

THE PASCHAL OFFICE

Said instead of the Hours, Compline, and the Midnight Office
from Pascha to Bright Saturday and on the Leave-taking of Pascha
(Plain Reading)

Priest: Blessed is our God always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Reader: Amen.

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

(Service will be said 3x from this point)

Reader:

In that we have beheld the Resurrection of Christ, let us worship the Holy Lord Jesus, the only sinless One. Thy cross do we adore, O Christ, and Thy Holy Resurrection we praise and glorify; for Thou art our God, and we know none other beside Thee; we call upon Thy Name. O come, all ye faithful, let us adore Christ's Holy Resurrection. For lo, through the Cross is joy come into all the world. Ever blessing the Lord, let us sing His Resurrection: for in that He endured the cross for us He hath destroyed death by death. (3x)

The Hypakoe

They who were with Mary came before dawn, found the stone rolled away from the sepulcher and heard the angels say unto them: 'Why seek ye him as man with the dead, who dwelleth in light eternal? Behold the grave wrappings; make haste and declare to the world that the Lord is risen and hath caused death to die; for he is the Son of God, the Savior of mankind.'

The Kontakion

Though thou, O deathless One, didst descend into the grave, thou didst destroy the power of hades and, as Victor, thou didst rise again, O Christ our God. Thou didst greet the myrrh-bearing women saying: Rejoice! Thou didst bestow peace upon thy disciples and resurrection upon those that are fallen.

In the grave with the body but in hades with the soul as God; in paradise with the thief, and on the throne with the Father and the Spirit wast thou, O Christ, filling all things, thyself uncircumscribed.

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

As life-bearing, as more splendid than paradise and more radiant than any royal chamber, O Christ, is shown forth thy tomb, the fountain of our resurrection.

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

Rejoice, O thou hallowed, divine abode of the Most High, for through thee, O Theotokos, was joy given unto those who cry aloud to thee: Blessed art thou among women, O all-undefiled Lady.

Lord have mercy. (40x)

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

More honorable than the cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim, thou who without corruption bearest God the Word and art truly Theotokos: We magnify thee.

Bless, father, in the name of the Lord.

Priest: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us, and save us.

Reader: Amen.

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Service completed:

Priest: Glory to thee, O Christ our God and our Hope, glory to thee.

Reader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Lord have mercy. (3x)

Father, bless.

The Dismissal

Priest: May he who rose from the dead ... and of all the saints: have mercy on us, and save us, forasmuch as He is good and loveth mankind.

Reader: Amen.