

AKATHIST HYMN
to the RESURRECTION
of our LORD *and* SAVIOR
JESUS CHRIST

PRIEST: Blessed is our God, always, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

READER: Amen.

EVERYONE: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down Death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life. (3x)

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

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. O Lord, cleanse us from our sins. O Master, pardon our transgressions. O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities, for Your Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (3x) Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

EVERYONE: Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

PRIEST: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory, of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

READER: Amen.

KONTAKION 1

O victorious Leader and Lord, we, Your servants renewed and recreated by You, offer You praise and thanksgiving, for You have delivered us from spiritual deadness. But as You have conquered Death, deliver from the death of sin us, as we sing: Risen Jesus, resurrect our souls.

IKOS 1

The angels in heaven, O Christ our Savior, unceasingly hymn Your Resurrection. Grant us on earth with pure hearts to praise You:

Jesus Incomprehensible, light of all the faithful, enlighten us also for we have gone astray.

Jesus Risen, giving life to all, revive us for we are dead in sin.

Jesus, having ascended to heaven and exalted those who trust in You, raise us also for we are bent down.

Jesus, sitting at the Father's right hand and sharing Your glory with those who love You, do not deprive us of Your glory.

Jesus, coming to judge the living and the dead, do not condemn us in our deeds, but deal with us in Your mercy.

Risen Jesus, resurrect our souls.

KONTAKION 2

Seeing fallen mankind, O Lord, You became man and raised us with Yourself. And having risen, You have given us everything that is necessary for salvation. So revive us also for we are dead in sin, as we sing: Alleluia.

IKOS 2

Our mind cannot grasp the divine mysteries, how the Source of Life rises after slaying Death. Therefore, it is only in our heart that we experience the joy of the Resurrection, and enlightened by it, with a voice of spiritual gladness we sing to You:

Jesus, passing through the locked doors, enter the house of our souls.

Jesus, as You met Your disciples on the road to Emmaus, meet us on the journey of life.

Jesus, having enflamed their hearts with Your words, set also our cold hearts on fire.

Jesus, as You made Yourself known in the breaking of the bread, grant us to know You in the Divine Eucharist.

Jesus, having promised the Holy Spirit to Your disciples, send down to us also this Comforter from the Father.

Risen Jesus, resurrect our souls.

KONTAKION 3

By Your divine power You raised Lazarus, raise also us, for we are corrupt with passions and

have lain for many years in the tomb of unrepentance, that raised by Your voice we may sing as those who are saved: Alleluia.

IKOS 3

Having power over death, You recalled the souls from hell, O Jesus. Recall us also from the abyss of sin that, having purified our feelings and senses, and radiant with You in the unapproachable Light, we may joyfully sing the song of victory:

Jesus, Conqueror of Death, conquer our evil passions.

Jesus, Giver of Life, grant us the life of salvation.

Jesus, Source of joy, gladden our hearts with Your truth.

Jesus, as You fed the five thousand with the five loaves of bread, feed us with the Bread of heaven.

Jesus, Hope of the fallen, rescue us from the pit of our vices.

Risen Jesus, resurrect our souls.

KONTAKION 4

A storm of passions troubles and drowns us, but we implore You, O Jesus, stretch out to us, as to Peter, Your helping hand. And having raised us by the power of Your Resurrection, teach us to sing: Alleluia.

IKOS 4

Hearing the good news of Your Resurrection, O Jesus, heaven rightly exults and earth rejoices.

And we, celebrating the eternal joy and festivity, with confidence sing to You:

Jesus, sitting in unapproachable light, be accessible to us in Your mercy.

Jesus, loving Your creation, do not forget us Your last creature.

Jesus, drawing us to Yourself, soften our wretched hearts.

Jesus, fulfilling all good requests, fulfill our prayer that we may love You above all.

Jesus, accepting every teardrop, do not reject our petitions.

Risen Jesus, resurrect our souls.

KONTAKION 5

Life that is pleasing to God flows from You, O Jesus, Son of the Living God. Therefore, we implore You: Do not let the murderer of mankind destroy us, and do not let him shut our mouth that sings to You: Alleluia.

IKOS 5

Having beheld in spirit the risen Lord, come let us drink a new beverage, not flowing from rock, but from the spring of the Savior's incorruptible and life-giving Tomb, through which having watered the barren earth of our souls, let us sing to Him:

Jesus, refreshing us with Your Blood, grant us to fully receive this precious Blood.

Jesus, sending rain on the righteous and the sinful, water us also that we may produce spiritual fruit.

Jesus, as You do not reject sinners who repent, grant that we also may wash Your feet with tears of gratitude.

Jesus, You said to Thomas, “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe,” grant us sincere faith.

Jesus, You said, “Seek and you will find,” grant us to find You as the one thing truly needful.

Risen Jesus, resurrect our souls.

KONTAKION 6

You preach Your lifegiving Resurrection in a spirit of uncontainable joy, O Jesus our God. May we also, sinful as we are, share this Resurrection and sing unceasingly in the heavenly Jerusalem: Alleluia.

IKOS 6

He Who enlightened the whole world with His Resurrection, Lord Jesus Christ, now fills all things with light: Heaven, earth, and even hell. Let all creation then celebrate Christ’s rising, by which we are strengthened, and sing to Him:

Jesus, filling all things with Your light, enlighten also our darkened eyes.

Jesus, having united heaven and earth, raise us up from earth to heaven.

Jesus, You descended into hell by the light of Your Divinity, descend into the lowest region of our souls.

Jesus, having brought out of the prisons of hell the souls that awaited You, bring us, sinners, also out of the gloom of despondency.

Jesus, stretching out Your pure hands to all, embrace us also, wretched as we are.

Risen Jesus, resurrect our souls.

KONTAKION 7

Wishing to reveal the power of His Divinity, the Lord is entombed with the seal of Caiaphas, that by not breaking it in the presence of the guards He may rise triumphantly and teach us to sing: Alleluia.

IKOS 7

It is marvelous and incomprehensible, how I, who yesterday was buried with You, O Christ, today rise in spirit with You, my risen Lord, and sing to You:

Jesus risen, freely giving life to all, grant our mind wings that we may follow You.

Jesus, sanctifying the earth with Your steps, sanctify our thoughts that ascend to You.

Jesus, as You did not prevent the drawing of Your pure image, grant that at all times we may have in our souls the image of Your Resurrection.

Jesus, having accepted the widow's two coins, accept from us this song.

Jesus, as You did not condemn the prostitute, but guided her to the way of truth, do not condemn our unclean lips that kiss You in this song of praise.

Risen Jesus, resurrect our souls.

KONTAKION 8

Having spiritually beheld God wondrously incarnate and risen, let us put away all earthly care, that we may receive the King of all, and sing to Him: Alleluia.

IKOS 8

You were all love towards fallen mankind, O Jesus, and You put divinely speaking Habakkuk on divine watch that he might bring to light a shining angel speaking clearly of Your Resurrection. Therefore, we sing to You:

Jesus, as You were guarded by soldiers, send a guardian angel to guard our souls again, for we drive him away by our sins.

Jesus, with the splendor of Your Divinity You blinded the eyes of those guarding You, turn away our eyes from beholding vanity and enlighten us with the knowledge of the truth.

Jesus, having asked the apostle Peter, "Do you love Me?" Grant that we may have a love like his.

Jesus, having forgiven Peter's denial, forgive us also, for we hourly deny Your commandments.

Jesus, having given power to bind and to loose, release us from our lies.

Risen Jesus, resurrect our souls.

KONTAKION 9

The whole of human nature, which You assumed, has been glorified by Your Resurrection, O Jesus, and therefore You grant our bodies incorruption. So we, seeing this sign in the relics of the saints, sing with compunction: Alleluia.

IKOS 9

Divinely-inspired speakers awake early in spirit to meet You coming out of the tomb, and instead of myrrh they offer You a hymn as the Sun of Righteousness and Lord. And with them accept our prayers:

Jesus, having accepted the myrrh poured upon You, accept the praises that pour out from our hearts.

Jesus, Sun of truth, enlighten our souls.

Jesus, as You made the fishermen fishers of people, catch our evil will in Your obedience.

Jesus, having made of Saul a chief apostle, enlighten us who have gone astray.

Jesus, by the prayers of the apostle Paul and all Your saints, spare us sinners.

Risen Jesus, resurrect our souls.

KONTAKION 10

Desiring to save mankind, O Jesus, You descended to earth. And as God, You took on our infirmities, that in them Your power might be revealed, moving us to sing: Alleluia.

IKOS 10

Risen King, Jesus Christ our Savior, having descended into the lower regions of the earth and shattered the eternal bars that held souls captive: Free us also from the chains of sin, as we sing to You:

Jesus, having entrusted Your beloved disciple to Your Mother, entrust us also to her saving care.

Jesus, as You turned the sufferings of Your Mother into joy, grant that we may patiently bear our cross.

Jesus, having given Your Mother as intercessor for the world, grant that we sinners may be under her protection.

Jesus, as You did not forbid children to touch You, grant us their innocence.

Jesus, having said to the prostitute, "Go your way, and from now on do not sin again." Grant that we may never again anger You.

Risen Jesus, resurrect our souls.

KONTAKION 11

Grant that we may offer You a tender hymn of Your Resurrection, O our Savior, and in it may

our soul receive the oil of healing from harmful dreams and unceasingly sing to You: Alleluia.

IKOS 11

Having received from Your Resurrection rays of illuminating grace, and having seen through them spiritually as in a mirror Your life-giving Rising, we venerate Your precious Cross, O Christ, and we praise and glorify Your holy Resurrection:

Jesus, as You bowed the heavens, graciously accept our worship.

Jesus, having slept in the flesh as a mortal, mortify our carnal desires.

Jesus, as You gave the whole of Yourself for the salvation of mankind, grant that we may completely surrender ourselves to You.

Jesus, having ascended to heaven to prepare a place for those who love You, settle us also in Your heavenly places.

Jesus, sitting at the right hand of the Father, number us among the sheep at Your right hand.

Risen Jesus, resurrect our souls.

KONTAKION 12

Grant us Your grace, O Loving Jesus, and accept our supplications as a tribute of praise which we offer You, and dispel from our souls all evil thoughts, that blamelessly we may sing to You: Alleluia.

IKOS 12

By singing of Your glorious Resurrection we magnify You, O Christ Jesus our God. And we believe that You grant to all eternal life. So on this chosen and holy day, we embrace one another as brothers and sisters, and by the power of Your Resurrection, we forgive everything to those who hate us, and with one mouth and one heart we sing to You:

Jesus, blessing those who praise You, bless also now this our labor of love.

Jesus, sanctifying those who trust in You, sanctify our desires and intentions.

Jesus, having promised to be with the faithful until the end of time, be inseparably even with us sinners.

Jesus, Word of the Father, purify our unworthy words to sing Your praise.

Jesus, saving Passover that causes us to pass from death to life, make radiant the garment of our souls and settle us in Your bridal chamber.

Risen Jesus, resurrect our souls.

KONTAKION 13

This kontakion is repeated three times.

O Jesus Christ, having trampled down Death by Your own death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life: Accept as a sweet-scented spiritual fragrance this our small supplication, and to those of

us who are in the tombs of apathy, grant life eternal, that we may sing to You: Alleluia.

And again Ikos 1 and Kontakion 1.

IKOS 1

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PRAYER

PRIEST: Let us pray to the Lord.

EVERYONE: Lord, have mercy.

O Lord, our God and Savior, Jesus Christ, having shattered the bronze gates and iron bars, You freed the holy souls held fast in the depths of hell, and You let them appear to many after Your Resurrection: Grant us a part and inheritance with all Your saints in Your Kingdom. O Lord, on the holy day of Your Resurrection, remember those present with us, and those absent for good reasons and those home-bound, those traveling, in affliction or distress, and those who are oppressed and tormented by unclean spirits. Remember us all and heal us, and blot out all our sins, whether we are rich or poor, free or in bondage. Protect our city and every city and countryside, increase and multiply the Christian people living in them. Implant reverent fear of You in our hearts, that we may always do Your will and praise You. For You are a good God and love mankind, and to You we give glory, together with Your Father, Who has no beginning, and Your Most Holy, Good, and Life-giving Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

EVERYONE: Amen.

DISMISSAL

The angel cried to the Lady full of grace,
“Rejoice, O pure Virgin. Again I say, Rejoice.
Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb.
With Himself He has raised all the dead.
Rejoice, all people.”

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem!
The glory of the Lord has shone on you.
Exult now and be glad, O Zion.
Be radiant, O pure Theotokos,
in the resurrection of your Son.

EVERYONE: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life. (3x)

PRIEST: May Christ our true God, by the prayers of his most pure Mother; by the prayers of the honorable and glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John, the heavenly intercessor of our community; by the prayers of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; and by the prayers of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

EVERYONE: Amen.