

## Vespers Propers, July 22

**The holy myrrh-bearer Mary Magdalene, equal to the apostles,** who, freed by the Lord of seven demons and made a disciple, followed him even to Mount Calvary. At the break of dawn on the first Pascha, she was found worthy to see the Savior risen again from the dead and to bear the news of his resurrection to the other disciples.

*Supplement for **The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2005***

*Tone of the Week: Tone 7 (begins on page 92), stichera 10 - 7.*

**Cantor:** (Tone 8) If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?  
*on 6)* But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

**Stichera of Mary Magdalene - Tone 8 samohlasen**

Bear-ing myrrh with tears, O Mar-y Mag-da-lene, when you reached the di-vine  
sep-ul-cher you saw an an-gel of glo-ry who pro-claimed  
the di-vine resurrection of the Giv-er of Life and the de-liv-'rance of all!  
Where-fore you hastened to announce to the E-lev-en, say-ing joyfully:  
Leap up! for Christ has ris-en!

**Cantor:** My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.  
*on 5)* My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.  
*All repeat "Bearing myrrh with tears..."*

**Cantor:** Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.  
*on 4)*

Serv - ing Christ God, who became one of us for our sake, and set - ting  
 your soul and mind a - fire with con - tin - ual ra - diance, you be - came light,  
 O all - praised Mar - - y. And, see - ing the strange vision of Christ up - on  
 the Cross, you wept and cried a - loud: How is it that Life  
 now ac - cepts a vol - un - tar - y death?

**Cantor:** Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,  
*on 3)* Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. *All repeat "Serving Christ God..."*

**Cantor:** Praise the Lord, all you nations,  
*on 2)* acclaim him all you peoples!

You have learned from Christ him - self, and preached his precepts for the  
 de - liv'rance of our souls, O most glo - rious Mar - y, and we cel - e - brate  
 your sa - cred mem - o - ry! We ven - erate with faith the shrine of your rel - ics,

ob-serv-ing his de-crees, O Mar - y. In re-turn we ob-serve your ho-ly mem-o-ry,  
 that our sins might be for - giv - en through your pray'rs.

*Glory/now in Tone 1*

*Festal Theotokion, Tone 1, page 34*

which pours forth inexhaustible grace and enlight-en - ment on all who have recourse  
 to it with love, O bless - ed one.

**Cantor:** Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faithful forever.  
*on 1) All repeat "You have learned from Christ..."*

**Cantor:** *(Tone 6) Glory...*

**Doxastikon - Tone 6 samohlasen**

Be-ing the first to be hold the divine resurrection of the First Cause of good things,  
 who in the good - ness of his heart has de - i - fied our na - ture,  
 you showed yourself, O Mar y Mag-da-lene, to be also the first ev-an-gel - ist,  
 when you cried out to the a-pos - tles: Set a-side your grief and take cour - age!  
 Come and be - hold the ris - en Christ who grants to the world  
 great mer - cy!

**Cantor:** (Tone 7) Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon, Tone 7, page 98*

*Aposticha, Tone 7, page 99*

**Cantor:** (Tone 8) Glory...

**Doxastikon - Tone 8 samohlasen**

As a dis - ci - ple, you faithfully minis tered to Christ our God, who  
will - ingly as - sumed my pov - er - ty in the ex - cess of his com - pas - sion for all.  
O Mar - y Mag - da - lene, when you be - held him stretched up - on the Tree,  
and then enclosed within the sep - ul - cher, cried a - loud while shed - ding  
man - y tears: What strange sight is this, O Lord who gives life to the dead?  
How is it that you are counted a - mong the dead? What myrrh shall I  
bring to you, who re - moved from me the de - mons' stench? What tears

shall I weep for you, who wiped the tears from our first moth - er's eyes?  
Yet, O King of all, you appeared as a gard - 'ner, tak - ing a - way  
the burning heat with the dew of your words, and said to Mary: Go to my  
breth - ren and de - clare to them the joy of my Gos - pel.  
For I shall ascend to my Fa - ther, my God and your God! that I may bestow  
up - on the world great mer - cy!

**Cantor:** Now and ever...

*Aposticha Theotokion, Tone 8, page 110*

*Troparion of Tone 7, page 101*

**Troparion of Mary Magdalene - Tone 1**

You fol - lowed Christ who was born of a vir - gin for us, keep - ing his laws and