

Great and Holy Saturday
Great Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil The Great

Propers, starting with the Entrance (page 13, in the booklet for Great and Holy Saturday).

We sing the Entrance Hymn: **O Tranquil Light...**

Reading from the Book of Exodus (13:20-15:19)

After the verse: *'Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord:'* **and after each remaining verse, we sing the refrain:**

Let us sing to the Lord, for He has been clothed with glory.

Reading from the Book of Prophet Daniel (3:1-88)

After the verse: *"Then these three in the furnace with one voice sang, glorifying and blessing God:"* **and after next 4 verses, we sing:**

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever.

After the verse: *"Blessed are You in the firmament of heaven, praiseworthy and glorious forever,"* **and after remaining verses, all stand and sing:**

Sing praise to the Lord, and exalt Him above all forever.

We continue with the Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great. (pg. 31 in the Divine Liturgy book)

Instead of Holy God..., we sing: (page 31)

† All you who have been baptized into Christ, you have put on Christ! Alleluia.

† Ви, що в Христа хрестилися, у Христа зодягнулися. Алилуя. *(Ukrainian)*

† All you who have been baptized into Christ, you have put on Christ! Alleluia

† Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, Now and forever and ever. Amen.
You have put on Christ! Alleluia.

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Prokeimenon, Tone 8: (page 33)

Let all the earth worship and sing to You,* chanting praise to Your Name, O Most High.

verse: Sing joyfully to God, all you the earth; chant the glory of His Name, give to Him noble praise.

Epistle: Romans 6:3-11

In place of Alleluia; we sing the following refrain in Tone 7, and after each verse: (page 33)

Refrain: O God, arise and judge the earth,* for all the nations are Yours.

verse: God arises in the divine assembly; He judges in the midst of the heavens.

verse: How long will you judge unjustly and favor the cause of the wicked?

verse: Defend the lowly and the fatherless, give justice to the afflicted and the destitute.

verse: Rescue the lowly and poor; deliver them from the hands of the wicked.

verse: They do not know or understand; they go about in darkness.

verse: I have said: You are divine; you are the sons of the Most High. Yet like men, you will die; you shall fall like any other prince.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 28:1-20

Instead of the Cherubic Hymn, we sing: (page 43)

Let all mortal flesh be silent and stand with fear and trembling. Let thoughts remove earthly concerns, for the King of kings, the Lord of lords comes to be sanctified. He is given as food to the faithful. All ranks of angelic choirs of glory go before Him. Many-eyed Cherubim, six-winged Seraphim hide their faces and cry out the hymn: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Hymn to the Mother of God: (page 57)

Weep not for me, O Mother, as you see in the tomb the Son whom you conceived without seed in your womb; for I shall rise, and be glorified; and as God, I shall exalt in everlasting glory those who magnify you with faith and love.

Communion verse: (page 67)

The Lord has waked as if from sleep:* He is risen and saves us. Alleluia. **(3X)**