

THE PASCHAL OFFICE

The following is read or sung during the entire Bright Week in place of the Hours, Compline, Midnight Office and Morning and Evening Prayers.

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

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

Having 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 no other beside Thee; we call upon Thy Name. O come all you faithful, let us adore Christ's holy Resurrection. For lo, through the Cross joy has come into all the world. Ever blessing the Lord, let us sing His Resurrection. In that He endured the Cross He destroyed death by death. (*Thrice*)

Hypakoe: Before the dawn Mary and the women came and found the stone rolled away from the tomb. They heard the angelic voice: Why do you seek among the dead as a man, the One Who is everlasting light? Behold the clothes in the grave; go and proclaim to the world the Lord is risen; He has slain death; as He is the Son of God, saving the race of man.

Kontakion: O Christ God, though Thou didst descend into the grave, yet didst Thou overthrow the power of Hades; and rise as an immortal conqueror. Thou didst greet the myrrh-bearing women with joy and to Thine Apostles, thou didst send Thy peace and to the fallen, O Lord, didst bring Resurrection.

Troparion: 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 was 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.

Now and ever, and to the 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 unto thee: Blessed art thou among women, O all-undefiled Lady.

Lord, have mercy. *(40 times)*

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

More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim; thou who without stain bearest God the Word; and art truly Theotokos, we magnify thee.

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(For Evening Prayers, the following is also said): Blessed are You, O Almighty Master, Who enlightened the day with the light of the sun and illumined the night by the rays of fire, Who deemed us worthy to pass through the length of the day and draw nigh to the beginning of the night. Hearken unto Our supplication, and that of all Your people. Forgive all of us our sins, voluntary and involuntary, accept our evening entreaties, and send down the multitude of Your mercy and compassions upon Your inheritance. Encompass us with Your holy Angels; arm us with the armor of Your righteousness; surround us with Your truth; protect us by Your might; deliver us from every grievous circumstance and from every conspiracy of the adversary. And grant unto us that this evening together with the coming night and all the days of our life may be perfect, holy, peaceful, sinless, without stumbling and vain imaginings; by the intercessions of the holy Theotokos and of all the Saints who, from ages past, have been well-pleasing unto You. Amen.

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

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