Saturday of St. Lazarus - Friday Evening Vespers
(with Pre-sanctified Liturgy)

Stichera on "Lord I have cried"
Kievan Chant
Tone 8

(10) Reader: Bring my soul out of prison

That I may confess Thy name.

Having completed the forty days that bring profit to our soul,

we beseech Thee in Thy love for man: Grant us also to behold the
Holy Week of Thy Passion, that in it we may glorify Thy mighty acts and Thine ineffable dispensation for our sakes,
singing with one mind: O Lord, glory to Thee.

(9) Reader: The righteous shall wait patiently for me

Until Thou shalt reward me.

Repeat: "Having completed the forty days..."
(8) Reader: Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord;

O Lord, hear my voice.

O martyrs of the Lord, we beseech you, /
offer intercession to our God: //

Pray for abundant mercy on our souls and the forgiveness of our sins.
Tone 6

(7) Reader: In the 6th Tone—Let Thine ears be attentive

O Lord, wishing to see the tomb of Lazarus /
for Thou wast soon to dwell by Thine own choice within a tomb /
Thou hast asked: "Where have ye laid him?" /
And, learning that which was already known to Thee, /
Thou hast cried to him whom Thou hast loved: "Lazarus, come forth." /
and he who was without breath obeyed the One Who gave him breath, //
even Thee, the Saviour of our souls.

(6) Reader: If Thou shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand?

Repeat: "O Lord, wishing to see the tomb of Lazarus..."
(5) Reader: For Thy name's sake have I patiently waited for Thee, O Lord; my soul hath waited patiently for Thy word,

My soul _______ hath hoped _______ in the Lord.

O Lord, Thou hast come to the tomb of one that was four days dead, /
to the burial-place of Lazarus, /
and weeping for Thy friend /
Thou hast raised up the four-day corpse, O Wheat of life. /
So death was bound by Thy voice, /
and the grave-clothes were loosed by Thy hands. /
Then the band of Thy disciples was filled with joy, /
and they all raised one voice in adoration, saying: //
"Blessed art Thou, O Saviour, have mercy on us".

(4) Reader: From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch

Let Is - - - - ra - el hope _______ in the Lord.

Repeat: "O Lord, Thou hast come to the tomb..."
(3) Reader: For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption;

And He shall redeem Israel out of all his iniquities.

O Lord, Thy voice destroyed the dominion of hell, /
and the word of Thy power raised from the tomb /
him that had been four days dead; /
and Lazarus became the saving first-fruits /
of the regeneration of the world. /
all things are possible to Thee, O Lord and King of all. //
Bestow upon Thy servants cleansing and great mercy.

(2) Reader: O praise the Lord, all ye nations;

Praise Him all ye peoples.

O Lord, wishing to give to Thy disciples /
an assurance of Thy Resurrection from the dead, /
Thou hast come to the tomb of Lazarus and called to him by name. /
Then was hell despoiled, /
and it released the one that had been four days dead, //
as he called upon Thee: "O blessed Lord, glory to Thee."
(1) Reader: For He hath made His mercy to prevail over us,
And the truth of the Lord a-bideth forever.

O Lord, taking Thy disciples, /
Thou hast come to Bethany to awaken Lazarus. /
Weeping for him in accordance with the law of human nature, /
Thou hast as God raised up the four-day corpse, /
and he cried out to Thee, our Saviour: //
"O blessed Lord, glory to Thee."
Reader: Glory, in the 8th Tone.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spi-rit.

Standing before the tomb of Lazarus, O Saviour, /
and calling to the dead man, /
thou hast raised him as from sleep. /
He shook off corruption /
through the Spirit of incorruption, /
and at Thy word He came out bound with grave-clothes. /
All things are possible to Thee, /
all things serve Thee, loving Lord, /
all things submit to Thee: //
O our Saviour, glory to Thee.
Reader: Both now, in the same tone.

Both now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Having completed the forty days that bring profit to our soul, /
let us cry: /

Rejoice, city of Bethany, home of Lazarus. /
Rejoice, Martha and Mary, his sisters. /

Tomorrow Christ will come, /
by His word to bring your dead brother to life. /
Hearing His voice, bitter hell that is never satisfied /
will tremble and groan aloud, /
and it will release Lazarus bound in his grave-clothes. /

Amazed by this miracle, /
a multitude of Jews will come to meet Him with palms and branches; /
though their fathers look on Him with malicious envy, /
yet shall the children praise Him, saying: //
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel.

Entrance, "O joyous Light...", the Lenten Prokeimena and Readings.