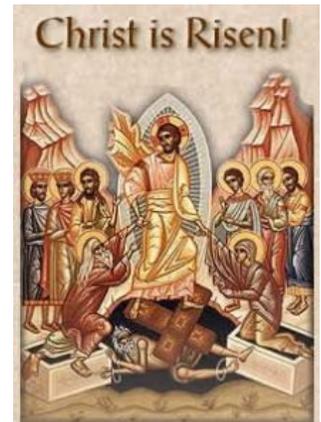




Psalm 138 - Christ Is Risen

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Psalm 138 foretold that Christ would descend into Hades, which would "blow up" and lighten like day, and free the righteous from their bonds ! Our Holy Fathers say that because the devil did not understanding who Christ really was (see below), devised a plan to have Him killed so that he (the devil) could get his hands on Him, as up to that point in time all those who had died were going straight to Hell - the world had not been redeemed just yet.

"And I said, Surely the darkness shall cover me, and in my pleasure shall the night be turned to day. For darkness will not be darkness with Thee, but night shall be bright as day; as is the darkness, even so shall be the light thereof."

Then it continues:

"My bones are not hid from Thee, which Thou hast made in secret; nor my substance in the lowest parts of the earth." Here is foretold that He was to be buried and He would descend down to hell ("lowest parts of the earth").

Another mystery is hidden in this verse, which is very much bound up with the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection: "My bones ... which Thou hast made in secret". This indicates the divine plan devised by God to hide the Godly nature of Christ by being brought into the world through birth like everyone else, and having appointed Joseph as His protector so that the conception would not look suspicious to the prying eyes of the world.

The resurrected Christ shall then show Himself to the Apostles, who will then be greatly strengthened in their faith and who will be given authority to establish the Ortodox Church and



spread the truth throughout all of the Earth.

"Exceeding honoured also are Thy friends unto me, O God! Their rule is greatly strengthened. I will tell them, and they shall be multiplied in number more than the sand; when I awake, I am still with Thee."

How wonderful this Psalm 138 is !

Christ is Risen!