

MATINS OF THE RESURRECTION
also known as Paschal Matins



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The service of Matins on Pascha – Easter Sunday – is the most joyous morning celebration of the church year. The feast of Pascha commemorates the day that our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ rose from the dead, and appeared to his disciples – the myrrhbearing women and the apostles. This service is different from all other celebrations of Matins; it begins with a procession around the church, and consists entirely of festive elements – the singing of the great Paschal Canon of Saint John Damascene, and the chanting of the Psalms of Praise (Psalms 148-150) with the paschal stichera. After the service, the priest customarily blesses baskets of paschal foods – some of which are symbolic, and others being the foods from which the faithful abstained during the Great Fast and Holy Week.

The text and music for this service are based on the Resurrection Matins booklet published by the Byzantine Seminary Press in 1976. Any official texts and music which have been published since that time by the Byzantine Catholic Church *sui juris* of the United States of America have been used here, superseding previous texts and musical settings. In addition, incorrect accents in the original Resurrection Matins booklet have been corrected throughout, although wherever possible the “flow” of the earlier music has been kept.

Since 1976, it has become common to sing “Having beheld the Resurrection” in Kievan tone 6 (see pages 22-23). The harmonization, which is fairly easy, adds greatly to the singing of this hymn. As an alternative, the text can be recited.

Also, note that in the Paschal stichera (pages 39-42), the ending phrases have been set using the original tone 5 ending from Slavonic, which matches the use of this tone in the *Divine Liturgies* book. These endings are not difficult, but cantors should master them thoroughly in advance of the service.

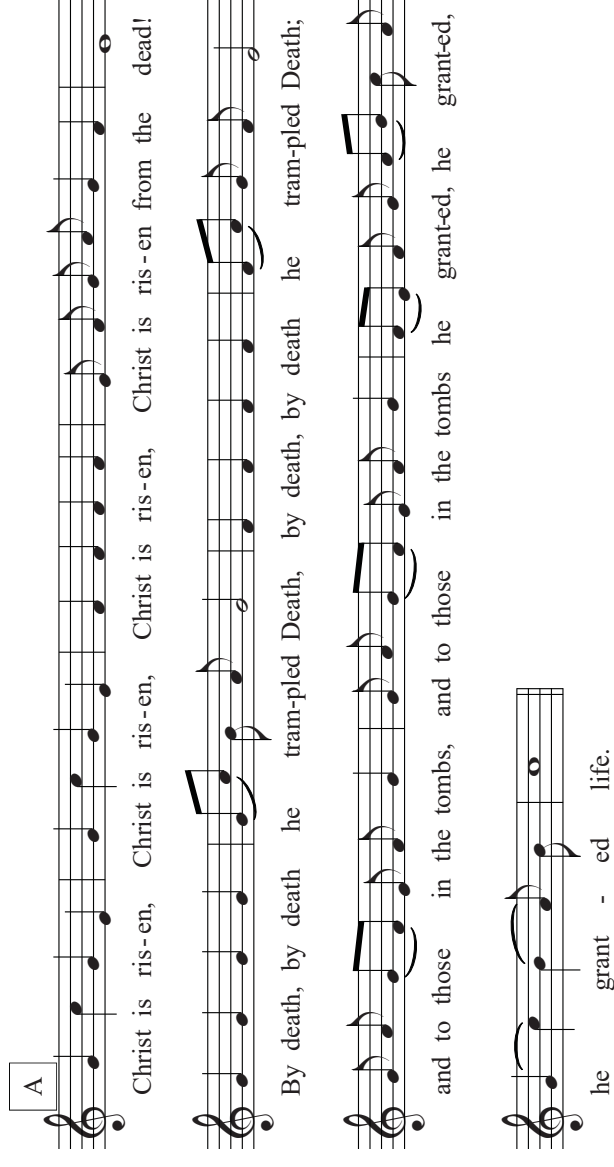
The Slavonic setting of the Paschal troparion included here is taken from the *Tserkovnoje Prostopinije* of Father Ivan Bokshaj (1906).

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Christ is Risen - alternate melodies

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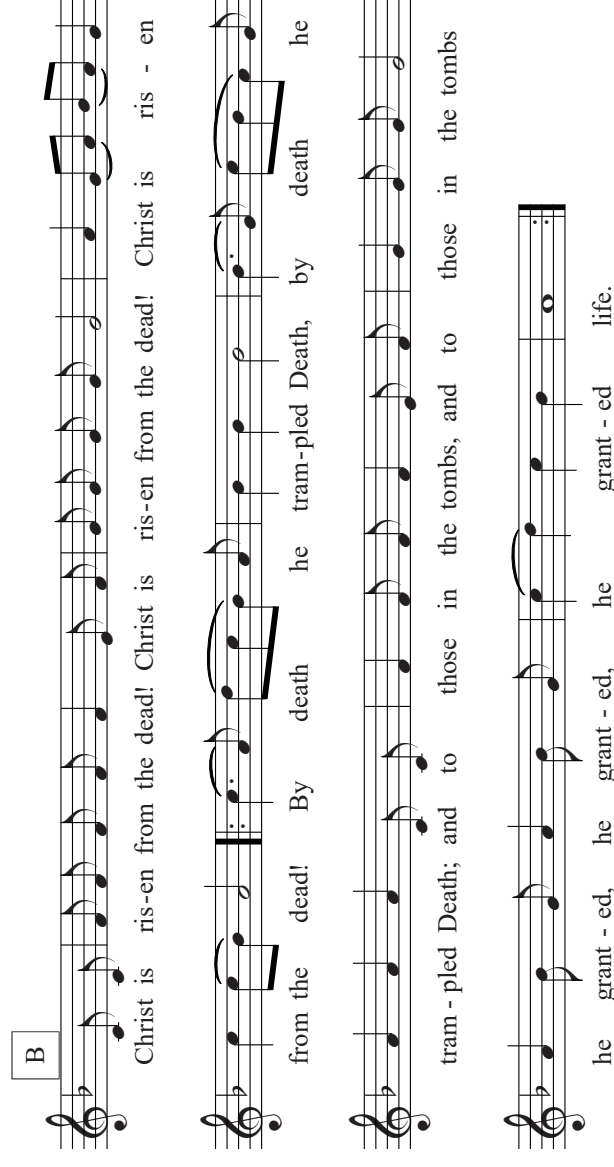
Christ is ris-en, Christ is ris-en, Christ is ris-en from the dead!

By death, by death he tram-pled Death, by death, by death he tram-pled Death;

and to those in the tombs, and to those in the tombs he granted, he granted,

he grant - ed life.

B



Christ is ris-en from the dead! Christ is ris-en from the dead! Christ is ris - en

from the dead! By death he tram-pled Death, by death he

tram - pled Death; and to those in the tombs, and to those in the tombs

he grant - ed, he grant - ed, he grant - ed life.

The Office of Paschal Matins

*On Pascha and during Bright Week, the Paschal Troparion "Christ is risen from the dead. * By death . . ." is sung once in place of: "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; . . ." and "We have seen the true light; . . ."*

It is sung three times in place of: "May our mouth be filled . . ." and "Blessed be the name of the Lord . . ."

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

Christ is risen from the dead! By death he trampled Death; and to those in the tombs he grant-ed life. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Give the bles - sing.

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

Christ is risen from the dead! By death he trampled 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!

If the burial shroud has not been removed from the tomb, then the priest vests in a dark epitrachilion and phelonion. He opens the holy doors and censes the tomb (from the four sides if it is on the ambon.). As he does this the faithful STAND and sing:

Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 2

When you de - scend-ed to death, O Im - mor-tal Life, you de-destroyed Ha - des by the bril-liance 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.

The priest then takes the shroud from the tomb, and carrying it upon his shoulders, he goes through the holy doors and circles the holy table with the shroud, then places it on the holy table, underneath the holy gospel book, and incenses it from the four sides of the holy table three times. During this ceremony, the faithful continue to sing the troparion. Then the holy doors are closed, and the faithful SIT. The shroud will remain on the holy table until the Leave-taking of Pascha, the day before the Ascension.

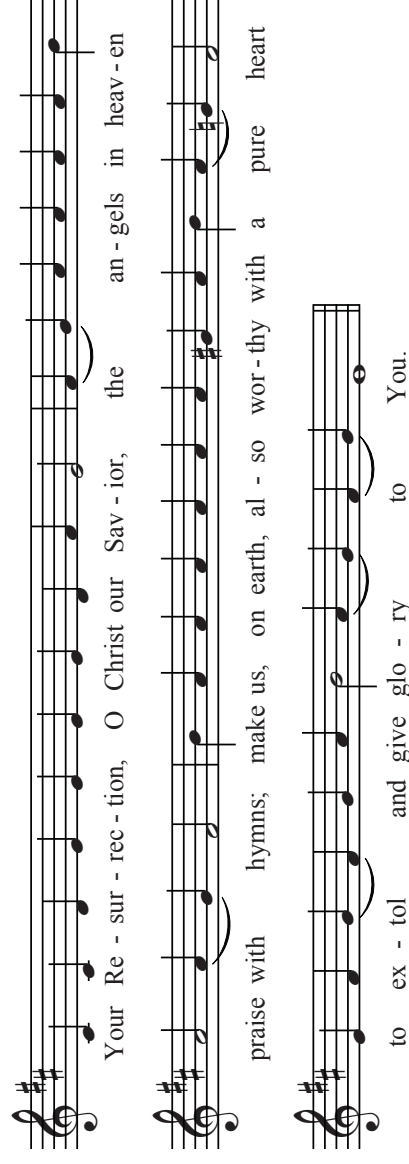
When the time for the Paschal Matins has arrived, the celebrant and any concelebrants fully vest in bright vestments. All the doors of the icon screen are opened. They will remain open throughout Bright Week.

The faithful STAND.

The celebrant, carrying a handcross and candle, and escorted by candle-bearers, servers, and appointed persons carrying the holy gospel book and icon of the Resurrection, exits from the church, followed by the faithful, whose candles he lights as he makes his way in procession through the church. They proceed once around the church, and where the custom exists, the bells are rung.

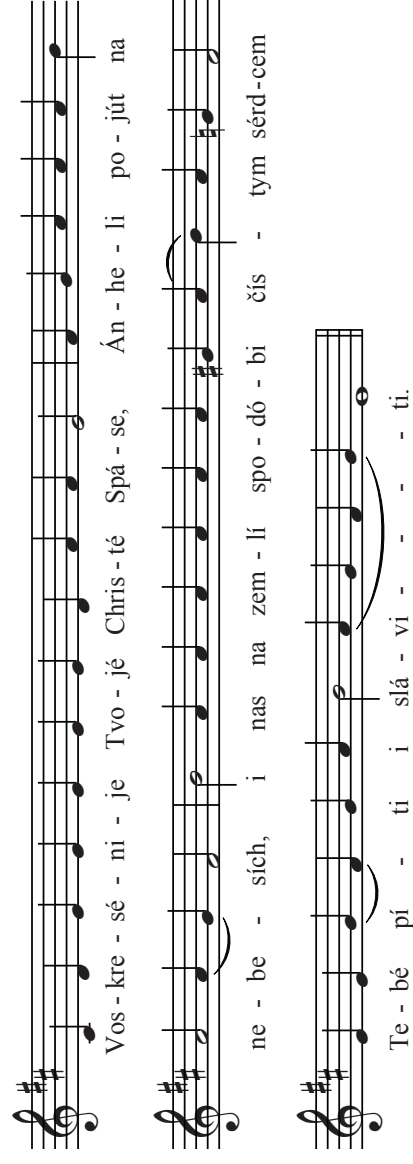
During the procession, the faithful repeatedly sing the following verse in tone 6:

Sticheron - Tone 6 samohlazen



Your Re-sur-rec-tion, O Christ our Sav-ior, the an-gels in heav-en
praise with hymns; make us, on earth, al-so wor-thy with a pure heart
to ex-tol and give glo-ry to You.

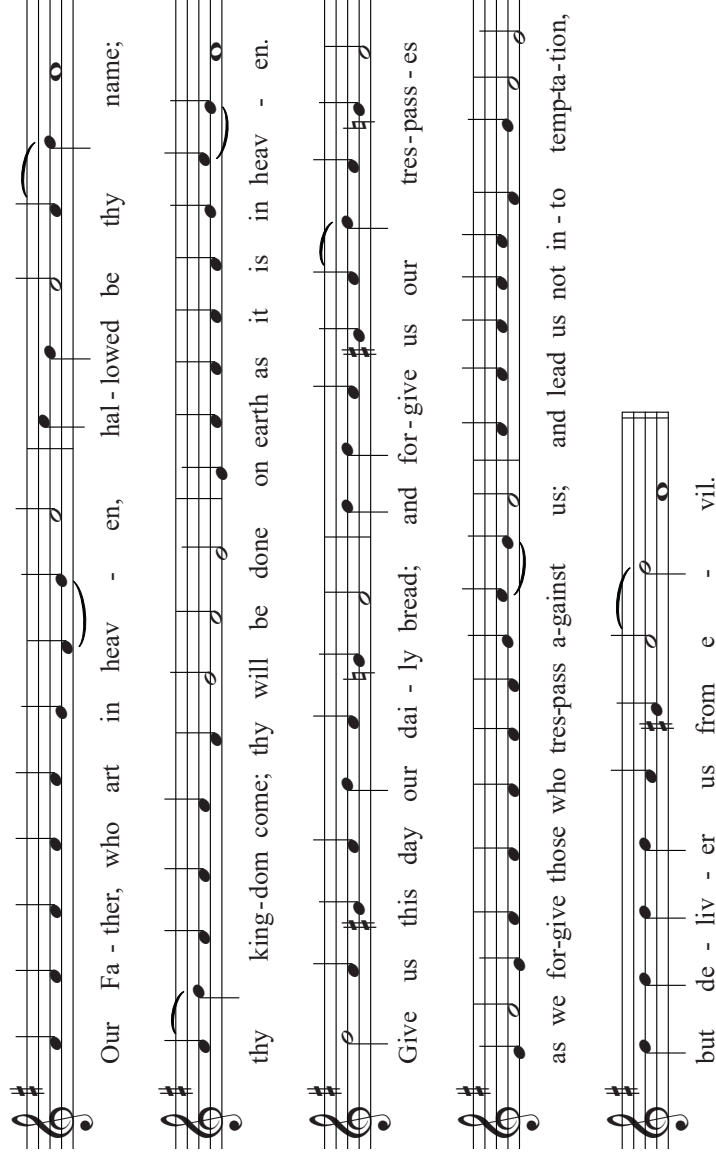
The same, in Slavonic:



Vos-kre-sé-ni-je Tvo-jé Chris-té Spá-se, Án-he-li po-jút na
ne-be-sích, i nas na zem-lí spo-dó-bi čís-tym sérd-cem
Te-bé pí-ti i slá-vi-ti.

The procession stops before the closed exterior doors of the church, where the celebrant incenses the holy gospel book, the icon, and all the faithful. Then standing before the doors, the celebrant, holding the handcross in his left hand, signs the doors in the form of a cross with the censer three times. Candle-bearers stand at his right and left sides.

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-against us; and lead us not in-to tempta-tion,
but de-liv-er us from e-vil.

Communion Hymn:




Re-ceive the bod-y of Christ; drink the source of im-mor-tal-i-ty.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Priest: Glory to the holy, consubstantial, life-creating and undivided Trinity, always, now and ever and forever.

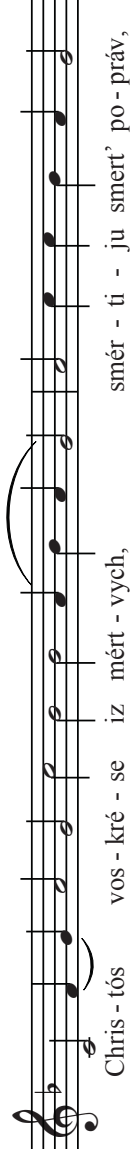
Response: 
A - - men.

Then the clergy sing the Paschal troparion, in English:



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

Or in Slavonic:



Chris - tós vos - kré - se iz mért - vych, smér - ti - ju smert' po - práv,
i sú - ščym vo hro - bích ži - vót da - ro - váv.

The faithful repeat the troparion twice, and where the custom exists, the bells are rung during the singing.

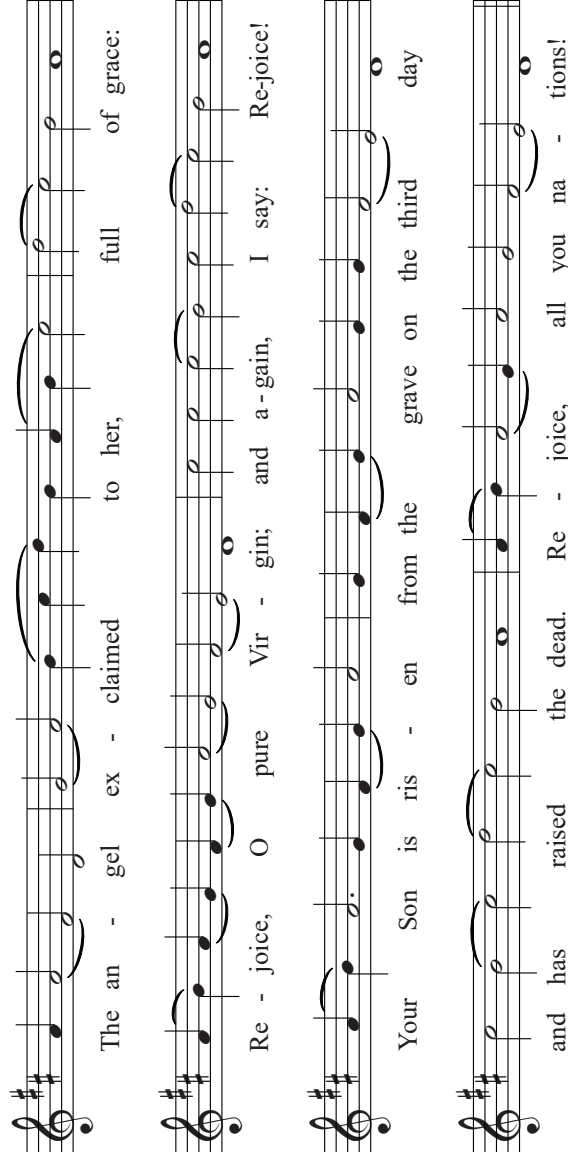
R. Christ is risen from the dead! By death he trampled Death, and to those in the tombs he granted life. (2 times)

R. Christós voskrése iz mértvych, smértiju smert' popráv i súščym vo hrobích, živót darováv. (2 times)

Then the celebrant sings a series of psalm verses, to which the faithful reply with the Paschal troparion.

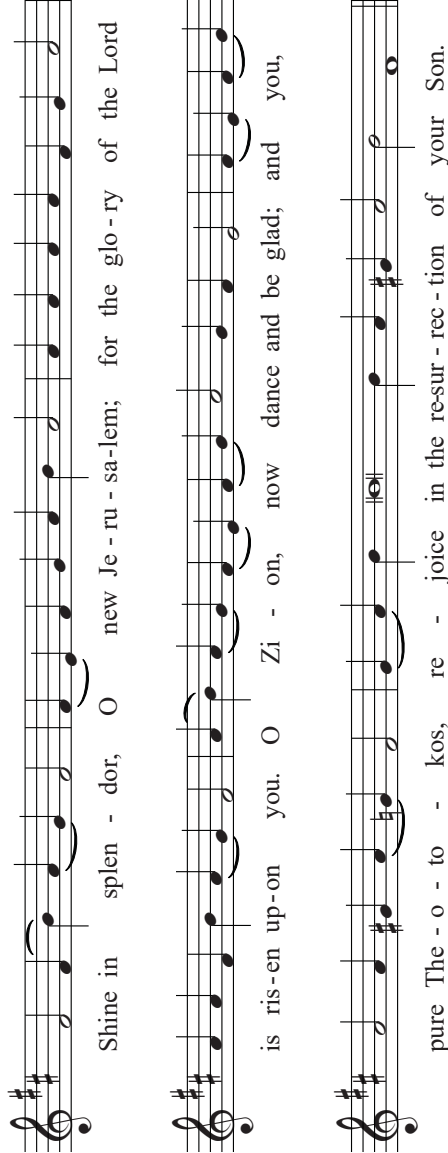
Instead of "It is truly proper . . .":

Magnification:



The an - gel ex - claimed to her, full of grace:
Re - joice, O pure Vir - gin; and a - gain, I say: Re-joice!
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 resur - rec - tion of your Son.

Celebrant:

Let God a - rise and let his en - e - mies be scat - tered, and let those who hate him flee from be - fore his face!

R. Christ is risen from the dead! By death he trampled Death, and to those in the tombs he granted life.

R. Christós voskrése iz mértvych, smértiju smert' popráv i súščym vo hrobích, živót darováv.

Celebrant:

As smoke van - ish - es, so let them van - ish, as wax melts be - fore a fire.

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R. Christós voskrése iz mértvych, smértiju smert' popráv i súščym vo hrobích, živót darováv.

Celebrant:

So let the wick - ed perish at the pres - ence of God, but let the right - eous ones re - joice.

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and grant - ed resurrection to the fall - en.

Instead of "Holy God..."

All you who have been bap - tized in - to Christ have been clothed with Christ.

All - le - lu - - - ia! Glo - ry to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, now and ever and fore - ver. A - men. Have been clothed with Christ.

Al - le - lu - - - ia! *da capo al fine*

Prokeimenon - Tone 8 (Psalm 117:24,1):

This is the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and re - joice in it.

Verse: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his mercy endures forever.

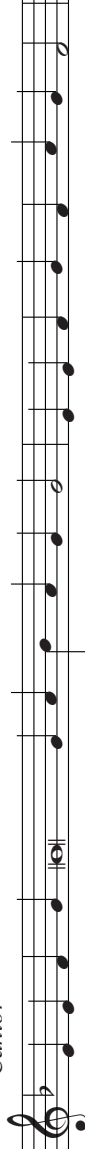
Alleluia - Tone 4 (Psalm 101:14,20):

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

Verse: You will arise and have mercy on Zion.

Verse: From heaven the Lord looked down upon the earth.

Cantor



So let the wick-ed perish at the pres-ence of God, but let the right-eous ones re-joyce.

All repeat refrain

Entrance Hymn - Special melody (Psalm 67:27):

Cantor

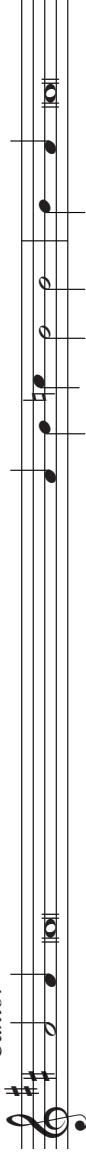


In the church-es bless God; from Is - ra - el's well-springs, bless the Lord.

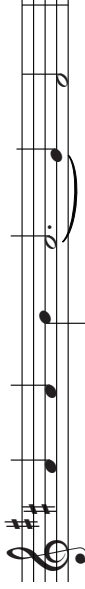
Troparion - Special Tone 5

Christ is risen from the dead! By death he trampled Death; and to those in the tombs he granted life.

Cantor



Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it, now and ever and

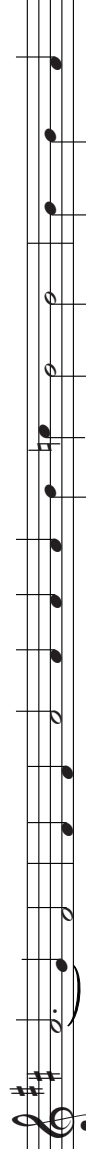


for - ev - er. A - men.

Kontakion - Tone 8:



Al-though you descended into the grave, O Im-mor-tal One, you de-destroyed Ha-des'



pow - er. You a - rose as a vic - tor, O Christ God. You ex - claimed

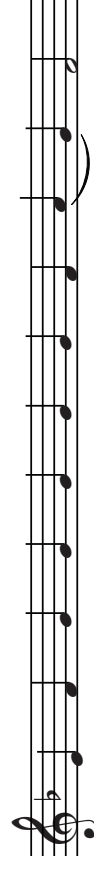


to the myrrh-bearing wom-en: Re-joyce! You gave peace to your a - pos-tles

Celebrant:



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



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

R. Christ is risen from the dead! By death he trampled Death, and to those in the tombs he granted life.

R. Christós voskrése iz mértvych, smértiju smert' popráv i súščym vo hrobích, živót darováv.

Celebrant: Christ is risen from the dead! By death he trampled Death,

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The doors are opened, and the celebrant, preceded by candle-bearers and servers, enters the fully-lit church, followed by the faithful who sing:

R. ...and to those in the tombs he granted life!

R. ... i súščym vo hrobích, živót darováv!

All the church bells are rung.

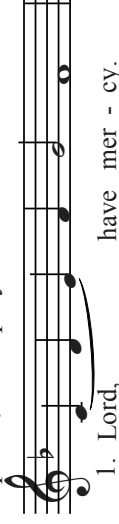
As the faithful make their way into the church, the Paschal troparion ("Christ is risen from the dead") is sung repeatedly, until all have found their places. Alternate melodies for this hymn may be used; see page 53.

The celebrant returns to the holy table, censuring the interior of the church, and the deacon returns to the ambon for the following Litany. If there is no deacon, the celebrant intones the Litany at the holy table.

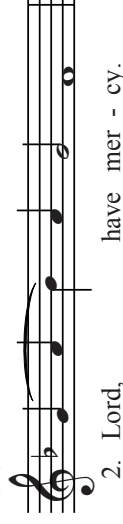
The faithful may SIT for the Litany of Peace. During the service of Paschal Matins, all those who are able to stand are encouraged to do so throughout. If rest is needed, sitting is appropriate during the Litanies, except when an incensation is taking place. During an incensation, all should stand.

Litany of Peace

Deacon: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Response:  have mer - cy.

Deacon: For peace from on high and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Response:  have mer - cy.

Deacon: For peace in the whole world, for the stability of the holy Churches of God, and for the union of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, have mercy. (1)

Deacon: For this holy church and for all who enter it with faith, reverence, and fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, have mercy. (2)

Deacon: For our holy father (*Name*), Pope of Rome, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, have mercy. (1)

Deacon: For our most reverend metropolitan (*Name*), for our God-loving bishop (*Name*), for the venerable presbyterate, the diaconate in Christ, and all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, have mercy. (2)

Deacon: For our government and for all in the service of our country, let us pray to the Lord.

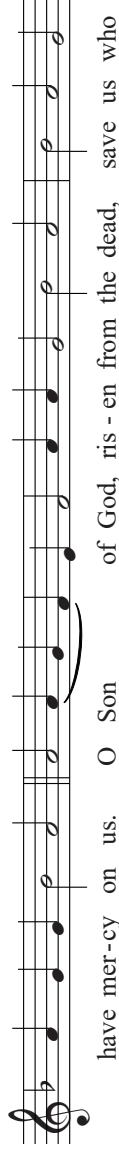
Response: Lord, have mercy. (1)

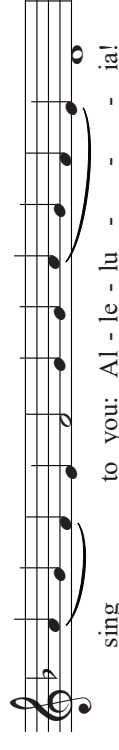
Deacon: For this city, for every city, community, and for the faithful living in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, have mercy. (2)

Second Antiphon (Psalm 66:2):

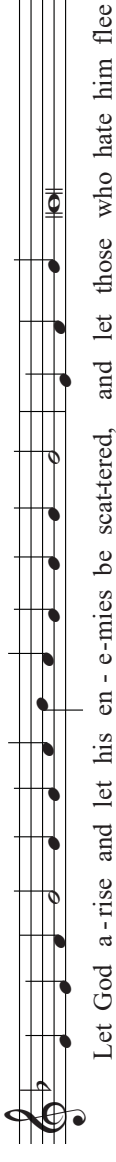
 Be gra - cious to us, O God, and bless us; let your face shine upon us, and

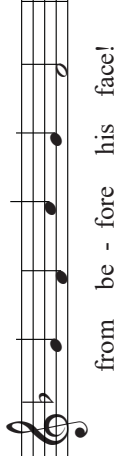
 have mer - cy on us. O Son of God, ris - en from the dead, save us who

 sing to you: Al - le - lu - - - ia!

Third Antiphon - Special melody (Psalm 67:2,3,4):

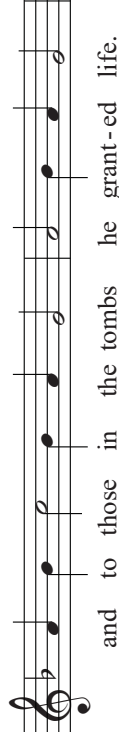
Cantor

 Let God a - rise and let his en - e - mies be scat - tered, and let those who hate him flee

 from be - fore his face!

Refrain

 Christ is ris - en from the dead! By death he tram - pled Death;

 and to those in the tombs he grant - ed life.

Cantor

 As smoke van - ish - es, so let them van - ish, as wax melts be - fore a fire.

All repeat refrain

PASCHA – THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

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.

First Antiphon (Psalm 65:1,2):

Shout joy - fully to the Lord, all the earth, sing praise to his name, give to
him glo - ri - ous praise. Through the pray'rs of the The - o - to - kos, O Sav - ior,
save us. Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,
now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men. Through the pray'rs of the The - o - to - kos,
O Sav - ior, save us.

Deacon: For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, have mercy. (1)

Deacon: For those who travel by sea, air, and land, for the sick, the suffering, the captive and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, have mercy. (2)

Deacon: That we be delivered from all affliction, wrath and need, let us pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, have mercy. (1)

Deacon: Protect us, save us, have mercy on us, and preserve us, O God, by your grace.

Response: Lord, have mercy. (2)

Deacon: Commemorating our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord.

The faithful STAND.

Celebrant: We thank you, Lord our God, for you have awakened us from our sleep, and have filled our lips with praise that we might worship you and call upon your holy name. We beg of your compassion that you have always shown towards us, hear us now and send help to those who stand before your holy glory awaiting your abundant mercy. O Lord, grant that those who serve you in fear and love may praise your ineffable goodness.

For to you is due all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

A - - men.

The Paschal Canon

The clergy begin the *CANON OF SAINT JOHN DAMASCENE*, singing the first *Irmos* of each *Ode*. The faithful sing the remainder of each *Ode* while the celebrant incenses in the usual manner.

Ode 1

The clergy sing the *irmos*:

It is the day of Resurrection, * O People, let us be enlightened by it. * The Passover is the Lord's Passover, * since Christ our God, has brought us from death to life * and from earth to heaven. * We therefore sing the hymn of victory.

Voskresénija deň, * prosvítimsja I'údije, * Páscha Hóspodňa, Páscha * ot smérti bo ko žízni, * i ot zemlí ko nebesí. * Christós Boh nas prividé, pobídnuju pojúščyja.

and the faithful respond:



Christ is ri - sen from the dead!

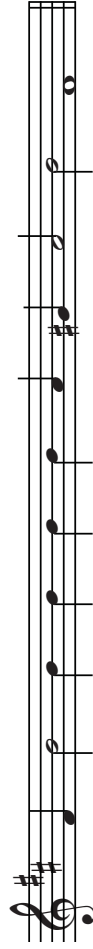


Chris-tós vos-kré - se iz mért-vych!

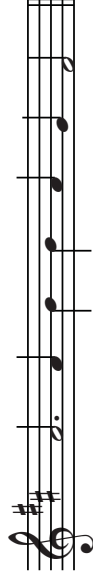
The priest incenses, and the faithful sing the rest of the *Ode*.



Let us cleanse our sen - ses that we may see the ri - sen Christ in the glo - ry of his re - sur - rec - tion and clear - ly hear him greet - ing us: "Re-joyce!" - as we sing the hymn of vic - tor - y.



"Re-joyce!" - as we sing the hymn of vic - tor - y.



Christ is ri - sen from the dead!

Then the celebrant raises the handcross to the people three times, each time saying:

Celebrant: Christ is risen!

Celebrant: Christós voskrése!

And the people respond each time:

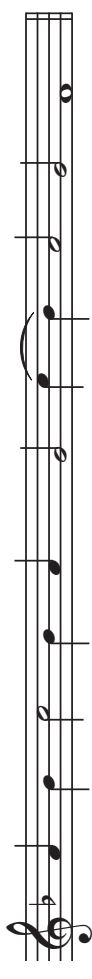
Response: Indeed he is risen!

Response: Voistinnu voskrése!

Then the troparion of Pascha is sung three times, once by the celebrant, and then twice by the faithful:



Christ is ris - en from the dead! By death he tram - pled death;



and to those in the tombs he grant - ed life.

After the third time, the following is added:



And to us he grant-ed life e - ter - nal. Let us bow be-fore his resur-rec-tion



on the third day!

Celebrant: O most holy Theotokos, save us!

Response:

Shine in splendor, O new Je - ru - sa - lem, for the glory of the Lord is risen up - on you. O Zi - on, now dance and be glad; and you, pure Theotokos, rejoice in the resur-rec - tion of your Son.

Celebrant: Glory to you, O Christ God, our hope, glory to you!

Response:

Christ is ris - en from the dead! By death he tram - pled Death; and to those in the tombs he grant - ed life. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Give the bless - ing.

Celebrant: May Christ our true God, risen from the dead, by death trampling death, and to those in the graves granting life, have mercy on us and save us through the prayers of his most pure Mother, of the holy, glorious and praiseworthy apostles, and of all the saints; for Christ is good and loves us all.

Response:

A - - - - - men.

Let the hea - vens pro - per - ly re - joice, and let the earth be glad, and let the whole visible and invisible world cel - e - brate; for Christ, our e - ver - last - ing joy is ris - - - sen.

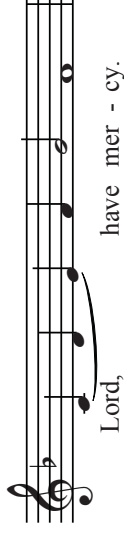
Christ is ri - sen from the dead!

The faithful repeat the irmos as katavasia:

It is the day of Re-sur-rec - tion. O People, let us be en-light-ened by it. The Passover is the Lord's Pass - o - ver, since Christ, our God, has brought us from death to life and from earth to hea - ven. We there - fore sing the hymn of vic - tor - y.

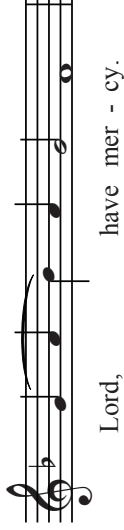
Small Litany

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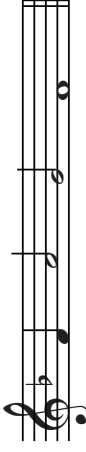
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Deacon: Protect us, save us, have mercy on us, and preserve us, O God, by your grace.



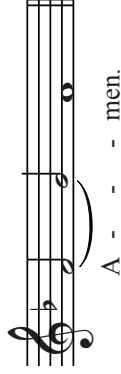
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Deacon: Commemorating our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.



To you, O Lord.

Celebrant: For you are the supreme ruler, and yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.



A - - - men.

Ode 3

The clergy sing the irmos:

Come, let us partake of a new drink, * not miraculously produced from the barren rock, * but from the fountain of immortality, * springing up from the tomb of Christ. * In him is our firm strength.



Christ is ri - sen from the dead!

Prijďte, pítije pijém nóvoje, * ne ot kámene neplódna čudod'ijemoje, * no netl'ímija istóčnik, * iz hroba odoždívša Christá, * vo némže utverždájemsja.



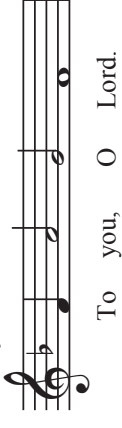
Chris-tós vos-kré-se iz mért-vych!

Celebrant: Peace ✠ be to all!



And to your spir - - it.

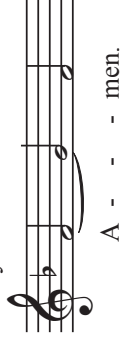
Deacon: Bow your heads to the Lord.



To you, O Lord.

Celebrant: Holy Lord, you dwell on high and look upon the lowly, and with your all-seeing eye you watch over all creation. To you we bend our neck in spirit and body and we implore you, O Holy of Holies, stretch forth your invisible hand from your holy dwelling place and bless us all. If we have sinned voluntarily or involuntarily forgive us as a good God who loves mankind and gives us earthly and heavenly gifts.

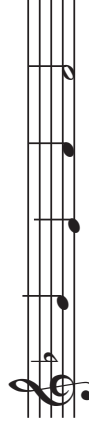
For yours are mercy and salvation, O Christ our God, and we give glory to you, with your eternal Father and your life-creating Spirit, now and ever and forever.



A - - - men.

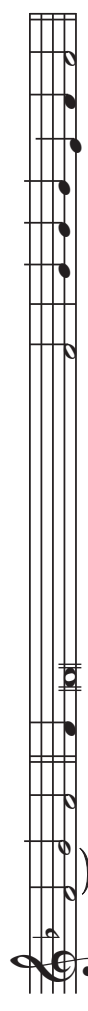
Dismissal

Deacon: Wisdom!



Give the bless - ing!

Celebrant: Blessed is Christ our God, the One-Who-Is, always, now and ever and forever.



A - men. O God, strengthen the true faith, for-ev-er and ev-er.

Deacon: For what is good and beneficial to our souls and for peace in the world, let us beseech the Lord.

Response: Grant this, O Lord. (4)

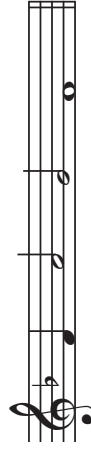
Deacon: That we may spend the rest of our life in peace and repentance, let us beseech the Lord.

Response: Grant this, O Lord. (3)

Deacon: For a Christian, painless, unashamed, peaceful end of our life, and for a good account before the fearsome judgment seat of Christ, let us beseech the Lord.

Response: Grant this, O Lord. (4)

Deacon: Commemorating our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary with all the Saints, let us commit ourselves and one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.



To you, O Lord.

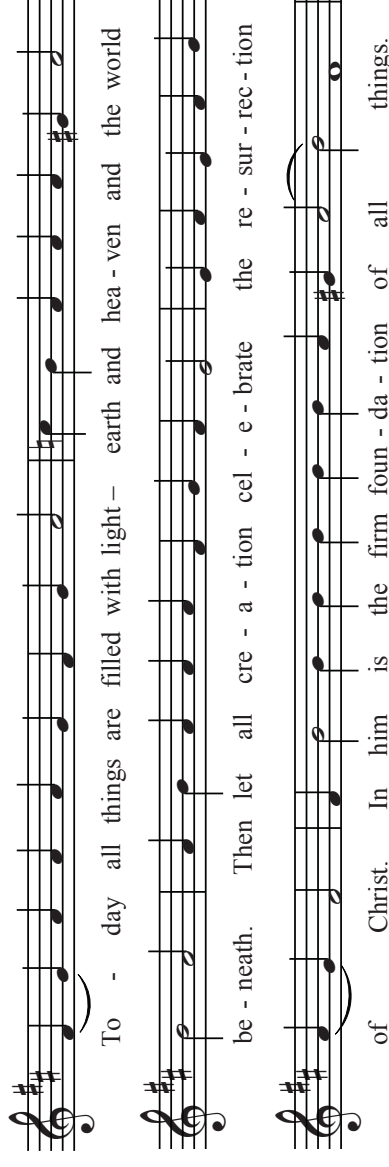
Celebrant: We sing to you, we praise you, we bless you, and we thank you, God of our Fathers, for you have banished the dark of night and shown us once again the light of day. We beseech you, forgive our sins and accept our prayer in your great tenderness of heart because we take refuge in you, the merciful and all-powerful God. Shine in our hearts your true Sun of Justice. Enlighten our minds and guard all our senses, so that walking blamelessly in the path of your commandments as in daylight, we may reach eternal life, for in you is the source of life. Make us worthy to enjoy the unapproachable light.

For you are our God and we give glory to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

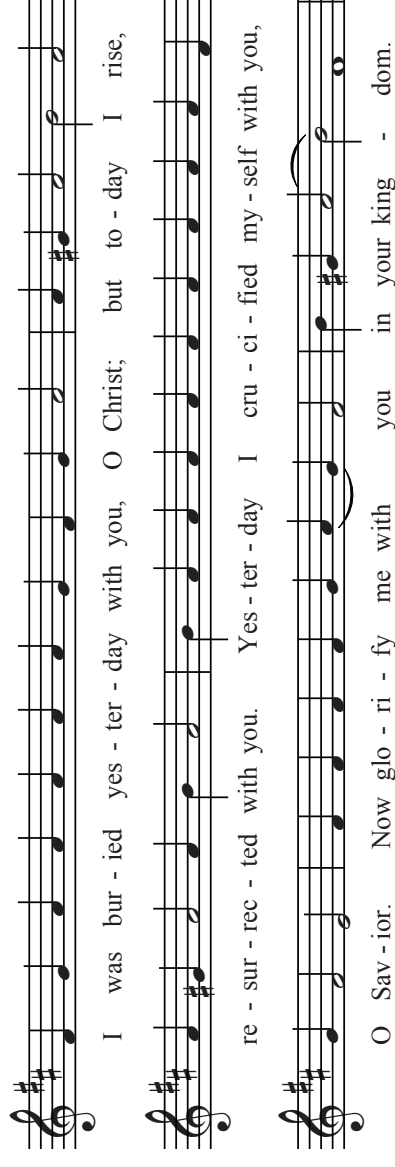


A - men.

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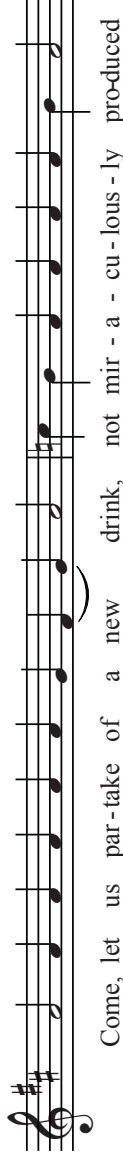


Christ is ri - sen from the dead!



Christ is ri - sen from the dead!

The faithful repeat the irmos as katavasia:



from the bar - ren rock, but from the foun - tain of im - mor - tal - i - ty,
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Small Litany

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Response: To you, O Lord.

Celebrant: For you are our God, and we give glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy
Spirit, now and ever and forever.

Response: Amen.

Hypakoje

The wo - men with Mar - y be - fore the dawn found the stone rolled
a - way from the tomb, and they heard the an - gel say: "Why do you seek

Celebrant: For you are a merciful and loving God, and we give glory to you, Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

A - - - - men.

Litany of Supplication

Deacon: Let us complete our morning prayer to the Lord

Lord, have mer - cy.

Deacon: Protect us, save us, have mercy on us, and preserve us, O God, by your grace.

Lord, have mer - cy.

Deacon: That this whole day be perfect, holy, peaceful, and without sin, let us
beseech the Lord.

3. Grant this, O Lord.

Deacon: For an angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and
bodies, let us beseech the Lord.

4. Grant this, O Lord.

Deacon: For the pardon and remission of our sins and offenses, let us beseech the Lord.


Response: Grant this, O Lord. (3)

The faithful may SIT during the Litanies.

Litany of Fervent Supplication

Deacon: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your great mercy,
we pray you, hear and have mercy.

Response:



Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - - - cy.

Deacon: Again we pray for our holy father, (*Name*), pope of Rome, and for our most
reverend metropolitan, (*Name*), for our God-loving bishop, (*Name*), for those
who serve and have served in this holy church, for our spiritual fathers, and for
all our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Response:



Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

Deacon: Again we pray for our government and for all in the service of our country.

Response:



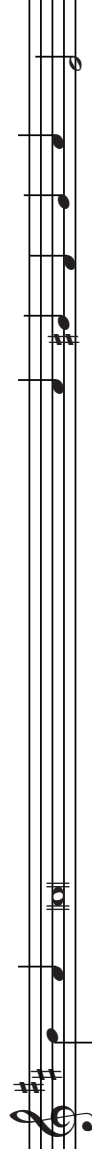
Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

Deacon: Again we pray for the people here present who await your great and abundant
mercy, for those who show us mercy, and for all Christians of the true faith.

Response:



Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - - - cy.



a - mong the dead, as a mortal, the One who abides in e - ver - last - ing light?



Be - hold the lin - ens of bur - i - al. Go in haste



and pro - claim to the world that, hav - ing con - quered Death,



the Lord is ris - sen; for he is the Son of God, the Sav - ior of all.”

Ode 4

The clergy sing the irmos:

Let Habakkuk, * speaking in behalf of God,
* stand with us at the divine watch; * let
him show us the brilliant Angel who
proclaims: * “Today, salvation comes to
the world; * for Christ, being Almighty, is
risen.”

Na Bóžestvenňij strážij, * bohohlahólivyj
Avvakúm, * da stánet so námi, * i pokážet
svitonósna Ánhela, * jáсно hlohól’ušča: *
dnes’ spasénije míru, * jáko voskrése
Christós, * jáko vsesílen.



Christ is ri - sen from the dead!



Chris - tós vos - kré - se iz mért - vnych!

The priest incenses, and the faithful sing the rest of the Ode.



Christ had ap - peared as a man when he was born of the Vir - gin.

As a mor-tal, he was called "Lamb". Be-ing un-de-filed and with-out blem-ish, he is our Pass-o-ver; and as true God, he is pro-claimed per-fect.

Christ is ri-sen from the dead!

Christ, our blessed crown, was sacrificed of his own will like a year-ling lamb for all of us, and so be-came our cleans-ing Pasch. From his tomb he shines on us a-gain as the splen-did Sun of Right-eous-ness.

Christ is ri-sen from the dead!

Da-vid, an-ces-tor of the Lord, danced and made mu-sic be-fore the Ark which was on-ly a sym-bol. As God's ho-ly peo-ple,

After the veneration, if it be the local custom, the Paschal sermon of Saint John Chrysostom is read by the celebrant or by an appointed person, while the faithful remain standing.

At the conclusion of the Paschal sermon, the following may be sung:

Troparion of Saint John Chrysostom - Tone 8

The grace shin-ing forth from your mouth like a torch has en-light-ened the u-ni-verse; it has stored up in the world the treas-ure of dis-dain for wealth. It has shown us the heights of hu-mil-i-ty. In-struct us by your words, John Chrys-os-tom our fa-ther, and in-ter-cede with the Word, Christ God, to save our souls.

and filled the wo - men with joy by say - ing: An - nounce
the good news to the A - pos - - - - - tles.

Celebrant:

Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,
now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - - - - - men.

This is the Re - sur - rec - tion Day! Let us be en - light - ened by this Feast
and let us em - brace one an - oth - er! Let us call "Bre - - thren"
e - ven those who hate us, and in the Re - sur - rec - tion,
for - give ev - 'ry thing and let us sing: Christ is ris - en from the dead!
By death he tram - pled death; and to those in the tombs he grant - ed life.

let us wit - ness the sym - bol ful - filled and re - joice in spir - it;
for Christ, be - ing Al - might - y, is ri - - - - - sen.

Christ is ri - sen from the dead!

The faithful repeat the irmos as katavasia:

Let Ha - bak - kuk, speak - ing in be - half of God, stand with us at the
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Response: To you, O Lord.

Celebrant: For you are a good and loving God, and we give glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

Response: Amen.

Ode 5

The clergy sing the irmos:

Let us rise at early dawn * and bring to our Master a hymn instead of myrrh, * and we shall see Christ, * the Sun of Righteousness, * who enlightens the life of all.

Útreňujem útru hlubokú, * i vmísto míra pišň prinesém Vladýci, * i Christá úzrim právdy Sólnce, * vsim žižň vozsijajúšča.



Christ is ri-sen from the dead!

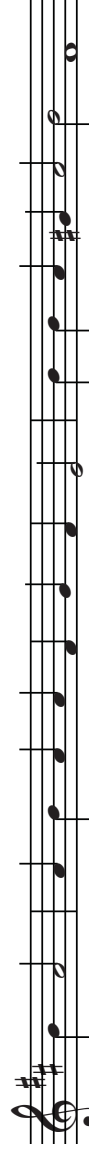


Christós vos-kré-se iz mért-vy-ch!

The priest incenses, and the faithful sing the rest of the Ode.



When those bound by chains in the realm of Death saw your bound-less mer-cy,



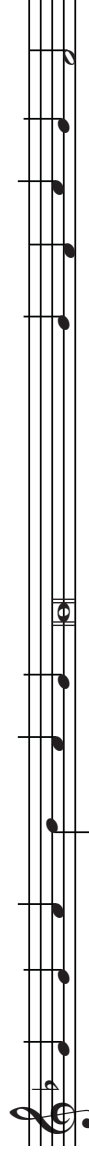
O Christ, they has-tened to the light with joy, praising the E-ter-nal Pasch.



Christ is ri-sen from the dead!



who spoke these words to them: "Why do you seek the liv-ing a-mong the dead?"



Why do you mourn the in-corrutable among those sub-ject to de-cay?



Go an-nounce the good news to his dis-ci-ples.

Celebrant:

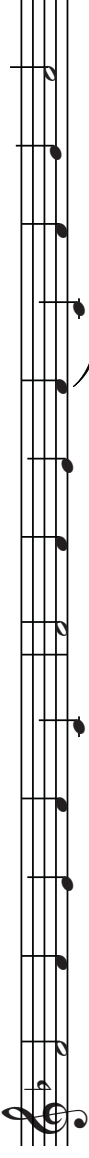


This is the day that the Lord has made; let us be glad



and re-joice in it.

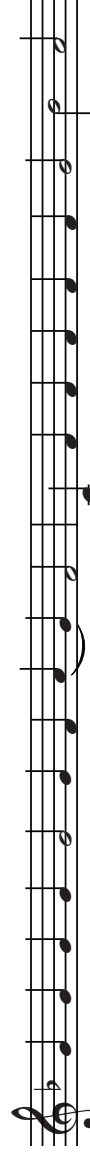
All:



Pasch so de-light-ful, Pasch of the Lord, is the Pasch-



most hon-ored Pasch now dawned on us. It is the Pasch! There-fore, let us



joy-ful-ly em-brace one an-oth-er. O Pass-o-ver, save us from sor-row;



For to-day, Christ has shown forth from the tomb as from a bri-dal cham-ber

All:

O wo - men, be the her - als of good news and tell what you saw;
 tell of the vision and say to Zi - on: "Ac - cept the good news of joy
 from us, the news that Christ has ri - sen." Ex - ult and cel - e - brate
 and re - joice, O Je - ru - sa - lem, see - ing Christ the King,
 com - ing forth from the tomb like a bride - - - groom.

Celebrant:

So let the wicked perish at the pres - ence of God, but
 let the right - eous ones re - joice.

All:

The myrrh - bear - ing wo - men ar - rived just be - fore the dawn
 at the tomb of the Giv - er of Life and found an an - gel seat - ed on the stone

Bear - ing torch - es let us meet the bride-groom, Christ, as he comes forth from
 his tomb; and let us greet, with joy - ful song, the sav - ing Pasch of God.

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Response: To you, O Lord.

Celebrant: For sanctified and glorified is your all-honorable and majestic name:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

Response: Amen.

Ode 6

The clergy sing the irmos:

You have descended into the realm of
Death, O Christ, * and have broken ancient
bonds which held the captive. * You arose
from the tomb on the third day * like Jonah
from the whale.



Christ is ri - sen from the dead!



Christós vos-kré - se iz mért-vych!

The priest incenses, and the faithful sing the rest of the Ode.

Celebrant:

Let God a - rise and let his ene-mies be scat - tered,
and let those who hate him flee from be - fore his face.

All:

To - day the sa - cred Pasch is re - vealed to us, ho - ly and new Pasch,
the mys - ti - cal Pass - o - ver, the ven - er - a - ble Pass - o - ver,

the Pasch which is Christ the Re - deem - er, spot-less Pasch, great Pasch,
the Pasch of the faith - ful, the Pasch which is the key to the gates of
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Par - a - dise, the Pas - cha which sanc - ti - fies all the faith - - - ful.

Celebrant:

As smoke van - ish - es, so let them van - ish,
as wax melts be - fore a fire.

Cantor:

O praise him with resounding cymbals, praise him with clashing of cym-bals.

Let ev - 'ry - thing that lives and that breathes give praise to the Lord.

All:

We glo - ri - fy your divine con - cen - sion and sing hymns to you, O Christ.

You were born of the Vir - gin and re - mained inseparable from the Fa - ther.

As man, you suffered and willing-ly en - dured the cross. Com - ing forth as if from a

bri - dal cham - bet, you a - rose from the grave to save the world.

O Lord, glo - - - - ry to you.

The Paschal Stichera

The praises continue with the Paschal stichera. The celebrant (or an appointed person) sings the verses and the faithful respond with the stichera. During the singing of the stichera, the faithful approach to kiss the holy cross, the gospel book, and the icon of the Resurrection. The celebrant stands outside the holy doors, holding the handcross and greeting each of the faithful as they come to kiss the cross and holy articles, saying to each:

Celebrant: Christ is risen!

Response: Indeed he is risen!

Celebrant: Christos voskrese!

Response: Voinstinnu voskrese!

When you a - rose from the tomb, O Christ, you pre - served its seals in - tact,

just as in your ho - ly birth a vir - gin's vow was un - bro - ken.

You o - pened to us the gates of par - a - dise.

Christ is ri - sen from the dead!

O my Sav - ior, be - ing God, will - ing - ly you of - fered your - self. As a

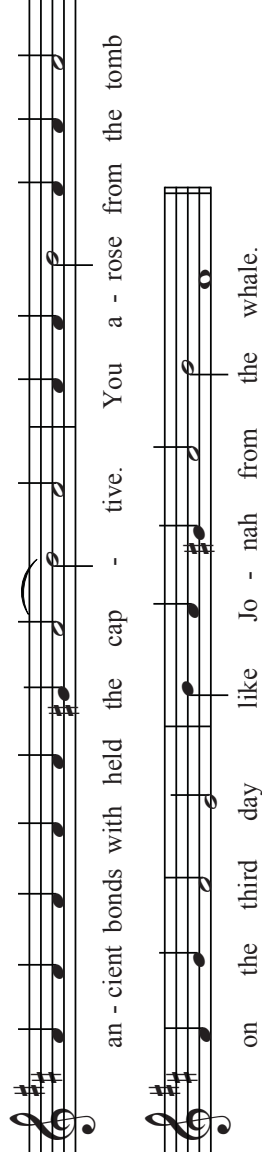
nev - er - con - sumed yet liv - ing vic - tim, you gave your - self to the Fa - ther.

You a - rose from the tomb, re - sur - rect - ing A - dam, the fa - ther of all.

Christ is ri - sen from the dead!

The faithful repeat the irmos as katavasia:

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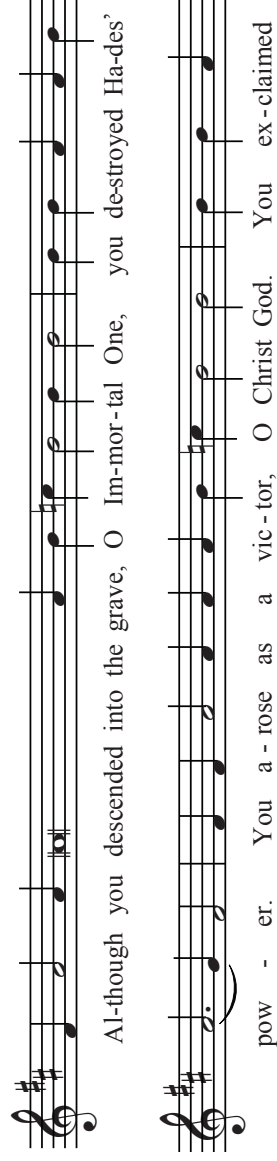
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Response: Amen.

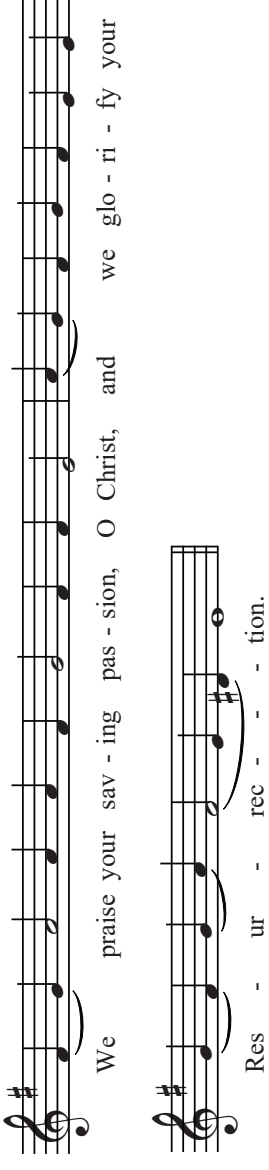
Kontakion of Pascha - Tone 8



Al-though you descended into the grave, O Im-mor-tal One, you destroyed Ha-des'
power. You a - rose as a vic - tor, O Christ God. You ex - claimed

Stichera of the Resurrection - Tone 1

All:

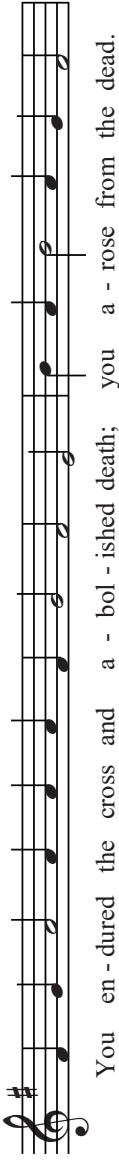


We praise your sav - ing pas - sion, O Christ, and we glo - ri - fy your
Res - ur - rec - - - tion.

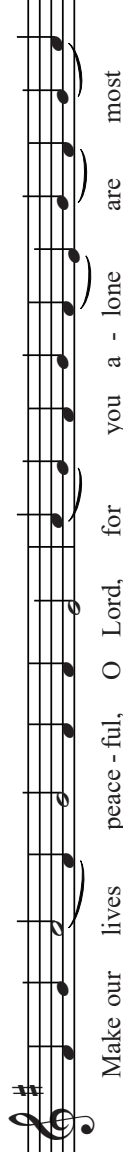
Cantor:

O praise him with sound of trum - pet, praise him with lute and harp.

All:



You en - dured the cross and a - bol - ished death; you a - rose from the dead.



Make our lives peace - ful, O Lord, for you a - lone are most

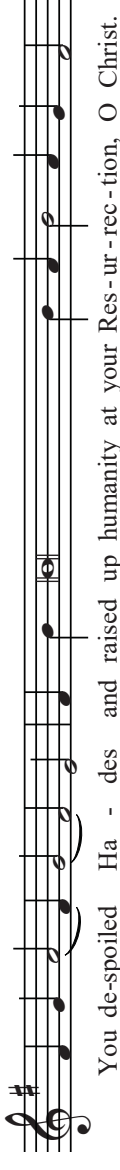


pow - er - - ful.

Cantor:

Praise him with tim - brel and dance, praise him with strings and pipes.

All:



You de-spoiled Ha - des and raised up humanity at your Res - ur - rec - tion, O Christ.



Make us wor - thy to praise and glorify you with a pure heart.

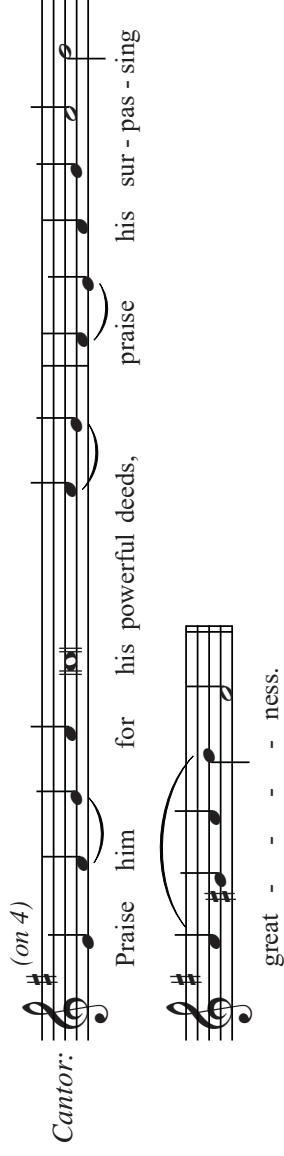
Let them praise the name of the Lord
for he alone is *exalted*.
The splendor of his name
reaches beyond heaven *and* earth.
He exalts the strength of his people,
he is the praise of all *his* saints,
of the children of Israel,
of the people to whom he *comes* close.

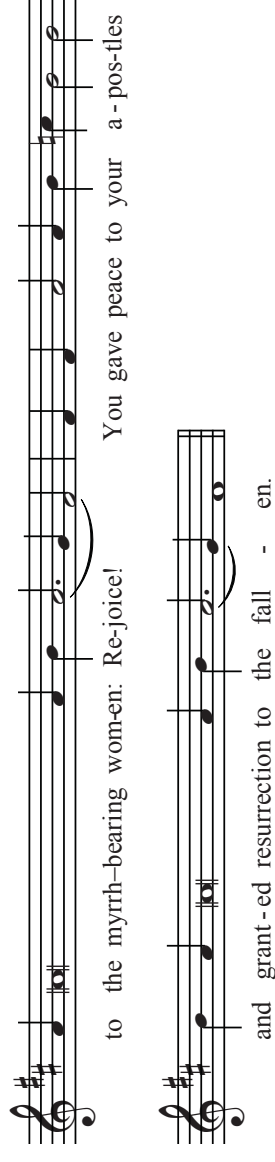
Psalm 149

Sing a new song to the Lord,
his praise in the assembly of *the* faithful.
Let Israel rejoice in its Maker,
let Zion's sons exult in *their* king.
Let them praise his name with dancing
and make music with timbrel *and* harp.
For the Lord takes delight in his people.
He crowns the poor with *salvation*.
Let the faithful rejoice in their glory,
shout for joy and take *their* rest.
Let the praise of God be on their lips
and a two-edged sword in *their* hand,
to deal out vengeance to the nations
and punishment on all *the* peoples;
to bind their kings in chains
and their nobles in fetters *of* iron.
To carry out the sentence pre-ordained:
this honor is for all his faithful.

Psalm 150

Praise God in his holy place,
praise him in his mighty heavens.

Cantor:  (on 4)
Praise him for his powerful deeds, praise his sur - pas - sing
great - - - - - ness.

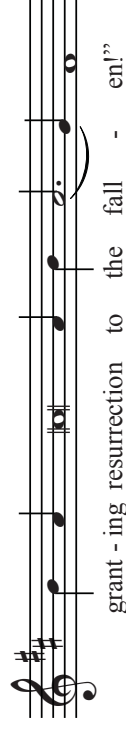


to the myrrh-bearing women: Re-joice!
You gave peace to your a - pos-tles
and grant-ed resurrection to the fall - en.

Ikos

The lector chants the ikos in recitativo, except for the ending, which uses the melody of the kontakion.

Early in the morning, before sunrise, * as if it were already day, * myrrh-bearing virgins were seeking the Sun, * previously descended into the grave; * and they cried out to one another: * “Come, O friends! * Let us anoint with fragrant spices * the life-giving and yet already buried body of Christ * who resurrected the fallen Adam. * Let us hasten, as did the Magi, and adore Christ * and bring our myrrh as a gift to him * who is wrapped not in swaddling clothes but in a shroud. * Let us weep and exclaim: * “Arise, O Master,



grant - ing resurrection to the fall - en!”

The Hymn of the Resurrection

By custom, this hymn is sung three times: once by the clergy, and twice by the people.

Kievan chant, Tone 6 samohlas

reverence

Hav - ing beheld the Res - ur - rec - tion of Christ, let us bow to the holy Lord Je - sus

reverence

who a - lone is sin - less. We bow to your Cross, O Christ,

and we praise and glorify your holy Res - ur - rec - tion. For you a - lone

are our God, and we know no oth - er. We call you by name.

The Praises (Psalms 148-150)

Psalms 148 - Tone 1 samohlasen

Let ev' - ry - thing that lives and that breathes give praise to the Lord.

Praise the Lord from the heav - ens, praise him in the heights. To

you is due a hymn, O God. Praise him, all his an - gels,

praise him, all his host. To you is due a hymn, O God.

Praise him, sun and moon,
praise him, shining stars.

Praise him, highest heavens
and the waters above *the* heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
He commanded; they *were* made.

He fixed them forever,
gave a law which shall not pass *away*.

Praise the Lord from the earth,
sea creatures and *all* oceans,

fire and hail, snow and mist,
stormy winds that obey *his* word,

all mountains and hills,
all fruit trees *and* cedars,

beasts, wild and tame,
reptiles and birds on *the* wing;

all earth's kings and peoples,
earth's princes *and* rulers.

young men and maidens,
old men together *with* children.

and made death pow - er - less. You are the Pasch of in - cor - rup - tion. You are the sal - va - tion of the world.

Or in Slavonic:

Pló - ti ju u - - snúv já - ko mertv Ca - - rjú i Hós - po - di, tri - dné - ven voskrésl je - - - sí, A - dá - ma voz - dvích ot tli, i u - prazd - nív smért: Pás - cha ne - tl'í - ni - ja, mí - ra spa - sé - - ni - - - je.

reverence

Come all you faith - ful, let us bow to the holy Res - ur - rec - tion of Christ,

for behold, through the Cross, joy has come to the whole world. Al - ways

bless - ing the Lord, let us praise his Res - ur - rec - tion. By enduring the

Cross for us, he de stroyed Death by death.

Sticheron - Tone 6 samohlasen - sung once by all

Je - sus is ris - en from the tomb, as he fore - told, and grant - ed us
ev - er - last - ing life and great mer - - - cy.

Ode 7

The clergy sing the irmos:

God, who saved the three youths from the furnace, * has become man * and suffered as any mortal; * but his passion clothed his mortality * with the splendor of incorruption.
* He is the only Blessed One, God of our fathers, * and is worthy of all praise.

Ótroki ot péšči izbávívyj, * byv čelovík, *
stráždet jáko smérten, * i strástiju smértnoje
* vo netl'inija oblačít blahol'ípije, * jedin
blahoslovén * otcév Boh, i preproslávlén.

The priest incenses, and the faithful sing the rest of the Ode.

Christ is ri - sen from the dead!
Christ - ós vos - kré - se iz mért - vych!

Pi - ous wom - en ran in tears to you, O Christ, bring - ing myrrh to you as dead;
but in - stead, they a - dored you in joy as the liv - ing God
and an - nounced your mys - ti - cal Pass - o - ver to your dis - ci - ples.

Small Litany

- Deacon:** Again and again, in peace, let us pray to the Lord
- Response:** Lord, have mercy.
- Deacon:** Protect us, save us, have mercy on us, and preserve us, O God, by your grace.
- Response:** Lord, have mercy.
- Deacon:** Commemorating our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.
- Response:** To you, O Lord.
- Celebrant:** For all the heavenly powers praise you, and we give glory to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.
- Response:** Amen.

Hymn of Light (Exapostilarion)

Traditionally, the clergy sing the following once, and the people twice more.

You, O King and Lord, have fal - len a - sleep
in the flesh as a mor - tal man but on the third day
you a - rose. You have raised A - dam from his cor - rup - tion

How pleas-ing-ly di-vine and sweet was your voice, O Christ, when you prom-sed
 with-out fail to re-main with us un - til the end of time.

We, the faith-ful re-joice in this firm foun - da - tion of hope.

Christ is ri - sen from the dead!

O Christ, Great and Sac - red Pasch, Wis - dom, Power and Word of God,
 grant that we be with you in your king-dom on the nev - er - end - ing day.

Christ is ri - sen from the dead!

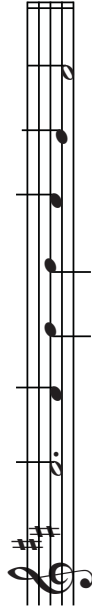
The faithful repeat the irmos ("Shine in splendor") as katavasia, either in English (page 30) or in Slavonic (page 31).

Christ is ri - sen from the dead!

We cel - e - brate your vic - tor - y o - ver Death, the des-truc-tion of the
 deep a - byss, and the birth of a new e - ter - nal life. With joy, we praise
 the Au - thor of all things, the on - ly Bles-sed One, God of our fa - thers,
 for he is wor - thy of all praise.

Christ is ri - sen from the dead!

This most splen - did and sav - ing night is sac - red and all - wor - thy
 of sol - em - ni - ty. It her - alds the bright day of re - sur - rec - tion on which
 the Eternal Light in the flesh has shown forth from the tomb to all.

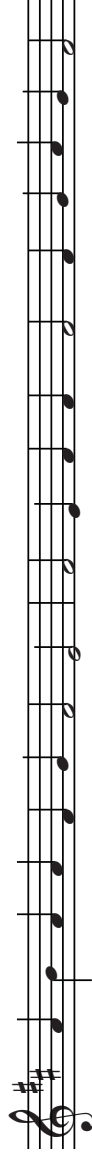


Christ is ri - sen from the dead!

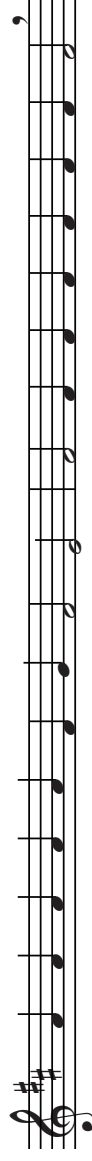
The faithful repeat the irmos as katavasia:



God, who saved the three youths from the fur - nace, has be - come man



and suf - fered as a - ny mor - tal; but his pas - sion clothed his mor - tal - i - ty



with the splen - dor of in - cor - rup - tion. He is the on - ly Bles - sed One,



God of our fa - thers, and is wor - thy of all praise.

Small Litany

Deacon: Again and again, in peace, let us pray to the Lord

Response: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Protect us, save us, have mercy on us, and preserve us,
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Response: Lord, have mercy.

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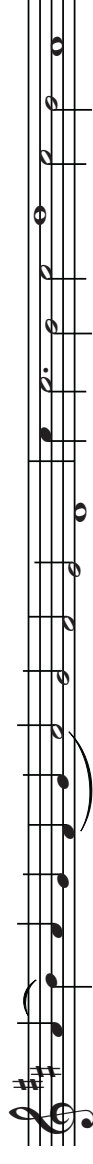
Response: To you, O Lord.

Or in Slavonic:

Magnification of Pascha



Án - hel vo - pi - já - - - - še Bla - ho - dát - ňij:



Čí - sta - ja Dí - - vo rá - duj - sja, i pá - ki re - kú, rá - duj - sja:



Tvoj Syn vos - kré - se tri - dné - ven ot hró - ba, i mért - vy - ja

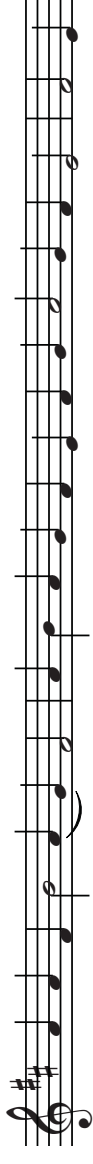


voz - dvíh - nu - vyj: I'ú - di - je ve - se - lí - te - sja.

Irmos



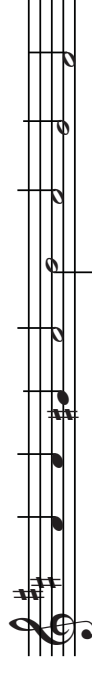
Sví - tí - sja, svi - tí - sja, nó - vyj Je - ru - sa - lí - me, slá - va bo Hos - pód - ňa



na te - bí voz - si - já, li - kúj ný - ňi i ve - se - lí - sja, Si - ón - e: Ty že



čí - sta - ja kra - súj - sja Bo - ho - ró - di - ce, o vo - stá - ni - ji Rož - dest - vá Tvo - je - hó.



Chris - tós vos - kré - se iz mért - vych!

The priest incenses, and the faithful sing the Magnification, Irmos, and the rest of the Ode.

Magnification of Pascha - for Slavonic, see the next page

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

Re - joi - ce, O pure Vir - gin; and a - gain, I say: Re - joi - ce!

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

and has raised the dead. Re - joi - ce, 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 - joi - ce in the res - ur - rec - tion of your Son.

Christ is ri - sen from the dead!

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Celebrant:

For yours is the might; and yours are the kingdom and the power and the glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

Response:

Amen.

Ode 8

The clergy sing the irmos:

This is that chosen and holy day, * feast of feasts, * most solemn day, * only king and lord of all Sabbaths, * on which we ever praise Christ.

Sej narečennij i svjatjy deň, * jedin subbót, * Car' i Hospód', * prázdnikov prázdnik, * i toržestvó jest' toržestv: * vo ónže blahoslovím Christía vo víki.

The priest incenses, and the faithful sing the rest of the Ode.

Christ is ri - sen from the dead!

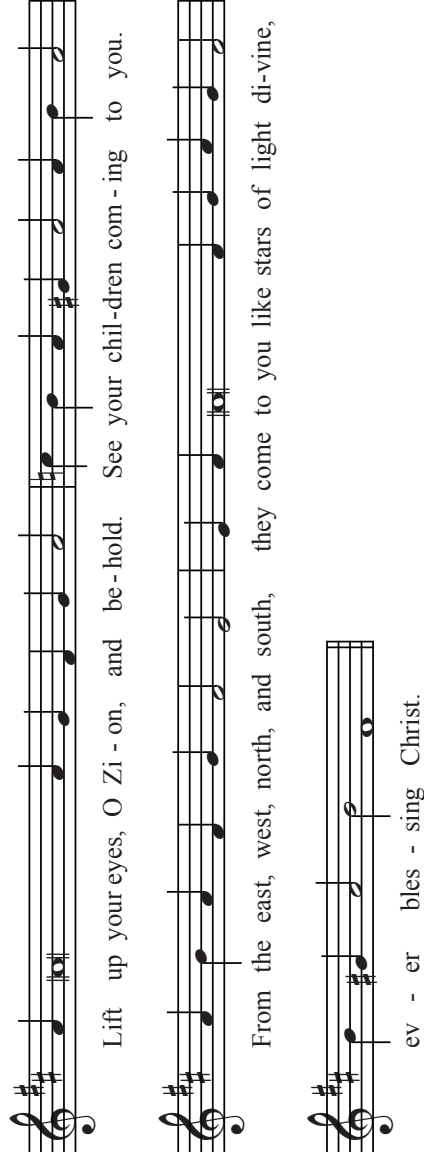
Christós vos - kré - se iz mért - vych!

Come, on this glorious day of re - sur - rec - tion, and par - take of

the fruit of the new vine, the di - vine joy of Christ's king - dom,

ev - er prais - ing him as God.

Christ is ri - sen from the dead!



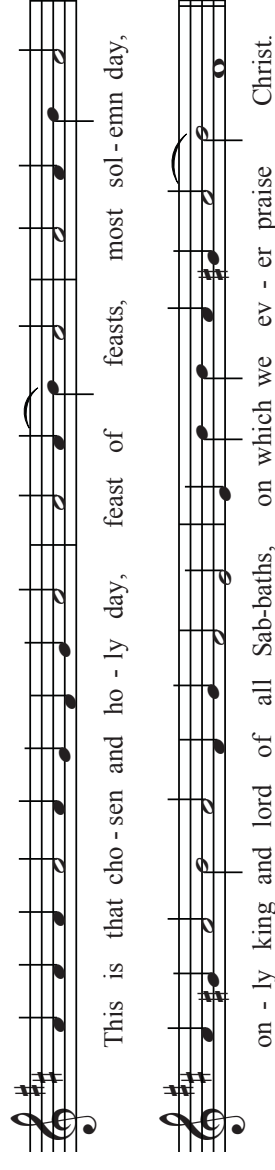
Lift up your eyes, O Zi-on, and be-hold. See your chil-dren com-ing to you.
 From the east, west, north, and south, they come to you like stars of light di-vine,
 ev-er bles-sing Christ.

Special refrain before the hymn to the Trinity:



O most ho-ly Tri-ni-ty, our God, glo-ry to you!
 O Al-might-y Fa-ther, Spir-it and Word, three per-sons,
 yet one es-sence, full-ness of all being and di-vin-i-ty - we have been
 bap-tized in you, and e-ver bless you.
 O most ho-ly Tri-ni-ty, our God, glo-ry to you!

The faithful repeat the irmos as katavasia:



This is that cho-sen and ho-ly day, feast of feasts, most sol-emn day,
 on-ly king and lord of all Sab-baths, on which we ev-er praise Christ.

Small Litany

- Deacon:** Again and again, in peace, let us pray to the Lord
- Response:** Lord, have mercy.
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 commit ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.
- Response:** To you, O Lord.
- Celebrant:** For blessed is your name, and glorified is your kingdom, Father, Son,
 and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.
- Response:** Amen.

Ode 9

At the end of the Eighth Ode, the deacon (or priest if there is no deacon) comes with the censer before the icon of the Theotokos on the icon screen. Incensing her icon, he intones:

Deacon: Let us greatly extol the Theotokos and the Mother of Light in hymns!