

October 5

Commemoration of the Holy Martyr Charitina

(5th Class, 8th Tone, 6th Eothinon)

ORTHROS

TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION (*Tone 8*) [Twice]

You descended from on high, O Compassionate One; and consented to burial for three days, that You might free us from suffering. O Lord our Life and our Resurrection, glory to You!

TROPARION OF CHARITINA (*Tone 4*)

Your ewe lamb, O Jesus, cries out to You in a loud voice: "O my Bridegroom, I long for You and I struggle in my quest for You! I am crucified with You and buried with You in Your Baptism. I suffer for Your sake in order to reign with You. I die for You in order to live with You." Accept her as an immaculate victim, since she is immolated for Your love. Through her intercession, O Merciful One, save our souls!

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 8*)

You rose from among the dead, O Life of all! A radiant angel spoke to the holy women and said: "Dry your tears and run to the Apostles, announcing the Good News of salvation. Sing aloud, for Christ the Lord is risen! Being God, He has willed to save the whole human race."

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

You have truly risen from the grave! You sent the holy women to announce the Resurrection to the Apostles, as it had been foretold in the Scriptures. Peter rushed to the sepulcher; and when he saw the light in the tomb, he was struck with wonder. Then he saw the burial linens lying there without the body of our God. He believed and he

cried aloud: "Glory to You, O Christ, for You have saved us all, O God our Savior! Truly You are the Radiance and Reflection of the Father above!"

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

Let us sing to the new Ark and the Gate of Heaven, the holy mountain and radiant cloud, the ladder reaching to Heaven, the deliverance of Eve, the mystical Paradise. She is the great and glorious treasure of the whole world. In her, salvation came about and the world was freed from its ancient debt. Let us then cry out to her: "Intercede with Christ our God to grant freedom from our sins to us who adore your Son and bow down before Him."

HYPACOI (*Tone 8*)

The ointment-bearing women stood by the tomb of the Life-giving One, seeking the Immortal Master among the dead. They heard from the angels the tidings of joy and announced to the disciples that the Lord had risen and had bestowed His great mercy upon the world.

KONDAKION OF THE RESURRECTION (*Tone 8*)

Most Merciful One, You are risen from the tomb! You have raised the dead and delivered Adam! Eve rejoices in Your Resurrection, while the far corners of the earth exalt it and find joy in it.

IKOS

Having despoiled the kingdom of Hades and raised the dead, O compassionate Lord, You met the myrrh-bearing women, bringing them joy in place of tears. O Savior, Lord and Giver of Life, You showed the signs of Your victory to Your Apostles. O Lover of Mankind, You gave light to the whole creation. O most merciful One, we praise Your Resurrection from the dead, while the far corners of the earth exalt it and find joy in it.

SYNAXARION

On October 5, we commemorate the holy martyr Charitina.

Freed from the flesh by prayer, Charitina is separated from it by death as she prays. After enduring much barbarous torment, on the fifth, she is united to the God who is so dear to her.

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

EXAPOSTILARIA (*Tone 2*)

~Revealing Your human nature, O Savior, after Your Resurrection from the tomb, You ate with Your Disciples as You appeared in their midst. You taught them to preach repentance. Then You were lifted up to Your Father in the heavens, promising to send the Paraclete upon Your Apostles. Glory to Your Resurrection, O Lover of Mankind and God Most High!

~The Author of Creation, the God of All, took human flesh from your womb, O Theotokos. He completely renewed my fallen nature, leaving you a Virgin after as well as before His birth. Thus we sing out to you with faith: "Hail, O Lady, sovereign over all creation!"

PRAISES *Stichera of the Resurrection (Tone 8)*

8. Lord, although You appeared before Pilate to be judged at his tribunal, You never left the throne where You are seated with the Father. Risen from the dead, You set the world free from its slavery to the Enemy for You are the Lover of mankind!
7. Lord, although You were laid as a dead man in the tomb, the soldiers kept their watch as though You were a sleeping King. As though guarding the Treasure of Life, they secured You by seals. But by Your Resurrection, You have obtained immortality for our souls.
6. Lord, You have granted us Your holy Cross as a weapon to defeat the Devil. Before it, he trembles and quakes, unable to look upon its might, for it has raised the dead and trampled down Death. Therefore we worship Your burial and Your holy Resurrection!
5. Lord, as he proclaimed Your Resurrection, Your angel filled those who were guarding You with terror; but in speaking to the holy women, he asked: "Why are you seeking the Living One among the dead? He is risen as our God, granting life to the whole world!"

Stichera of Anatolios the Patriarch

4. Un suffering in Your Divinity, You suffered on the Cross. You remained three days in the tomb to free us from slavery to the enemy. By Your Resurrection, You grant us life and immortality, O Lord, who are the Lover of Mankind!

3. I worship, glorify and sing of Your Resurrection from the tomb, O Christ! By it, You delivered us from the unbreakable bonds of Hades, granting to the world, as God, eternal life and great mercy.
2. The unbelievers kept watch over Your life-bearing tomb, placing a guard and closing it with seals; but You, O all-powerful and immortal God, rose again on the third day!
1. When You passed through the gates of Hades and shattered them, O Lord, then a cry arose from him who had held all in its captivity: "Who is this? He has not been condemned to dwell beneath the earth, but He has collapsed the prison of Death as though it were a tent! I have swallowed Him as a mortal, but I fear Him as God!" O all-powerful Savior, have mercy on us!
- v. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

Doxastikon (Tone 6)

O Christ, for all people You are truly the peace of God. You greeted Your Apostles with peace after Your Resurrection, filling them with fear, for they thought that they were seeing a ghost. But You calmed their troubled hearts by showing them Your hands and feet. Since they still doubted what their eyes beheld, You shared their food with them. You revealed to them the Promise of the Father and then, giving them Your blessing, You ascended into heaven. We too bow down before You in worship, as they did, and we cry aloud: "O Lord, glory to You!"

- 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!"