

## Fourth Sunday of the Fast: St. John Climacus

### Vespers

**Lord, I Have Cried, tone 8** *Resurrection, of St. John of Damascus (6 Resurrection, 4 Saint)*  
*Lead forth my soul from prison, that I may confess Thy name.*

We offer to Thee, O Christ,  
our evening song and rational worship!  
For Thou didst will to have mercy on us  
by Thy Resurrection.

*The righteous await me, till Thou shalt reward me.*  
Lord, Lord, do not cast us away from Thy face!  
For Thou didst will to have mercy on us  
by Thy Resurrection!

*Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord; O Lord, hear my voice.*  
Rejoice, O holy Zion!  
Mother of the Churches, the abode of God.  
For thou wast the first to receive remission of sins  
by the Resurrection.

*Let Thine ears give heed to the voice of my prayer.*  
The Word of God the Father,  
begotten before the ages,  
in the latter times willed to be incarnate of the Virgin  
and endured crucifixion unto death.  
He hath saved mortal man  
by His Resurrection!

*If thou observest transgressions, Lord, O Lord, who shall stand? For with Thee is  
propitiation.*  
We glorify Thee, O Lord,  
who voluntarily didst endure the Cross for our sake.  
We fall down in worship before Thee, O Almighty Savior.  
Do not cast us away from Thy face,  
but hear us and save us, O Lover of man,  
by Thy Resurrection!

*For Thy name's sake, I have waited upon Thee, O Lord; my soul hath waited upon  
Thy word; my soul hath hoped in the Lord.*  
Glory to Thee, O Savior Christ,  
Only-begotten Son of God, who wast nailed to the Cross  
and resurrected from the tomb on the third day!

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*From the morning watch even to the night, let Israel hope in the Lord. of the Saint, tone 8*

O holy father John,

truly thou hast ever carried on thy lips the praises of the Lord,  
and with great wisdom hast thou studied the words of Holy Scripture  
that teach us how to practice the ascetic life.

So hast thou gained the riches of grace,  
and thou hast become blessed, overthrowing all the purposes of the ungodly.

*For with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption, and He shall  
redeem Israel from all his transgression.*

Repeat preceding verse.

*O praise the Lord, all ye nations, praise him, all ye people.*

Most glorious father John,

with the fountain of thy tears thou hast cleansed thy soul,  
and by keeping vigils through the night thou hast gained God's mercy.

Thou wast raised on wings, O blessed one,  
to the love of Him and of His beauty;  
and as is right thou dwellest now in His unending joy,  
with the fellow soldiers in the spiritual fight, O holy saint of God.

*For His mercy hath been confirmed upon us, and the truth of the Lord remaineth for  
ever.*

O holy father John,

through faith thou hast lifted up thy mind on wings to God;  
hating the restless confusion of this world, thou hast taken up thy Cross;  
and, following Him who seeth all things,  
thou hast subjected thy rebellious body to His guidance  
through ascetic discipline, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### **Glory...tone 5**

O holy father, hearing the voice of the Gospel of the Lord,  
thou hast forsaken the world,

counting as naught its riches and its glory;  
and so thou hast cried out to all:

“Love God, and ye shall find eternal grace.

“Set nothing higher than His love,

that, when He cometh in glory,  
ye may find rest with all the saints.”

At their prayers, O Christ, guard and save our souls.

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*Now & ever...Dogmaticon in tone of week*

The King of Heaven, because of His love for man,  
appeared on earth and dwelt with men.

He took flesh from the pure Virgin;  
and after assuming it, He came forth from her.

The only Son is He—in two natures, yet one person.

We confess Christ our God, proclaiming Him as perfect God and perfect man.

Entreat Him, O unwedded mother, to have mercy on our souls.

### **The Aposticha, Tone 8**

Descending from heaven to ascend the Cross,  
the Eternal Life hath come for death

to raise those who are fallen,  
to enlighten those in darkness!

O Jesus, our Savior and illuminator, glory to Thee!

*The Lord hath become King, with beauty hath He clothed Himself!*

We glorify Christ, who rose from the dead!

He accepted the human body and soul,  
and freed both from suffering!

His most pure soul descended to hell, which He spoiled.

His holy body did not see corruption in the tomb!

He is the Redeemer of our souls!

*For He hath established the world, which shall not be moved.*

In Psalms and songs we glorify Thy Resurrection from the dead, O Christ!

By it, Thou hast freed us from the tortures of hell,

and as God hast granted eternal life and great mercy!

*Holiness belongeth to Thy house, O Lord, unto length of days.*

O Master of all, incomprehensible Creator of heaven and earth!

By Thy suffering on the Cross Thou hast gained passionlessness for me!

Accepting burial and arising in glory,

Thou didst resurrect Adam with Thyself by Thine almighty hand!

Glory to Thy rising on the third day!

By it Thou hast granted us eternal life and cleansing of sins

as the only compassionate One!

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### Glory...tone 2

Let us honor John,  
angel upon earth and man of God in heaven,  
adornment of the world, joy of the good and virtuous,  
glory of ascetics.  
For planted in the house of God  
he hath blossomed with the flower of holiness,  
and spread abroad like a cedar in the desert,  
causing the sheep of Christ's spiritual flock to increase in sanctity and righteousness.

### Now and ever...Theotokion, tone 8

O unwedded Virgin,  
who ineffably didst conceive God in the flesh!  
O Mother of God Most High!  
Accept the cries of thy servants, O blameless one,  
grant cleansing of transgressions to all,  
receive our prayers and pray to save our souls.

### Troparia

#### Resurrectional Troparion, tone 8

Thou didst descend from on high, O tenderhearted One.  
Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our passions.  
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee. (*twice*)

#### Glory ...Troparion, St. John Climacus, tone 1

O John, our father, saint of God, thou was revealed as a citizen of the desert,  
an angel in a body and a worker of miracles.  
Through fasting, prayer and vigils,  
thou hast received heavenly gifts of grace,  
and thou healest the sick and the souls of those that turn to thee with faith.  
Glory be to Him who gave thee strength;  
glory, be to Him who crowned thee;  
glory be to Him who through thee granteth to all men healing.

#### Now and ever...Dismissal Theotokion, tone 8

Thou, O good Lord, for our sakes wast born of a Virgin  
and hast endured crucifixion, despoiling death by death,  
and as God Thou hast shown forth the Resurrection.  
Despise not the works of Thy hands, show Thy love for man O merciful Lord,  
Accept the intercession made on our behalf by the Theotokos who bore Thee,  
and save Thy despairing people, O our Savior.