
Leavetaking of Annunciation
St. John Climacus

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Welcome! We are honored that you have joined us in our celebration of the Lord's resurrection this day.

If you are a first time visitor to our parish, we invite you to sign our guest book. If you have a question, a prayer request, or any need, please speak with Fr. Marty, or with any parish member.

For our friends present with us who are not Orthodox Christians, please note that we have specific disciplines regarding receiving Communion. We ask that you refrain from going to Communion until you have spoken with Fr. Marty and understand our discipline and piety regarding this sacrament and its implication for responsibility towards and membership in the Orthodox Church. The bread and wine offered after communion and the bread offered at the end of the service is available to all.

If you are an Orthodox Christian from another parish who has prepared in accordance with your discipline, and have a blessing from your home priest to do so, we invite and encourage you to partake of Holy Communion.

This booklet contains the variable hymns and readings specific to today. Please feel free to take it with you. There are coil-bound booklets with the text for the Divine Liturgy – if you find it useful, please feel free to take one of those as well, with our compliments.

We also hope you will stay and join us in our coffee and fellowship hour, which immediately follows the service. We want the opportunity to get to know you, and for you to get to know us. Again, welcome!

Regular services:

Great Vespers, *Saturday at 6:30pm*

Confession, *immediately following Great Vespers, other times by appointment.*

Third and Sixth Hour Prayers, *Sunday at 9:40am*

Divine Liturgy, *immediately following the hours.*

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Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 7

By Your Cross You destroyed death.
To the thief You opened Paradise.
For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy.
And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God,
to proclaim that You are risen,//
granting the world great mercy.

Troparion for the Archangel – Tone 4

Gabriel, commander of the heavenly hosts,
we who are unworthy beseech you,
by your prayers encompass us beneath the wings of your immaterial glory,
and faithfully preserve us who fall down and cry to you://
“Deliver us from all harm, for you are the commander of the powers on
high!”

Troparion for the Annunciation – Tone 4

Today is the beginning of our salvation,
the revelation of the eternal mystery!
The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin
as Gabriel announces the coming of Grace.
Together with him let us cry to the Theotokos:
“Rejoice, O Full of Grace,//
the Lord is with you!”

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

Kontakion for the Archangel – Tone 8

Supreme commander Gabriel, you are the glorious intercessor and servant
before the all-radiant, worthy, all-powerful, infinite and awesome Trinity.
Ever pray now that we may be delivered from all tribulations and torments,//
so that we may cry out to you: “Rejoice, protection of your servants!”
now and ever and unto ages of ages, amen.

Kontakion for the Annunciation – Tone 8

O victorious leader of triumphant hosts!
We, your servants delivered from evil
sing our grateful thanks to you, O Theotokos.
As you possess invincible might set us free from every calamity
so that we may sing; “Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!”

Epistle: (314) Hebrews 6:13-20 and (306) Hebrews 2:11-18 (Feast)

Prokeimenon, Tone 7

Reader: The Prokeimenon, in the 7th Tone: The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace.

Choir: The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace.

Reader: To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

Choir: The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace.

Reader: In the Fourth Tone, from day to day proclaim the salvation of our God!

Choir: From day to day proclaim the salvation of our God!

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: Brethren, when God made a promise to Abraham, since he could swear by no one greater, he swore by himself, saying, “I will surely bless and multiply you.” Thus, having patiently endured, Abraham obtained the promise. For humans indeed swear by someone greater, and in every dispute they have, the oath is final to get things settled. In this way, being determined to show more abundantly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable nature of his purpose, God intervened with an oath. And so, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, may we have a strong encouragement, since we have sought refuge and taken hold of the hope set before us. We have this hope as an anchor of the soul, a hope which is both sure and solid. It reaches beyond the veil, where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

Brethren, both the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one; for this reason, he is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying: *I will declare your Name to my brethren. In the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise. Again: I will put my trust in him, and: Behold, here I am with the children whom God has given me.* Since the children have shared in the same flesh and blood, he likewise shared the same human nature, so that through death he might bring to nothing the one who had the power of death – the devil – and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to life-long slavery. Certainly, Jesus did not take on the nature of angels, but that of Abraham’s seed. For this reason, he had to be made like his brethren in all things, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, able to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Moreover, since he himself suffered and was tempted, he is able to help those who are tempted.

Priest: Peace be to you.

Alleluia: Tone 7

Reader: **And to Your spirit.** In the 7th Tone: Alleluia! Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: In the First Tone, He descends like rain upon the fleece, like raindrops that water the earth.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: (40) Mark 9:17-31 and (3) Luke 1:24-38 (Feast)

Priest: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. **Mark.**

Choir: Glory to You O Lord, Glory to You.

At that time, a man came and knelt before Jesus, saying, “Teacher, I brought you my son who has a mute spirit. Wherever the spirit seizes him, it throws him to the ground and my son foams at the mouth, grinds his teeth, and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to cast it out, but they were not able.” Jesus answered him, “Unbelieving generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him to me.” They brought the son to him, and when he saw Jesus, the spirit immediately convulsed the boy who fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth. Jesus asked the boy’s father, “How long has he been like this?” “From childhood,” he answered. “Often, it has thrown him both into the fire and into water, in order to destroy him. But if you are able to do anything, have compassion on us and help us!” Jesus said to the man, “If you are able! All things are possible to the one who believes!” Immediately the father of the child cried out

with tears, "I believe! Help my unbelief!" When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to him, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again!" The spirit cried out, convulsed greatly, and came out of the boy. He became as dead, so much that many said, "He is dead!" But Jesus took him by the hand and raised him up; and the boy stood up. When Jesus entered into the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" He answered, "This kind can come out by nothing, except by prayer and fasting." They left that place and passed through Galilee, and Jesus did not want anyone to know it. He was teaching his disciples and told them, "The Son of Man is to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and when he is killed, he will rise again on the third day."

In those days Zacharias' wife Elizabeth conceived, and she hid herself five months, saying: "The Lord has done this to me in the days when he looked at me, in order to take away my disgrace among men." Now in the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. Having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, full of grace! The Lord is with you! Blessed are you among women!" But when she saw him, she was greatly troubled at his saying and considered what kind of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a son, and you will call his name 'Jesus.' He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father, David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever. And of his Kingdom there shall be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be happening to me, since I do not know a man?" The angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the holy one who is born will be called the Son of God. Behold, your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age and this is the sixth month of her pregnancy for her who was called barren. For nothing shall be impossible with God." Mary said, "Behold, the handmaid of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Choir: Glory to You O Lord, Glory to You.

Instead of "It is truly meet ..."

All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace:
the assembly of Angels and the race of men.
O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise,
the glory of virgins,
from whom God was incarnate and became a Child –
our God before the ages.
He made your body into a throne,
and your womb He made more spacious than the heavens.
All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace.//
Glory to you!

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! The Lord has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His habitation. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Please join us in our fellowship hour immediately following the dismissal!
