

SUNDAY, MAY 8th
3rd Sunday of Pascha
Holy Myrrhbearing Women
Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian

Priest: "Blessed is the Kingdom ... " Choir: "Amen."

**Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death,
and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! (3x)**

The First Antiphon

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His name, give glory to His praise!

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Say to God: "How awesome are Your deeds!
So great is Your power that Your enemies cringe before You!" (R)

Let all the earth worship You and praise You! Let it praise Your name, O most High! (R)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. (R)

The Second Antiphon

God be bountiful and bless us! Show the light of Your countenance upon us and have mercy on us!

Refrain: O Son of God Who arose from the dead, save us who sing to You: "Alleluia!"

That we may know Your way upon the earth, and Your salvation among all nations. (R)

Let the people give thanks to You, O God! Let all the people give thanks to You! (R)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever . . . Amen.

Only Begotten Son and Immortal Word of God,
Who for our salvation, did become incarnate, of the holy Theotokos and ever virgin Mary, Who
without change did become man, and was crucified, O Christ our God,
Trampling down death by death, Who are one of the Holy Trinity,
Glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit, save us.

The Third Antiphon

v: Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from before His face

***Refrain: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death,
and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!***

v: As smoke vanishes so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire! (R)

v: So the sinners will perish before the face of God. But let the righteous be glad! (R)

v: This is the day which the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. ®

Troparion (Tone 2) (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!”

Troparion (Tone 2) (Pentecostarion)

The noble Joseph,
when he had taken down Your most pure Body from the Tree,
wrapped it in fine linen and anointed it with spices,
and placed it in a new tomb.
But You rose on the third day, O Lord,
granting the world great mercy.

Troparion (Tone 2) (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!

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

Kontakion (Tone 2) (St. John)

Who shall declare your greatness,
O virgin disciple,
for you pour forth wonders and are a source of healings,
and pray for our souls as theologian and friend of Christ.

now and ever . . . Amen.

Kontakion (Tone 2) (Pentecostarion)

You commanded the Myrrhbearers to rejoice, O Christ God.
By Your Resurrection, You stopped the lamentation of Eve, the first mother.
You commanded them to preach to Your Apostles:
“The Savior is risen from the tomb!”

Prokeimenon (Tone 6)

O Lord, save Your people, / and bless Your inheritance! (Ps. 27:9a)
v. To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps. 27:1a)

Epistle (Acts 6:1-7)

Now in these days: When the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Epistle (1 John 1:1-7) (St. John)

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life—the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us—that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. And these things we write to you that your joy may be full. This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (Tone 8)

v. O Lord, You have been gracious to Your land; You have turned back the captivity of Jacob. (Ps. 84:1)

v. Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other. (Ps. 84:10)

Gospel (Mark 15:43-16:8)

Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. Then he bought fine linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James observed where He was laid. Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away—for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples — and Peter — that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you." So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Gospel (John 19:25-27; 21:24-25) (St. John)

At that time: standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true. And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.

Hymn to the Theotokos

The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace:

“Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again, I say: ‘Rejoice,
your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb!
With Himself He has raised all the dead.’”

Rejoice, O ye people!

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem!

The glory of the Lord has shone on you!

Exult now, and be glad, O Zion!

Be radiant, O pure Theotokos,
in the Resurrection of your Son!

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe. (*Ps. 18:4*)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

In place of “We have seen...” we sing: Christ is risen . . . (1x).

At the Dismissal:

Priest: “Glory to You, O Christ....,” and all sing “Christ is risen....” (3x).

Priest: Dismissal, and all sing “Christ is risen” (3x) then

And unto us He has given eternal life.

Let us worship His Resurrection on the third day!
