop, and I will be cleansed; You shall wash me, and I will be made whiter than snow. You shall make me hear joy and gladness; my bones

that were humbled shall greatly rejoice. Turn Your face from my sins, and blot out all my transgressions. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your guiding Spirit. I will teach transgressors Your ways, and the ungodly shall turn back to You. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation, and my tongue shall greatly rejoice in Your righteousness. O Lord, You shall open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise. For if You desired sacrifice, I would give it; You will not be pleased with whole burnt offerings. A sacrifice to God is a broken spirit, a broken and humbled heart God will not despise. Do good, O Lord, in Your good pleasure to Zion, and let the walls of Jerusalem be built; then You will be pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness, with offerings and whole burnt offerings; then shall they offer young bulls on Your altar. [SAAS]

**Kontakion.**

From Triodion - - -

**Mode 2. In seeking the heights.**

The joy of all men, the Truth who is Christ our God, the light and the life, the resurrection of the world has appeared unto those on earth, in that He is benevolent, becoming the type of the Resurrection, and granting divine remission unto all. [SD]

**Oikos.**

To Your disciples, O Creator of all Your declared, saying: “Brothers and comrades, our

friend has fallen asleep.” Thus You foretold them and taught that You know all things as the Creator of all things. “So, onward; let us go and see a strange burial, and behold Mary’s lament and the tomb of Lazarus. For I shall work a miracle there, prelude the Cross, and granting divine remission unto all.” [GKD]

*Stand for the reading of the Synaxarion.*

**Synaxarion**

*From the Menaion.*

On April 27, we commemorate the holy Hieromartyr Simeon, Bishop of Jerusalem, the kinsman of the Lord.

On this day we commemorate our devout father John the Confessor, Abbot of the Monastery of the Pure.

On this day we also commemorate the holy Martyr Publius, who died by the sword.

On this day we also commemorate Saint Evlogios the inn-keeper, who died in peace.

On this day we also commemorate the holy Martyr Lollion the Younger, who died after being dragged on the ground.

*From the Triodion.*

On this day, the Saturday before Palm Sunday, we celebrate the raising of the holy and righteous friend of Christ, Lazarus, who had been four days in the grave.

**Verses**

O Jesus, You grieve: a token of mortal essence.  
Your friend You revive: a token of divine potency.

At the intercession of Your friend Lazarus, O Christ God, have mercy on us. Amen.

**CHOIR**

**Katavasia of Lazarus Saturday**

**Ode i. Mode pl. 4.**

Of old when the Israelite had crossed \*  
the watery passage as if over a tract of land, \*  
fleeing from the misery of Egypt, \* he cried:  
“To God our Redeemer, O let us sing.” [GOASD]

**Ode iii.**

O divine Master Builder of the celestial  
vault, \* Founder of the Church and the ultimate  
object of desire, \* only benevolent support of  
every believer, \* in the love for You, O Lord,  
firmly establish me. [GOASD]

**Ode iv.**

You are my strength. \* You are my power,  
O Christ my Lord. \* God my Savior, You  
are my exceeding joy. You came to us, never  
absent from the bosom of the Father, \* and  
You assumed human poverty. \* And so I join  
the Prophet Habakkuk, singing: Glory \* to  
Your strength, O benevolent Lord my God!

[GOASD]

**Ode v.**

Why reject me, Your servant, \* from  
before Your face, O Lord the light that never  
sets? \* Miserable sinner that I am, now this  
strange darkness covers me. \* Savior, I implore  
You to bring me back to Your commandments,  
\* which are light, and I pray You to guide my  
ways. [GOASD]

**Ode vi.**

Be gracious to me, O Lord, \* for many  
are my iniquities; \* and bring me up from the  
depth of evils, I supplicate. \* Like Jonah, I cry

to You. \* O my Savior, hear me, \* as the God  
of my Deliverance. [GOASD]

**Ode vii.**

Those Servants from Judea, \* who of old  
were deported and sent to Babylon, \* once  
treaded on the fire \* of the furnace by holding  
\* to the faith in the Trinity \* and chanted:  
Blessed are You the God of our fathers. [GOASD]

**Ode viii.**

*We praise and we bless and we worship the  
Lord.*

O praise and bless Him \* who by the  
armies of Angels \* is extolled as King of the  
heavens, \* supremely exalting Him unto all the  
ages. [GOASD]

*Stand for the singing of Ode ix.*

**DEACON**

Let us honor and magnify in song the  
Theotokos and the Mother of the light.

**CHOIR**

*The Magnificat is omitted.*

From Triodion - - -

**Ode ix.**

**Canon 1.**

**Mode pl. 4. Heirmos.**

*Τὴν ἀγνὴν ἐνδόξως.*

The pure Theotokos who in her womb  
\* conceived the divine fire \* without being  
burned, let us honor gloriously, O peoples, \*  
magnifying her with never-silent hymns. (2) [SDI]

**Troperia.**

*[ (NM) ]*

*Τὴν ἀγνὴν ἐνδόξως.*

*Glory to You, our God, glory to You.*

Seeing a four-day corpse walking, the  
people were struck with wonder at the miracle

and cried out to the Deliverer: 'We magnify  
Thee in hymns, O God. [KW]

*Glory to You, our God, glory to You.*

Thou hast established men's faith in Thy  
glorious Resurrection, O my Saviour, before  
it came to pass, by freeing Lazarus from hell  
when he was four days dead; and I magnify  
Thee in hymns. [KW]

**Canon 2.**

From Triodion ---

**Mode pl. 4. (NM) Saved through thee, pure Virgin**

*Κυρίως Θεοτόκον.*

*Glory to You, our God, glory to You.*

Honouring Thy Father, O Christ, and  
showing that Thou art not opposed to Him,  
after praying Thou hast by Thine own authority  
raised Lazarus that was four days dead. [KW]

*Glory to You, our God, glory to You.*

O my Christ, Thou hast raised from the  
tomb Lazarus that was four days dead, and  
so Thou makest him a truthful witness to Thy  
Resurrection on the third day. [KW]

Glory.

Thou dost walk and weep and speak, my  
Saviour, showing the action of Thy human  
nature; and, revealing Thy divine nature, Thou  
dost raise Lazarus. [KW]

Both now.

In ways surpassing speech, my Master and  
Saviour, Thou hast brought about my salvation  
by the free will exercised in each of Thy two  
natures. [KW]

**Ode ix. Katavasia. Mode pl. 4.**

You are the Theotokos \* lit'rally, O  
Virgin; \* and we confess it, for we have been  
saved through you \* whom we, O pure one,  
with choirs of angels magnify. [GOASD]

**PRIEST**

Again and again in peace let us pray to the  
Lord.

**CHOIR**

Lord, have mercy.

**PRIEST**

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and  
protect us, O God, by Your grace.

**CHOIR**

Lord, have mercy.

**PRIEST**

Remembering our all-holy, immaculate,  
most blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos  
and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us  
commend ourselves and one another and our  
whole life to Christ our God.

**CHOIR**

To You, O Lord.

**PRIEST**

For all the powers of heaven praise You,  
and to You they offer up glory, to the Father  
and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever  
and to the ages of ages.

**CHOIR**

Amen.

**CHOIR**

**Mode 2.**

Holy is the Lord our God. (2) [SAAS]



From Triodion - - -

**Exaposteilaria.**

**Mode 3. Our Savior from on high.**

*Ἐπεσκέψατο ἡμᾶς.*

By Your word, O Word of God, \* Lazarus now leaps out of death, \* having returned to this life. \* Therefore the peoples honor You \* with their branches, O Mighty One; \* for You shall destroy Hades utterly by Your own death.

(2) [SD]

**Another. Same Melody.**

By means of Lazarus has Christ\* already plundered you, O death. \* Where is your victory, O Hades? \* For the lament of Bethany \* is handed over now to you. \* Let us all wave against it \* our branches of victory. [SD]

**Lauds. Mode 1.**

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. It is fitting to sing a hymn to You, O God. [SAAS]

Praise Him, all you His angels; praise Him, all you His hosts. It is fitting to sing a hymn to You, O God. [SAAS]

Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you stars and light.

Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, and you waters above the heavens. Let them praise the Lord's name.

For He spoke, and they were made; He commanded, and they were created.

He established them forever and unto ages of ages; He set forth His ordinance, and it shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you dragons and all the deeps.

Fire and hail, snow and ice, stormy wind, which perform His word.

Mountains and all the hills, fruitful trees and all cedars.

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds.

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all judges of the earth.

Young men and maidens, elders with younger, let them praise the Lord's name, for His name alone is exalted.

His thanksgiving is in earth and heaven. And He shall exalt the horn of His people.

A hymn for all His saints, for the children of Israel, a people who draw near to Him.

Sing to the Lord a new song, His praise in the assembly of His holy ones.

Let Israel be glad in Him who made him, and let the children of Zion greatly rejoice in their King.

Let them praise His name with dance; with tambourine and harp let them sing to Him.

For the Lord is pleased with His people, and He shall exalt the gentle with salvation.

The holy ones shall boast in glory, and they shall greatly rejoice on their beds.

The high praise of God shall be in their mouth and a two-edged sword in their hand.

To deal retribution to the nations, reproving among the peoples.

To shackle their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron.

From Triodion - - -

**Idiomelon. Mode 1.**

*To fulfill among them the written judgment: this glory have all His holy ones.*

[SAAS]

O Christ, as You are the resurrection and the life of mankind, You came to the tomb of Lazarus, and demonstrated for us both of Your essences, O longsuffering One; for from the pure Virgin You have come indeed as both

God and man. As a mortal You inquired where he was buried, and as God with Your life-bearing summons You resurrected him who had been four days dead. [SD]

**Idiomelon. Mode 1.**

*Praise God in His saints; praise Him in the firmament of His power.* [SAAS]

You resurrected Lazarus from Hades after he was dead for four days, O Christ, thus before Your own death confounding the dominion of death, and by means of one whom You loved foretokening the liberation of all mankind from corruption. Therefore adoring Your omnipotent authority we cry out: Blessed are You, O Savior. Have mercy on us. [SD]

**Idiomelon. Mode 1.**

*Praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him according to the abundance of His greatness.* [SAAS]

Martha and Mary unto the Savior said: If You had been here, O Lord, then Lazarus would not have died. Then Christ, the Resurrection of those who in death have slumbered, resurrected from the dead the man already four days dead. Therefore, O believers all, come let us adore Him who is coming in glory to save our souls. [SD]

**Idiomelon. Mode 1.**

*Praise Him with the sound of trumpet; praise Him with the harp and lyre.* [SAAS]

To Your disciples, O Christ, You granted the tokens of Your Divinity; but You humbled yourself among the crowds, Your intention being to conceal it from them. Therefore as

the Foreknower of all things and as God, You predicted to Your Apostles the death of Lazarus. In the presence of the people in Bethany, as though You did not know, as man, You sought to learn the place of Your friend's burial. But when he, who had been four days dead, was resurrected by You, he made Your divine power manifest. O Almighty One, glory to You, O Lord. [SD]

**Idiomelon. Mode 4.**

*Praise Him with timbrel and dance; praise Him with strings and flute.* [SAAS]

You raised Your friend who was four days dead, O Christ, and brought an end to the lament of Martha and Mary, and thus You demonstrated to all that You are the one who fills all things by Your divine dominion, by Your own free will. The Cherubim cry out to You unceasingly: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed are You who are God above all. Glory to You. [SD]

**Idiomelon. Mode 4.**

*Praise Him with resounding cymbals; praise Him with triumphant cymbals; let everything that breathes praise the Lord.* [SAAS]

Martha cried aloud to Mary: "Come, for the Teacher is here and is calling for you." And she went quickly to the place where her Lord was. And when she saw You, she cried; she knelt; she worshipped. As she covered Your immaculate feet with kisses, she said, "Lord, if You had been here, our brother would not have died." [SD]

**Idiomelon. Mode pl. 4.**

*Arise, O Lord my God, let Your hand be lifted high, and do not forget Your poor to the end.* [SAAS]

Four days after he had died You raised up Lazarus in Bethany. As soon as You came to the tomb, Your voice became life to the dead man; and Hades, groaning in fear, released him. Great was the miracle! Very merciful Lord, glory to You. [SD]

**Idiomelon. Mode pl. 4.**

*I will give thanks to You, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your wondrous things.* [SAAS]

Lord, when You said to Martha, “I am the resurrection,” then You fulfilled Your word with action, by calling back Lazarus from Hades. As I am dead through the passions, I pray You resurrect me also, O benevolent and compassionate God. [GOASD]

Glory.

From Triodion - - -

**Mode 2.**

Today has a miracle been performed that is great and paradoxical. For from the grave Christ has summoned a dead man of four days and resurrected him, and called him His beloved friend. Let us sing glory to Him who is supremely glorious, so that at the intercessions of Lazarus the righteous, He might save our souls. [SD]

From Octoechos - - -

Both now. **Theotokion.**

You are supremely blessed, O Virgin Theotokos. For through Him who from you became incarnate, Hades has been captured,

and Adam has been called back; the curse has been killed, and Eve has been freed; death has been put to death, and we have been brought back to life. Therefore we extol Him and cry out, “O Christ our God, You are blessed, for so was Your good pleasure. Glory to You!” [GOASD]

*Stand for the Great Doxology.*

**Great Doxology**

Glory be to You who showed the light. Glory in the highest to God. His peace is on earth, His good pleasure in mankind. [SD]

We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You for Your great glory.

Lord King, heavenly God, Father, Ruler over all; Lord, only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; and You, O Holy Spirit.

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us, You who take away the sins of the world.

Accept our supplication, You who sit at the right hand of the Father, and have mercy on us.

For You alone are holy, You alone are Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Every day I will bless You, and Your name will I praise to eternity, and to the ages of ages.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, this day, that we be kept without sin.

Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name to the ages. Amen.

Let Your mercy be on us, O Lord, as we have set our hope on You.

Blessed are You, O Lord. Teach me Your statutes.

Blessed are You, O Lord. Teach me Your statutes.

Blessed are You, O Lord. Teach me Your statutes.

Lord, You have been our refuge from generation to generation. I said: Lord, have mercy on me. Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You.

Lord, I have fled to You. Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God.

For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we shall see light.

Continue Your mercy to those who know You.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3)

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

Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

#### **Mode 4.**

Today has salvation come to pass in the world. Let us sing to Him who resurrected from the tomb and is the Author of our life. For, destroying death by death, He gave us the victory and the great mercy. [SD]