

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SEPTEMBER 13
CONSECRATION OF RESURRECTION CHURCH IN JERUSALEM
FORE-FAST OF THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

NOTE TO CLERGY: Remember to include this special petition in the Great Litany before the one for the head of state, as directed by the Antiochian Archdiocese.

Deacon: For Metropolitan Paul, Archbishop John, and for their quick release from captivity and safe return, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

THE FIRST ANTIPHON (FROM PSALM 83)

My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God. For one day in thy courts is better than thousands.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

I would rather be a servant in the house of God, than dwell in the tents of sinners. O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusts in Thee. (*Refrain*)

Glory... Both now... (*Refrain*)

THE SECOND ANTIPHON (FROM PSALM 25)

Judge me, O Lord; for I have walked in my innocence: and hoping in the Lord I shall not be moved. I will wash my hands in innocence, and compass Thine altar, O Lord.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who art wondrous in the Saints; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

To hear the voice of praise, and to declare all thy wonderful works. (*Refrain*)

O Lord, I have loved the beauty of thy house, and the place of the tabernacle of thy glory. (*Refrain*)

Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

THE THIRD ANTIPHON (FROM PSALM 64)

Praise becomes Thee, O God, in Zion; and to Thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem. Blessed is he whom Thou hast chosen and adopted; he shall dwell in Thy courts. We shall be filled with the good things of Thy house; Thy temple is holy. Thou art wonderful in righteousness.

- *During the Little Entrance, chant the Apolytikion of the Consecration of Holy Resurrection Church, followed by the Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn).*

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF ORDINARY WEEKDAYS

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, Who art wondrous in the Saints; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

- *Now sing these apolytikia in the following order.*

APOLYTIKION OF HOLY RESURRECTION CHURCH IN TONE FOUR

Thou hast revealed the earthly majesty of the dwelling place of the holy glory, O Lord, as the brilliance of the firmament on high. Make firm its foundation unto ages of ages and receive our fervent supplications which are offered to thee therein; through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Life and Resurrection of all.

APOLYTIKION OF FORE-FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS IN TONE TWO

We offer thee in mediation the life-giving Cross which, of Thy goodness, Thou hast given unto us, the unworthy, O Lord. Save Thy hierarchs and Thy flock, and grant Thou peace through the Theotokos, O only Lover of mankind.

- *Now sing the apolytikion of the patron saint or feast of the temple, but not if it is named after Holy Resurrection Church.*

KONTAKION OF HOLY RESURRECTION CHURCH IN TONE FOUR

*(**On this day Thou hast appeared**)*

The Church is shown to be * a many-lighted heaven * that doth shine a guiding light * upon all them that do believe; * wherein while standing, we cry aloud: * Do Thou Thyself now establish this house, O Lord.

THE EPISTLE

(For the Consecration)

Holiness befits Thy house, O Lord, forevermore.

The Lord is King; He is clothed with majesty.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (3:1-4)

Holy Brethren, who share in a heavenly call, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession. He was faithful to Him Who appointed Him, just as Moses also was faithful in God's house. Yet Jesus has been counted worthy of much more glory than Moses as the Builder of a house has more honor than the house. For every house is built by someone, but the Builder of all things is God.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Consecration)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (16:13-19)

At that time, when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His Disciples, "Who do men say that the Son of man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father Who is in Heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in Heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in Heaven."

- *The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom continues as usual with the following Koinonikon.*

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) OF THE CONSECRATION IN TONE EIGHT

O Lord, I have loved the beauty of Thy house, and the place where Thy glory dwelleth. Alleluia.

THE DISMISSAL

Priest: May Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-immaculate and all-blameless holy Mother; by the might of the Precious and Life-giving Cross—as we prepare to celebrate its Elevation—by the protection of the honorable Bodiless Powers of Heaven; at the supplication of the honorable, glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John; of the holy, glorious and all-laudable apostles; of our father among the saints, John Chrysostom, archbishop of Constantinople, whose Divine Liturgy we have now celebrated; of the holy, glorious and right-victorious Martyrs; of our venerable and God-bearing Fathers; *of Saint N., the patron and protector of this holy community*; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; of the Hieromartyr Cornelius the centurion; Venerable Hierotheos the Younger of Iviron monastery on Athos; Great-martyr Ketevan, queen of Georgia; and the Six Martyrs at Tomi in Romania, whose memory we celebrate today, and of all the saints: have mercy on us and save us, forasmuch as He is good and loveth mankind.

Priest: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us.

Choir: Amen.

Pronunciation Guide

Hierotheos: ee-ROH-they-ohs

Iviron: EE-vee-rohn

Ketevan: KEH-teh-vahn

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