

## THE KATAVASIA OF PASCHA – TONE I

**Katavasia I:** It is the Day of Resurrection, \* let us be radiant, O ye people; \* Pascha, the Lord's Pascha: \* for from death to life, \* and from earth to heaven, \* Christ God hath brought us, \* as we sing the song of victory.

**Katavasia III:** Come, let us drink a new drink, \* not one miraculously brought forth from a barren rock \* but the Fountain of Incorruption, \* springing forth from the tomb of Christ, \* in Whom we are strengthened.

**Katavasia IV:** On divine watch let the God-inspired Habakkuk stand with us, \* and show forth the light-bearing angel clearly saying: \* Today salvation is come to the world, \* for Christ is risen \* as Almighty.

**Katavasia V:** Let us awake in the deep dawn, \* and instead of myrrh, offer a hymn to the Master, \* and we shall see Christ, \* the Sun of Righteousness, \* Who causeth life to dawn for all.

**Katavasia VI:** Thou didst descend into the nethermost parts of the earth, \* and didst shatter the eternal bars that held the fettered, O Christ, \* and on the third day, \* like Jonah from the whale, \* Thou didst arise from the tomb.

**Katavasia VII:** He Who delivered the Children from the furnace, \* became man, suffereth as a mortal, \* and through His Passion \* doth clothe mortality with the beauty of incorruption, \* He is the only blessed and most glorious \* God of our fathers.

**Katavasia VIII:** The type of the Godhead prefigured in the resplendent three \* loosed the bonds and moistened the flames with dew. \* The Children praise, and all creation that was made doth bless, \* the only Savior and Creator of all, \* as their Benefactor.

**Refrain:** The angel cried unto her that is full of grace: \* Rejoice, O pure Virgin! And again I say, rejoice! \* For thy Son hath arisen from the grave on the third day, \* and the dead having been raised, be jubilant O ye people!

**Katavasia IX:** Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, \* for the glory of the Lord hath arisen upon thee; \* dance now and be glad, O Zion, \* and do thou exult, O pure Theotokos, \* in the arising of Him Whom thou didst bear.