

Divine Liturgy Propers, April 23
SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARERS
Third Paschal Sunday

THE HOLY AND VICTORIOUS GREAT MARTYR GEORGE THE WONDERWORKER whose glorious contest at Lydda in Palestine all the Churches from East to West have celebrated since antiquity. (303)

Immediately after the opening blessing, the following is sung once by the priest and then twice by the faithful:

Troparion of Pascha - Special Tone 5

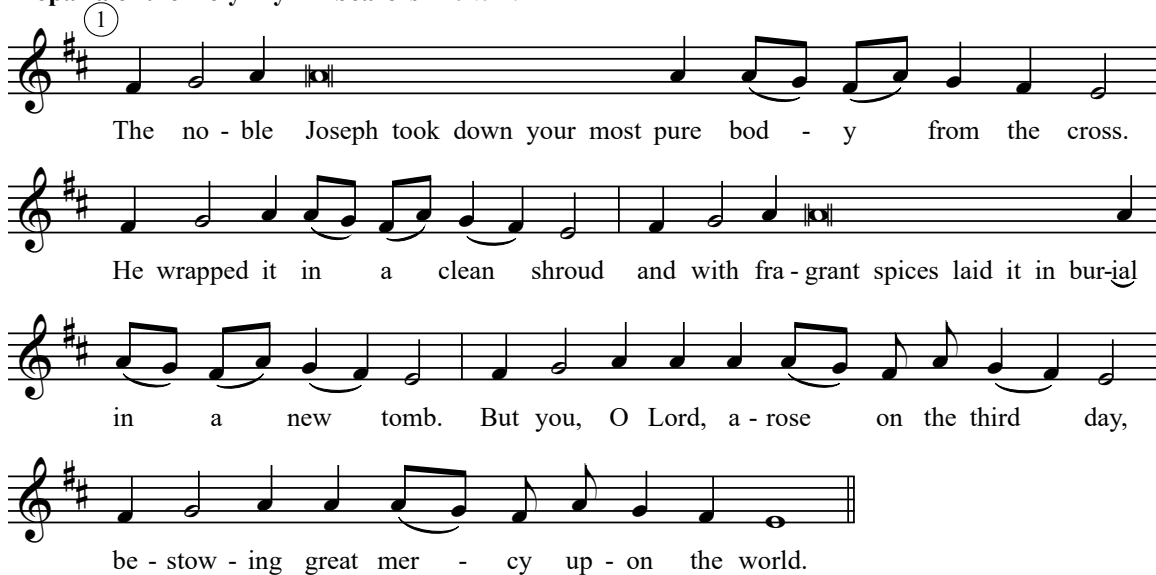
Christ is ris - en from the dead! By death he tram - pled Death;
and to those in the tombs he grant - ed life.

Troparia of the Resurrection - Tone 2:

When you de - scend - ed to death, O Im - mor - tal Life, you de - stroyed
Ha - des by the brilliance of your di - vin - i - ty; and when you raised the dead
from the depths of the earth, all the heav - en - ly pow - ers cried out:
O Giv - er of Life, Christ our God, glo - - ry to you.

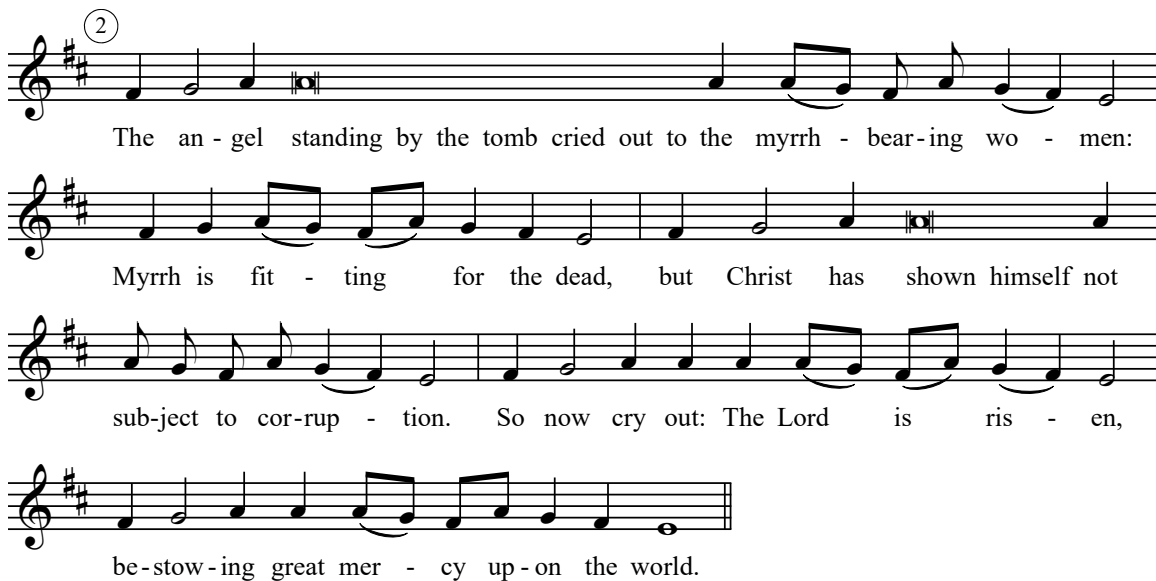
Troparia of the Holy Myrrh-bearers - Tone 2:

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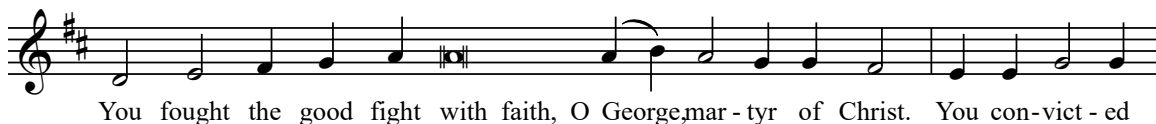
The no - ble Joseph took down your most pure bod - y from the cross.
He wrapped it in a clean shroud and with fra - grant spices laid it in bur - ial
in a new tomb. But you, O Lord, a - rose on the third day,
be - stow - ing great mer - cy up - on the world.

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The an - gel standing by the tomb cried out to the myrrh - bear - ing wo - men:
Myrrh is fit - ting for the dead, but Christ has shown himself not
sub - ject to cor - rup - tion. So now cry out: The Lord is ris - en,
be - stow - ing great mer - cy up - on the world.

Troparion of the holy greatmartyr George - Tone 4:



You fought the good fight with faith, O George, mar - tyr of Christ. You con - vict - ed

the ty-rants of their wick-ed-ness. You off-ered yourself as an accept-a-ble
 sac-ri-fice to God. There-fore, you received a crown of vic-to-ry,
 and through your pray'rs, O ho-ly one, you obtain for-give-ness of sins for all.

Cantor

Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it.

Kontakion of the holy great martyr George - Tone 4:

Cul-ti-vat-ed by God, you became an excellent gardener of re-li-gion,
 har-vest-ing sheaves of vir-tues for your-self. You sowed in tears but reaped in joy.
 You fought to the shed-ding of your blood, and through your pray'rs, O ho-ly one,
 you ob-tain for-give-ness of sins for all.

Cantor



Now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

Kontakion of the Holy Myrrh-bearers - Tone 2:



By your res-ur-rec - tion, O Christ our God, you told the myrrh - bear-ers to re-joyce;



and you stilled the weeping of Eve, the first moth - er. You com-mand-ed



your a - pos - tles to pro-claim: The Sav-ior is ris - en from the tomb.

Prokeimenon of the Myrrh-bearers - Tone 6 (Psalm 27:9,1):



Save your peo - ple, O Lord, and bless your in - her - i - tance,



and bless your in - her - i - tance.

Verse: To you, O Lord, I cry out: My God, be not silent to me.

And then immediately after the verse:

Prokeimenon of the holy great-martyr George - Tone 7 (Psalm 63:11,2):



The just man will re-joyce in the Lord, re - joyce in the Lord,



and will put, his trust in him.

Alleluia of the Myrrh-beareres - Tone 8 (Psalm 84:2,11):



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia! Al - - - le - lu - - ia!

Verse: You have favored your land, O Lord; you have restored the well-being of Jacob.

Verse: Mercy and truth have met; justice and peace have kissed.

And then immediatetely after the second verse:

Alleluia of the holy great-martyr George - Tone 4 (Psalm 91:13,14):



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia! Al - - - le - lu - - - - ia!

Verse: The just man will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar of Lebanon.


[**Verse:** Planted in the house of the Lord, he will flourish in the courts of our God.]

Instead of "It is truly proper . . ."

Magnification:



The an - gel ex - claimed to her, full of grace:



Re - joice, O pure Vir - gin; and a - gain, I say: Re-joyce!

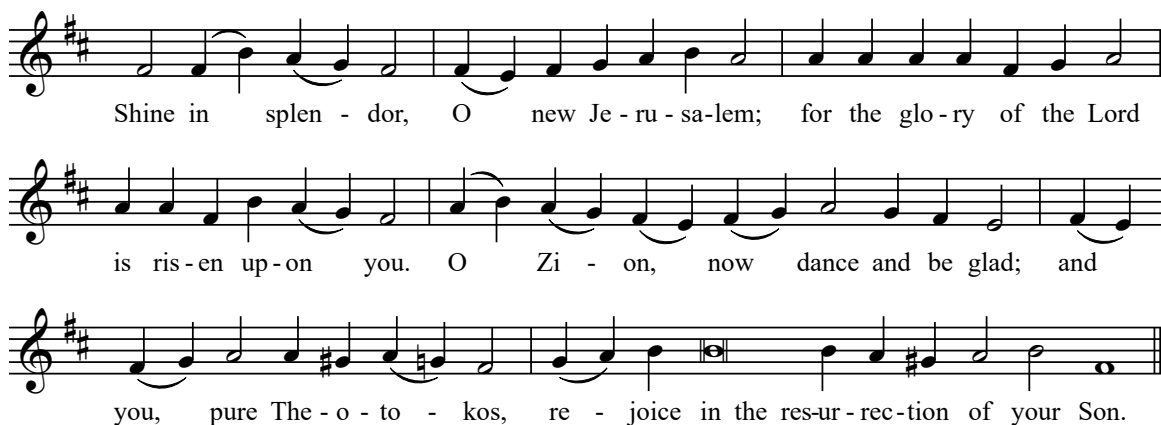


Your Son is ris - en from the grave on the third day



and has raised the dead. Re - joice, all you na - tions!

Irmos:



Shine in splen - dor, O new Je - ru - sa - lem; for the glo - ry of the Lord
is ris - en up - on you. O Zi - on, now dance and be glad; and
you, pure The - o - to - kos, re - joice in the res - ur - rec - tion of your Son.

Paschal "Our Father" - melody of the Canon of Pascha



Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - lowed be thy name;
thy king - dom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en.
Give us this day our dai - ly bread; and for - give us our tres - pass - es
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion,
but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

Communion Hymn of Pascha: (music found on page 168-169)

Receive the body of Christ; drink the source of immortality. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Communion Hymn of Sunday (Psalm 148:1): (music found on pages 78-81)

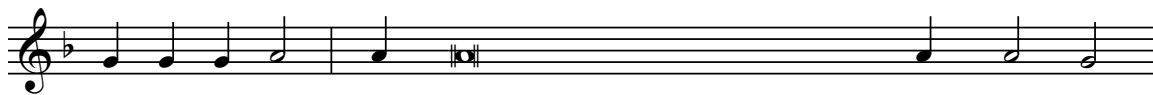
Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the highest. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Paschal troparion “Christ is risen from the dead. * By death . . .” is sung once in place of “We have seen the true light; . . .”

At the Dismissal, in place of "Glory to the Father...":



Christ is risen from the dead! By death he tram-pled Death; and to those in the tombs



he grant-ed life. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Give the bles - sing.

After the Dismissal, the celebrant says three times: “Christ is risen!” and the faithful respond each time: “Indeed he is risen!” The celebrant then sings once: “Christ is risen from the dead! By death . . .,” and the faithful sing:

(Twice)



Christ is ris-en from the dead! By death he tram-pled death; and to those in the



tombs he grant - ed life. And to us he grant-ed life e - ter - nal.



Let us bow be - fore his resur-rec - tion on the third day!