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**Bright Friday**

**The Life-giving Spring of the Most Holy Theotokos**

***(Vespers celebrated on Thursday***)

***(Divine Liturgy celebrated on Friday)***

**"Lord, I Call..." Tone 6**

Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me!

Hear me, O Lord!

Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me!

Receive the voice of my prayer,

when I call upon Thee!

Hear me, O Lord!

Let my prayer arise

in Thy sight as incense,

and let the lifting up of my hands

be an evening sacrifice!

Hear me, O Lord!

*v. (10) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Thy name!*

**Tone 6** *(for the Resurrection)*

Possessing victory over hell, O Christ,

since Thou art free among the dead,

Thou didst ascend the Cross,

raising with Thyself those who sat in the shades of death.

O Almighty Savior, Who didst draw life from Thine own light, //

have mercy on us!

*v. (9) The righteous will surround me; for Thou wilt deal bountifully with me.*

Today Christ tramples on death,

for He is risen as He said!

Let us all sing this song,

for He has granted joy to the world:

“O Light unapproachable, O Fountain of life!//

Savior Almighty, have mercy on us!”

*v. (8) Out of the depths I cry to Thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!*

Where shall we sinners flee from Thee,

Who art in all creation?

In heaven Thou dwellest!

In hell Thou didst trample on death!

In the depths of the sea?

Even there is Thy hand, O Master!

To Thee we flee, and falling before Thee, we pray://

O Thou Who didst rise from the dead, have mercy on us!

*v. (7) Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!*

*(for the Resurrection by Anatolios)*

In Thy Cross, we glory, O Christ.

We sing and glorify Thy Resurrection.

For Thou art our God,//

and we know no other than Thee.

*v. (6) If Thou, O Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee.*

We will always bless the Lord

by singing of His Resurrection!

for He endured the Cross,//

trampling down death by death!

*v. (5) For Thy name’s sake have I waited for Thee, O Lord, my soul has waited for Thy word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.*

Glory to Thy might, O Lord,

for Thou didst overthrow the prince of death!

By Thy Cross Thou hast renewed us,//

granting us life and incorruption.

*v. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!*

**Tone 6**  *(from the Pentecostarion)* *(Having placed all their hope)*

The Master of the heavens

accomplished strange and marvelous things in thee, O all-blameless Lady;

from above He descended like rain into thy womb, O Bride of God,

Showing thee to be a spring,

gushing forth the perfection of goodness and a flood of healings,

flowing with benefactions in abundance

to all those yearning for strength of soul and health of body,//

through the water of grace.

*3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and*

*He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.*

Most fittingly, O Virgin,

I call thee heavenly manna and the divine Spring of Paradise;

for truly, the stream of thy Spring runs from the earth of Paradise.

Grace reveals it as having four branches\*,

working wonderful miracles daily.

Requests by all are fulfilled when the water is drunk.

Therefore with joy we who bear the name of Christ run faithfully,//

and draw the flowing, sweet water of sanctification.

*v. (2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!*

Thou dost well forth streams of healings, O Virgin,

to those who always have recourse to thy Spring, O Bride of God;

for freely dost thou issue bountiful torrents of cures to all the sick;

thou dost enable the blind who approach thee to see with clarity;

thou hast restored many lame and halt;

thou hast strengthened paralytics;

by the threefold pouring of water thou didst bring to life the one who had

been dead;//

and thou hast also cured those afflicted by dropsy and shortness of breath.

*v. (1) For His mercy is abundant towards us; and the truth of the Lord endures for ever.*

The Master of the heavens

accomplished strange and marvelous things in thee, O all-blameless Lady;

from above He descended like rain into thy womb, O Bride of God,

Showing thee to be a spring,

gushing forth the perfection of goodness and a flood of healings,

flowing with benefactions in abundance

to all those yearning for strength of soul and health of body,//

through the water of grace.

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

**Tone 6** *(from the Pentecostarion)*

Who will speak of thy powers,

O Spring that often overflowest with inexhaustible wonders,

accomplishing through healings that which is beyond nature?

Oh, the great miracles thou dost stream forth to all!

For not only dost thou drive out ailments from those

who draw near with love,

but thou dost also cleanse away the passions of souls, //

bestowing great mercy, O all-spotless Lady.

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 6**  *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

Who will not bless thee, O most holy Virgin?

Who will not sing of thy most pure childbearing?

The only-begotten Son shone timelessly from the Father,

but from thee He was ineffably incarnate.

God by nature, He became Man for our sake,

not divided into two persons but manifest as One in two natures.

Entreat Him, O pure and all-blessed Lady,//

to have mercy on our souls!

**Tone 7 Great Prokeimenon**

I love Thee, O Lord my strength; the Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer. (*Ps 17/18:1-2)*

*v: God is my Helper in whom I take refuge. (Ps 17/18:2b)*

*v: I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies*. *(Ps 17/18:3)*

*v: From His holy temple He heard my voice.* *(Ps 17/18:6b)*

**Bright Friday**

**The Life-giving Spring of the Most Holy Theotokos**

**Aposticha**

**Tone 6**  *(for the Resurrection)*

Thy Resurrection, O Christ our Savior,

the Angels in heaven sing!

Enable us on earth//

to glorify Thee in purity of heart!

**Tone 5**

Rejoice, O life-giving Spring,

who didst fill the whole inhabited earth with thy miracles!

Rejoice, O spiritual Ocean, surpassing the streams of the Nile with

the flood of thy grace!

Thou art a second Siloam,

pouring forth miraculous water as through a rock.

Thou hast received the power of Jordan, O all-holy Maid,

and hast become the Manna of salvation

that fulfills the need of those who seek.//

Thou dost pour out great mercy to the world, O Mother of Christ.

*v: The most High has sanctified His tabernacle.*

With hymns of wonder, let us, the faithful,

praise and glorify the heavenly Cloud

that lets fall upon the earth the heavenly Rain, the Life-giver Christ!

He is the living, divine Water

that eternally pours forth the ambrosia of nectar

which never diminishes even after it is drunk,

but which dispels the thirst and also refreshes our soul.

As we drink of it with wisdom,

the most divine streams shall come forth from our hearts,//

and shall shower us all with bountiful grace.

*v: The rushings of the river make glad the city of God. (Ps 45:4)*

Rejoice, O life-giving Spring,

which eternally pours forth abundant gifts,

O Fountain of healings that purges the weak and paltry strength of

sickness.

Thou didst restore the sight of the blind and didst cleanse the lepers.

Thy streams are the medicine for all complaints and diseases,

and for all who with faith flock to Thy shrine.

Thou art a great physician, O Maid,

who art prepared to receive all who turn to thee in affliction.//

O holy Mother of Christ the Word, Who pours forth His great mercy

to the world.

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

**Tone 5** *(from the Pentecostarion)*

Let us sound the trumpet in hymns, O lovers of feasts,

and leap for joy in the water;

let us form a choir and sing praises to the water that never ceases to flow

from the Life-giving Spring!

Let rulers assemble and give thanks for the kindness of the Spring!

It has saved kings and, by a touch, has raised up the infirm from their

beds.

All ye people, gather together and draw the saving water;

the afflicted shall be delivered and the endangered shall gain spiritual

strength;

the thirsty shall be refreshed and the blind will receive their sight;

the deaf shall hear and the sick shall be cured!

Let those who have lifted their hands in thanksgiving

draw the waters of salvation

that flow forth to all the faithful

Let us all cry out to the pure Virgin:

“As thou pourest forth the ever-living streams from the Source,//

do not cease to intercede for thy servants!”

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

This is the day of resurrection!

Let us be illumined by the feast!

Let us embrace each other!

Let us call “Brothers” even those that hate us,

and forgive all by the resurrection,

and so let us cry:

Christ is risen from the dead,

trampling down death by death,

and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! *(Thrice)*

**Bright Friday/The Life-giving Spring of the Most Holy Theotokos**

***(at the Divine Liturgy)***

(After “Blessed is the Kingdom…” and “Amen.”:)

Clergy:

Christ is risen from the dead,

trampling down death by death,

and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! *(thrice)*

Choir:

Christ is risen from the dead,

trampling down death by death,

and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! *(thrice)*

*(The clergy then chant the Paschal verses with the choir singing the Troparion “Christ is risen…” after each verse.)*

*v: Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from before His face!*

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and

upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

*v: As smoke vanishes so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire!*

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and

upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

*v: So the sinners will perish before the face of God. But let the righteous be glad!*

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and

upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

*v: This is the day which the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!*

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and

upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

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

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and

upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and

upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

*Clergy: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death*,

Choir: and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

**The First Antiphon**

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His name, give glory to

His praise! *(Ps 65/66:1-2)*

*Refrain:* *Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!*

Say to God: “How awesome are Thy deeds! So great is Thy power that

Thine enemies cringe before Thee!” *(Ps 65/66:3)* *(Refrain))*

Let all the earth worship Thee and praise Thee! Let it praise Thy name, O

most High! *(Ps 65/66:4) (Refrain)*

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

and unto ages of ages. Amen. *(Refrain)*

**The Second Antiphon**

God be bountiful and bless us! Show the light of Thy countenance upon

us and have mercy on us! *(Ps 65/66:1)*

*Refrain:* *O Son of God Who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee:*

*Alleluia!*

That we may know Thy way upon the earth, and Thy salvation among

all nations. *(Ps 65/66:2)* *(Refrain)*

Let the people give thanks to Thee, O God! Let all the people give thanks to

Thee! *(Ps 65/66:5)* *(Refrain)*

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

and unto ages of ages. Amen.

*(“Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God … “)*

**The** **Third Antiphon**

*v: Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from*

*before His face! (Ps 67/68:1)*

Christ is risen from the dead,

trampling down death by death,

and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

*v: As smoke vanishes so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire! (Ps 67/68:2)*

*Troparion: “Christ is risen from the dead …”*

*v: So the sinners will perish before the face of God. But let the righteous be glad! (Ps 67/68:2b-3a)*

*Troparion: “Christ is risen from the dead …”*

***(After the Entrance)***

**Troparion** *(Pascha)*

Christ is risen from the dead,

trampling down death by death,

and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

**Tone 8 Kontakion** *(Theotokos)*

O Lady, full of grace, confer on me the healing of thy grace from

thine inexhaustible Spring;

For, as thou gavest birth incomprehensibly to the Word, I implore thee:

“Refresh me with the dew of thy grace, so that I may cry out to thee:

‘Rejoice, O water of salvation!’”

**Tone 8 Kontakion** *(Pascha)*

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal,

Thou didst destroy the power of death.

In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God,

proclaiming, “Rejoice!” to the Myrrhbearing Women,//

granting peace to Thine Apostles, and bestowing

resurrection on the fallen.

***(Instead of the Trisagion, we sing:)***

As many as have been baptized into Christ,

have put on Christ. Alleluia.

**Tone 8** **Prokeimenon**

Their proclamation hath gone out into all the earth, and their words to the

ends of the universe!. *(Ps 18/19:4)*

*v: The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaimeth His handiwork. (Ps 18/19:1)*

**Tone 3** **Prokeimenon** *(Song of the Theotokos)*

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

*(Lk 1:46-47)*

**Epistle**

**Acts 3:1-8**

**Phil. 2:5-11** *(Theotokos)*

**Tone 1**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*v. The heavens will praise Thy wonders, O Lord; and Thy truth in the congregation of the saints. (Ps 88/89:5)*

*v. God is glorified in the council of the saints. (Ps 88/89:7)*

**Tone 8**

*v: Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline thine ear! (Ps 44/45:10)*

**Gospel**

**John 2:12-22**

**Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28** *(Theotokos)*

***(Instead of “It is truly meet …,” we sing:)***

The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace:

“Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again, I say: Rejoice,

thy Son is risen from His three days in the tomb!

With Himself He has raised all the dead.”

Rejoice, O ye people!

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem!

The glory of the Lord has shone on thee.

Exult now, and be glad, O Zion!

Be radiant, O pure Theotokos,

in the Resurrection of thy Son!

**Communion Hymns**

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality!

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

*(Ps* *115/116:13)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*(During Bright Week, instead of “Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord,” we sing the troparion “Christ is risen …” (once). Instead of “We have seen the True Light” and “Let our mouths be filled …,” we sing “Christ is risen …” (once). Instead of “Blessed be the Name of the Lord,” we sing “Christ is risen …” (thrice). Instead of “Glory to You, O Christ our God…, “ the priest sings: “Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death,” and the choir concludes: “and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.” The priest gives the Dismissal, and after the singing of “Christ is risen” (thrice), we finish with: “And unto us He has given eternal life. Let us worship His Resurrection on the third day!)*

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