



■ † **The Holy Resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ**

**“Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord!”\***

**Epistle**

(Acts 1:1-8)

*In the former treatise, O Theophilus, I have given an account of all that Jesus began both to do and teach until the day in which He was taken up, after He had given commandments through the Holy Spirit unto the apostles, whom He had chosen. To these also He showed Himself alive after His passion by many infallible proofs, being seen by them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the Kingdom of God. And being assembled together with them, He commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, “which,” saith He, “ye have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days hence.” When they therefore had come together, they asked of Him, saying, “Lord, wilt Thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?” And He said unto them, “It is not for you to know the times or the seasons which the Father hath put in His own power. But ye shall receive power after the Holy Spirit is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”*

**Gospel**

(St John 1:1-17)

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him, and without*

Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and that life was the Light of men. And the Light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came as a witness to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to those who believe in His name, who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only Begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth. John bore witness of Him and cried, saying, "This was He of whom I spoke, 'He that cometh after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.'" And of His fullness have we all received, and grace for grace. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

## ***P***ascha, the Lord's Pascha!

The Lord has led us from death to life by means of His Resurrection. And this Resurrection "the Angels in heaven hymn," having seen in the countenance of the Lord and Redeemer the radiance of deified human nature in the glory foreordained for it.

All Who truly believe in Him and cleave to Him with all their soul are changed into His image by the power of His Resurrection.

### ***Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord!***

The Angels hymn, rejoicing with us and foreseeing the filling of their assembly.

Vouchsafe us also with pure hearts, O Lord, to glorify Thee resurrected, beholding in Thy resurrection the severing of our consuming decay, the sowing of a most bright new life, and the



dawn of future eternal glory, into which Thou hast gone before us by Thy Resurrection for our sake.

The tongues not only of men but also of Angels have insufficient strength to express Thine unspeakable mercy toward us, O most gloriously resurrected Lord!



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(\*) St. Theophan the Recluse, *Thoughts for Each Day of the Year According to the Daily Church Readings from the Word of God.*