

September 28

Commemoration of our Venerable Father Chariton the Confessor; the prophet Baruch

(5th Class, 7th Tone, 5th Eothonon)

ORTHROS

TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION *(Tone 7)*

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!

TROPARION OF CHARITON *(Tone 8)*

Your abundant tears made the wilderness sprout and bloom, and your deep sighings made your labor fruitful a hundred fold. You became a star shining over the world with miracles, Holy Father Chariton. Pray to Christ God that He may save our souls.

TROPARION OF BARUCH *(Tone 4)*

You foretold the divine Incarnation of the Lord when you cried aloud to all the world, O Prophet: "Such is our God; no other is to be compared to him! He has appeared upon earth, being born of a Virgin. He has shone upon our souls the divine light of knowledge." He grants salvation to all who sing your praise, O divinely-inspired Baruch.

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 7)*

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 God! Let Your hand be lifted up; forget not the 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.

HYPACOI (*Tone 7*)

O Christ God, who assumed our likeness and suffered crucifixion in Your body, save me through Your Resurrection, for You are the Lover of Mankind!

KONDAKION OF THE RESURRECTION (*Tone 7*)

No longer can Death hold sway over men: for Christ has gone down to Hades and crushed Death and shattered its might. It has been made powerless, wherefore the prophets rejoice! The Savior appeared to the faithful and said: "Come into the Resurrection!"

IKOS

Today the nether world, Hades and Death tremble at the presence of One of the Trinity! The earth quakes, and the gatekeepers of Hades are seized by fear at seeing You. The whole creation rejoices together with the prophets, singing a hymn of victory to honor You, our God and our Redeemer, who trample down the power of Death. Let us cry aloud with happiness and rejoicing to our King: "Behold the Tree which restores Adam and his descendants to Paradise! O faithful, come into the Resurrection!"

SYNAXARION

On September 28, we commemorate our venerable father Chariton, the Confessor.

Having overcome earthly pleasures, Chariton now rejoices in happiness, enjoying the object of his desires in Heaven. On the twenty-eighth, he died in extreme old age.

On this same day, we commemorate the holy prophet of God Baruch, the friend of holy Jeremiah.

By their holy prayers, O our God, take pity on us and save us. Amen.

EXAPOSTILARIA (*Tone 2*)

~Christ, our Life and our Way, risen from the dead, traveled along the way with Luke and Cleophas. And they recognized Him at Emmaus in the breaking of the bread. Their minds and hearts were set afire while He was speaking with them on the way, explaining to them all that concerned Him in the Scriptures. Let us proclaim with them: "Christ is risen! He has appeared to Simon!"

~I sing of Your love that has no limits, O my Creator! To save our human nature that had been put to death, You emptied Yourself completely. Although remaining God, You willed to be born of the Virgin in my earthly condition; and You even went down into Hades to save me, at the prayers of Your all-blameless Mother, O Word of God and compassionate Lord!

PRAISES *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!

For Chariton (Tone 4)

3. The grace of the Spirit shone upon you, O holy father Chariton, flooding you with light. You left the night of the passions and attained to the life of impassibility in the full daylight. As you live forever in the purest light, O illustrious father, do not forget the faithful who celebrate your sacred memory.
2. Bearing grace like a blossoming flower, you paid no heed to the things here below: as though bodiless, you chose to live in the midst of suffering so that you would be able to enjoy the delights of eternity. By your tears, you dried up the troubled sea of the passions, O venerable father Chariton, in order to water the plants of the virtues by which you nourish our souls.
1. By divine grace, you received justly the grace of healing. O Chariton, you cast down the errors which the evil spirits use to lead us astray, and you put to night the ravages of illness. You made grace flow forth in torrents; and you permit us to drink from their streams as we celebrate your holy memory.
- v. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

Doxastikon (Tone 5)

How wise You are in all Your ways, O Christ! How did You allow Peter to grasp the truth of Your life-giving Resurrection by the sight of the burial cloths alone? On the road to Emmaus, how did You speak with Luke and Cleophas without being revealed to them by Your very speech? You were reproached for being the only visitor to Jerusalem who did not know the things that had happened there during those days. O Lord who arrange all things for the good of each of us, You then explained to them the prophecies concerning You, and they recognized You in the breaking of the bread. For their hearts were set on fire by desire at knowing You, O Lord! And they clearly proclaimed Your divine Resurrection to the assembled Disciples. By it, be propitious to us and have mercy on us!

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

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