

SUNDAY, MAY 8

TONE 2

3rd Sunday of Pascha

Holy Myrrhbearing Women

Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian

(The service to Ven. Arsenius the Great is set aside.)

Priest: "Blessed is our God..." (or at Vigil: "Glory to the Holy, Consubstantial...")

Choir: "Amen."

Priest: "Christ is risen..." (2 ½ times)

Choir: "and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!"

(And then Psalm 103)

"Lord I Call..." Tone 2

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

Hear me, O Lord!

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Receive the voice of my prayer,

when I call upon You!//

Hear me, O Lord!

Let my prayer arise

in Your sight as incense,

and let the lifting up of my hands

be an evening sacrifice!//

Hear me, O Lord!

V. (10) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your name!

Tone 2 *(for the Resurrection)*

Come, let us worship the Word of God

begotten of the Father before all ages,

and incarnate of the Virgin Mary!

Having endured the Cross,

He was buried as He Himself desired.//

And having risen from the dead, He saved me, an erring man.

V. (9) The righteous will surround me; for You will deal bountifully with me.

Christ our Savior
nailed to the Cross the bond against us,
He voided it and destroyed the dominion of death.//
We fall down before His Resurrection on the third day.

V. (8) Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!

With the Archangels
let us praise the Resurrection of Christ!
He is our Savior, our Redeemer.
He is coming with awesome glory and mighty power//
to judge the world which He made.

V. (7) Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

Tone 2 *(from the Pentecostarion, by Anatolius)*

Early in the morning,
the myrrhbearing women brought spices to the tomb of the Lord.
They found the stone unexpectedly rolled away,
and they asked among themselves:
“Where are the seals of the tomb?
Where are Pilate’s guards?”
The radiant Angel came to the wondering women and proclaimed to them:
“Why do you seek with tears the Life Who gives life to the human race?
Christ our God has risen from the dead as almighty,//
granting us incorruption, life, enlightenment, and great mercy!”

V. (6) If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.

O women disciples,
why do you mingle myrrh with your tears?
The stone is gone; the tomb is empty.
Behold, corruption destroyed by life!
The seals witness that the guards of the godless have watched in vain.
Mortal nature has been saved by the flesh of God.
Hell is wailing.
Go with joy, and proclaim to the Apostles:
“Christ has slain death as the first-born of the dead.//
He awaits you in Galilee!”

V. (5) For Your Name's sake I wait for You, O Lord. My soul has waited for Your word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.

The Myrrhbearers came early to Your tomb, O Christ,
seeking You to anoint Your most pure Body.
Enlightened by the Angel's words,
they proclaimed joyous tidings to the Apostles:
“The Leader of our salvation has been raised;
He has captured death,//
granting the world eternal life and great mercy!”

V. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!

Tone 1 *(from the Menaion, for St. John) (Joy of the Heavenly Hosts)*

The beholder of ineffable revelations,
the interpreter of the mysteries of God on high:
the son of Zebedee has recorded the Gospel of Christ for us,//
teaching us to confess God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

V. (3) *For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.*

V. (2) *Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!*

Divinely inspired instrument for the songs of heaven,
whose secrets he wrote down for us,
singing wonderfully the song of songs,
with words from his mouth as music from a lyre, //
he prays for us to be saved.

V. (1) *For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.*

With your tongue resounding as thunder,
you declare the hidden Word of the Wisdom of God.
O beloved of God, you open your mouth to cry:
“In the beginning was the Word!” //
Thus you illumine all mankind with the knowledge of God.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Tone 6 *(from the Pentecostarion)*

The myrrhbearing women reached Your tomb
and saw the seals of the tomb broken.
Not finding Your most pure Body, they lamented, saying:
“Who has stolen our hope?
Who has taken the dead One, naked and anointed,
the sole consolation of His Mother?
How can the Life of the dead have died?
How can the Capturer of hell have been buried? //
But arise in three days as You said, O Savior, and save our souls!”

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 2 *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

The shadow of the Law passed when grace came;
as the Bush burned, yet was not consumed,
so the Virgin gave birth, yet remained a Virgin.
The Righteous Sun has risen instead of a pillar of flame. //
Instead of Moses, Christ, the Salvation of our souls.

Aposticha

Tone 2 *(for the Resurrection)*

Your Resurrection, O Christ our Savior,
has enlightened the whole universe,
recalling Your creation.//
Glory to You, O almighty Lord!

(Then the Paschal Stichera with their verses from Psalm 67)

V. Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; [let those who hate Him flee from before His face!] (Ps. 67:1)

Tone 5

Today, a sacred Pascha is revealed to us:
a new and holy Pascha,
a mystical Pascha,
a Pascha worthy of veneration,
a Pascha which is Christ the Redeemer,
a blameless Pascha,
a great Pascha,
a Pascha of the faithful,
a Pascha which has opened for us the gates of Paradise,
a Pascha which sanctifies all the faithful.

V. As smoke vanishes so let them vanish; [as wax melts before the fire!] (Ps. 67:2a)

Come from that scene, O women bearers of glad tidings,
and say to Zion:
“Receive from us the glad tidings of joy,
of Christ’s Resurrection!
Exult and be glad,
and rejoice, O Jerusalem,
seeing Christ the King, Who comes forth from the tomb
like a bridegroom in procession!”

*V. So the sinners will perish before the face of God; but let the righteous be glad!
(Ps. 67:2b-3a)*

The myrrh-bearing women,
at the break of dawn,
drew near to the tomb of the Life-giver.
There they found an angel
sitting upon the stone.
He greeted them with these words:
“Why do you seek the Living among the dead?
Why do you mourn the Incorrupt amid corruption?
Go, proclaim the glad tidings to His disciples!”

V. This is the day which the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
(Ps. 117:24)

Pascha of beauty,
the Pascha of the Lord,
A Pascha worthy of all honor has dawned for us.
O Pascha!
Let us embrace each other joyously!
Pascha, ransom from affliction!
For today, as from a bridal chamber,
Christ has shone forth from the tomb,
and filled the women with joy saying:
“Proclaim the glad tidings to the Apostles!”

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Tone 6 *(from the Menaion, for St. John, by John the Monk)*

O Apostle of Christ,
Evangelist and divine Teacher,
you were an initiate of ineffable things.
You made teachings plain to the faithful,
as you thundered forth to us:
“In the beginning was the Word!”
Casting aside the words of heretics who said: “He was not!”
You were openly the bosom friend and beloved,
like the prophet Isaiah, and the God-seer Moses.
As you have boldness before Him, //
never cease to pray for our souls!

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

This is the day of resurrection!
Let us be illumined by the feast!
Let us embrace each other!
Let us call Brothers even those that hate us,
and forgive all by the resurrection,
and so let us cry:

“Christ is risen from the dead,
trampling down death by death,
and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!” *(once)*

(at Great Vespers)

Tone 2 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal,
You slew hell with the splendor of Your Godhead.
And when from the depths You raised the dead,
all the powers of heaven cried out://
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!”

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

Tone 2 Troparion *(St. John)*

Beloved Apostle of Christ our God,
hasten to deliver a defenseless people!
He Who allowed you to recline on His breast,
receives you as you bow before Him.
Implore Him, O John the Theologian,
to disperse the persistent threat from the heathens//
entreating for us peace and great mercy!

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 2 Troparion *(Pentecostarion)*

The Angel came to the myrrhbearing women at the tomb and said:
“Myrrh is fitting for the dead;
but Christ has shown Himself a stranger to corruption!
So proclaim: ‘The Lord is risen//
granting the world great mercy.’”