

From the Triodion
Saturday Matins (Orthros) for Tone 5

Stichera at the Aposticha of the Praises

Byzantine Chant Tone 5
Special Melody: *Rejoice*

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1) Since Thou art great in mer - cy, O Christ,
set the de - part - ed in the light of Thy coun - te - nance,
and in a fair place of ver - dure make them for - ev - er to
dwell, by the wa - ters of Thy pur - est joy di - vine;
in fore - fa - ther A - bra - ham's rest - ful bos - om of all re - pose,
where Thy light clear - ly shin - eth out with re - splen - dent rays
and the foun - tains of Thy sweet kind - ness pour forth to all;
where - in the ho - ly choirs of all the Saints in ex - ceed - ing joy
o - pen - ly dance round a - bout Thine ex - ceed - ing
good - ness and love for man, with whom do Thou num - ber
all Thy ser - vants, grant - ing peace and great mer - cy un - to them.

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Verse 1: Blessed are they whom Thou hast taken and chose to Thyself, O Lord

2) Be Thou well-pleased that they who have gone
 forth from things tem-poral to Thee, God the Friend of man
 and Mas-ter of all, should chant with an all-har-mo-ni-ous
 voice and should glo-ri-fy Thy might and sov-'reign-ty;
 and grant that they bright-ly shine with Thy beau-ty and come-li-ness,
 and might more pure-ly take de-light and en-joy the sweet
 and de-light-ful joy of com-mun-ion in Thee, O Christ,
 where all the An-gels dance for joy in choir round Thy ho-ly throne
 and where, O mer-ci-ful Sav-ior, the hosts of
 Saints all at-tend on Thee; with whom do Thou grant rest
 and great mer-cy to Thy ser-vants, O most Com-pas-sion-ate.

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Verse 1: Their memorial is from generation to generation.

3) There where the choir of Proph - ets is found,
 and thē A - pos - tles and the Mar - tyrs in their ar - rays,
 and all who, from the be - gin - ning of time, have been jus - ti -
 - fied by Thy sav - ing Pas - sion and Thy pre - cious Blood,
 where - by Thou hast full re - deemed cap - tive man from cap - tiv - i - ty,
 there do Thou grant rest to those fal - len a - sleep in faith,
 and as Friend of man, par - don all things where - in they sinned.
 For Thou a - lone hast lived on earth with - out sin, and Thou a - lone,
 O Lord, art ho - ly, Who al - so a - lone hast
 been free a - mong the dead. And so, to Thy ser - vants
 do Thou gra - cious - ly grant rest and great mer - cy and Thy peace.

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