light, that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been wrought in God.
(Jn. 3:19-21)

It is for us to stand in the light, where our own deeds, of whatever character, can be revealed. I think that if we actually do what is true, it will not be in our heart to condemn, but to weep and to long for the healing of all.

Unbelief is a soul-wound whose location likely lies much deeper than the fiction of choice. It is often hidden deep within the hell that has formed in the pit of a soul’s shame. That wound will require Christ-in-Hades probing and questing, and perhaps fierce battles that are hidden from our knowledge. When the Church proclaims, “Christ is risen, trampling down death by death and upon those in the tombs bestowing life,” it is deeply important to remember that we have the souls of those so wounded in mind.

It is ours to celebrate, to sing and to dance, even if some, for now, refuse to join together with us. The true Christ revealed by the Cross, is a saving God, a healing God, a trampling God, a healing God, a raising-from-the-dead God who refuses to be ignored. This is the good God who loves mankind.

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

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- Holy Thursday – Vesperal Liturgy of St Basil – 9:30am
- Vespers Passion Gospels – 7:00pm
- Holy Friday – Royal Hours 9:00am
- Vespers with procession 4pm
- Matins of Holy Saturday 6pm
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- Midnight office – 11:30pm
- Great and Holy Pascha Lord’s Day
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Antiphon 2  

(Propers of palms)

I kept my faith, even when I said, “I am greatly afflicted.”

Refrain: O Son of God, seated on the colt of an ass, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

What shall I render to the Lord for all the things He has given me? (Refrain is sung after each of the following verses)

I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord. R.

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people. R.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. No refrain.

(“Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God... ”)

Antiphon 3  

(Propers of palms)

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever!

{Tone 1}

Troparion: “By raising Lazarus from the dead forever!

Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God. Like the children with the palms of victory, we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of Death:

“Hosanna in the highest!!

Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.”

Let the house of Israel say that He is good, for His mercy endures forever!

{Tone 1 Troparion}

“By raising Lazarus from the dead... ”

Let the house of Aaron say that He is good, for His mercy endures forever!

{Tone 1 Troparion}

“By raising Lazarus from the dead... ”

Let those who fear the Lord say that He is good, for His mercy endures forever!

{Tone 1 Troparion}

“By raising Lazarus from the dead... ”

(After the Entrance)

Tone 1 Troparion

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Tone 4 Troparion

When we were buried with Thee in baptism, O Christ God, we were made worthy of eternal life by Thy Resurrection. Now we praise Thee and sing:

“Hosanna in the highest!!

Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!”

Tone 6 Kontakion

Sitting on Thy throne in Heaven, carried on a foal on earth, O Christ God, accept the praise of angels and the songs of children, who sing://

“Blessed is He Who comes to recall Adam!”

Tone 4 Prokeimenon

Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord! God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us!

v: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever!

Tone 1

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

v: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Today's Scripture Readings:

Philippians 4:4-9 (Epistle)

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!

Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—I have these things to praise—think on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

John 12:1-18 (Gospel)

Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, who would betray Him, said, Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor? This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it.

But Jesus said, “Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always.” Now a great many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus’ sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also, because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus. The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: “Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! The King of Israel!” Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written: “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt.” His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him. Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign.

UNBELIEF AND GOOD FRIDAY

By Fr. Stephen Freeman

Christmas and Easter are often difficult days for those who do not believe in God. Christians are more public about their faith than at other times of the year and this brings with it an annoyance. Christmas bespeaks the birth of God as a human being. Easter bespeaks a resurrection from the dead. For those who do not believe, such miracles, spoken of so glowingly and with such assurance by Christians, only increases the rub of the whole thing. Thoughts of “how can people be so gullible?” or any number of failings of Christians easily come to mind. The more the celebration, the more prominently the fact of unbelievers grows in the inner thoughts.

I do not think of unbelief as a result of reason or philosophical principle. I have spent too many years observing my own heart and listening to the thoughts of others to accept such a simplistic notion of how we behave as human beings. One person professes faith on the ground of “reasonable” arguments, while another, on similar grounds, professes unbelief. The fault is not in the reasoning. Reasoning is, in fact, something we largely do “after the fact.” Indeed, this psychological reality has itself been the subject of study and has been shown to be largely true. Reason is one of the sounds we make after the fact of the heart. It is a symptom of something else and we do one another a deep injustice when we reduce faith and unbelief to something they are not. I believe that the fact of the historical resurrection of Christ is a reality universally in their reality. They are not isolated events, significant only within the Christian belief system. I believe they are the singular moments within