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then didst Thou slay Hades with the lightning of Thy Divinity.

And when Thou didst also raise the dead out of the nethermost depths,

all the powers in the Heavens cried out: O Life-giver,

Christ our God, glory be to Thee.

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

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Great and Holy Saturday Matins
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God is the Lord
Second Mode

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he noble Jo-seph, tak-ing Thine im-mac-u-late Bod- y
down from the Tree, and hav-ing wrapped It in pure lin-en and spic-
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