

August 3

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost;
Commemoration of our venerable fathers**

Isaac, Dalmatos and Faustos

(5th Class, 7th Tone, 8th Eothinon)

ORTHROS

TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION (*Tone 7*) [**Twice**]

You destroyed Death by Your Cross, You opened Paradise to the Thief! You changed the weeping of the Myrrhbearers and commanded Your Apostles to proclaim that You, O Christ God, have risen, granting to the world great mercy!

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

TROPARION OF THE FATHERS (*Tone 4*)

O God of our Fathers, who always deal with us according to Your compassion, do not remove Your mercy from us; but through their intercession, direct our lives in peace.

- now and always and to the ages of ages. Amen.

RESURRECTIONAL THEOTOKION (*Tone 4*)

The mystery which was hidden from eternity and unknown to the angels has been revealed through you, O Theotokos, to those on earth: for God took flesh in a union without commixture, and willingly took up the Cross by which He elevated the first man, and saved our souls from death.

SESSIONAL HYMNS (*Tone 1*)

Our Life was laid in a tomb and a seal was set on the stone at the door. The soldiers kept guard before Christ as though keeping watch before a sleeping King. The angels glorified Him as the Immortal God, while the holy women cried aloud: "The Lord has risen, granting great mercy to the world!"

v. Arise, O Lord my God; lift up Your mighty hand, and never forget Your poor.

By Your burial for three days, You have despoiled the power of Death. By Your life-giving Resurrection, You have raised up the human race from the dust of the tomb. O Christ our God, Lover of Mankind, glory to You!

v. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and always and to the ages of ages. Amen.

O Virgin Theotokos, intercede without cease with Christ God who was crucified for us and destroyed the power of Death, that He may save our souls.

EXAPOSTILARIA (*Tone 2*)

~Seeing the two Angels within the tomb, Mary was struck with fear. Not recognizing Christ, she questioned Him as though He were the gardener: "Where have you placed the body of Jesus?" But as He called her name, she recognized Him as her Savior. He then said, "Do not touch Me, but tell My brethren that I am ascending to My Father!"

(*Tone 3*)

~O companions of the angels, heavenly spirits, Dalmatos and Faustos, together with the admirable Isaac: in the presence of the Lord before whom you constantly stand, be mindful of us who celebrate your illustrious and light-bearing memory, O holy fathers!

(*Tone 2*)

~O Virgin, You ineffably gave birth to One of the Holy Trinity in one Person, but with two natures and two wills. Ceaselessly entreat Him that the faithful who honor you be delivered from every attack of the enemy. In you we find our refuge, O Lady Theotokos!

PRAISES (*Tone 7*)

Stichera of the Resurrection (*Tone 7*)

8. Christ has risen from the dead, shattering the chains of Death; proclaim great joy upon earth; and in the heavens, praise the glory of God!

7. Now that we have seen the Resurrection of Christ, let us adore the all-holy Lord Jesus, the only Sinless One!
6. Ceaselessly let us worship the Resurrection of Christ! It is He who has saved us from our sins! Holy is the Lord Jesus who has shown us the Resurrection!
5. What can we offer to the Lord for all the good He has done for us? To save us, God dwelt among men. The Word was made flesh for our fallen nature and pitched His tent among us. To our ingratitude, the Benefactor responded. To our captivity, the Redeemer descended. To those who lay in darkness, the Sun of Justice, who could not suffer, rose upon the Cross. To dark Hades came the Light. To Death came He who is Life. And to those who are mortals came the Resurrection! Let us cry aloud to Him: O our God, glory to You!

Stichera of Anatolios the Patriarch

4. O Lord, You have shattered the gates of Hades and have cast down the power of Death by the might of Your arm. By Your divine and glorious Resurrection, O all-powerful God and King of all, You have made the dead rise from the darkness where they had slept throughout the ages!
3. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord and celebrate His holy Resurrection. He has made the dead who had been chained in Hades rise with Him, granting to the world by His Divinity eternal life and great mercy.
2. An angel radiant with light was seated upon the stone before the Life-giving sepulcher. To the Myrrh-bearing women he proclaimed good news and said: "The Lord is risen, just as He foretold to you! Announce to His Disciples that He will go before you into Galilee. To the world He grants eternal life and great mercy!"

1. Why in your injustice have you rejected the Cornerstone? This is the Stone which God has placed in Sion: it is He who in the desert made water flow from the rock, and who makes immortal life flow forth for us from His side. He is the Stone quarried from the virgin mountain without the hand of man. He is the Son of Man, coming on the clouds of Heaven to the Ancient of Days, as the Prophet Daniel said, and of His Kingdom there shall be no end.

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

Doxastikon

Behold, the night has ended and the day has dawned. Mary, why do you remain before the tomb? Is it because dark night still fills your soul as you seek to know where they have placed the body of Jesus? Look how the Apostles run to the tomb and see in the winding cloth and linen the evidence that He is truly risen! They recall the words of Scripture concerning this divine Mystery. And we who have come to believe with them now sing to You, O Christ, as the Giver of Life.

- now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Theotokion

You are truly most blessed, O Virgin Mother of God: through the One who was incarnate of you, Hades was chained, Adam revived, the curse wiped out, Eve set free, Death put to death, and we ourselves were brought back to life. That is why we cry out in praise: "Blessed are You, O Christ our God, who find in this Your good pleasure: glory to You!"