

**BRIGHT TUESDAY EVENING
AT VESPERS**

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

Choir: Amen.

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Litany of Peace: In peace let us pray ...,

On “Lord I have cried ...,” 6 Stichera: from the Oktoechos, in Tone IV:

Verse: If Thou shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand? * For with Thee there is forgiveness.

Unceasingly worshiping Thy life-giving Cross, O Christ God, * we glorify Thy Resurrection on the third day, * for through it, O All-powerful one, * Thou hast renewed corrupted human nature * and shown us the way to heaven, ** since Thou alone art good and the Lover of mankind.

Verse: For Thy name's sake have I patiently waited for Thee, O Lord; my soul hath patiently waited for Thy word, * my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

By being willingly nailed to the tree of the Cross, O Savior, * Thou hast abolished the penalty of the tree of disobedience; * and by descending into Hades, O All-powerful one, * as God Thou hast torn asunder the bonds of death. * Wherefore we worship Thy Resurrection from the dead, and we cry out with joy: ** O All-powerful Lord, glory be to Thee!

Verse: From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch * let Israel hope in the Lord.

Thou hast shattered the gates of Hades, O Lord, * and by Thy death Thou hast destroyed the dominion of death; * delivering mankind from corruption, * granting the world life, incorruption, ** and great mercy.

Verse: For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption; * and He shall redeem Israel out of all his iniquities.

Come O ye peoples, let us hymn the Savior's Rising on the third day, * whereby we were redeemed from the unbreakable bonds of Hades * obtaining incorruption and life, as we cry aloud: * "Thou, who wast crucified and buried and rose again, ** save us by Thy Resurrection, O only Lover of mankind."

Verse: O praise the Lord, all ye nations; * praise Him, all ye peoples.

Angels and mortals hymn thine Arising on the third day, O Savior, * through which the ends of the inhabited world were filled with light, * and we were all redeemed from the slavery of the enemy, as we cry aloud: * "O life-giving, All-powerful Savior, ** save us by Thy Resurrection, only Lover of mankind."

Verse: For He hath made His mercy to prevail over us, * and the truth of the Lord abideth forever.

Thou hath shattered the gates of brass and smashed their bars, O Christ God, * raising the fallen race of mankind; * wherefore with one accord we cry unto Thee: * "O Lord risen from the dead, ** glory be to Thee!"

Glory ..., in Tone IV:

O Lord, begotten from Thy Father without time and eternal; * Thine incarnation from a Virgin is inexpressible for man and beyond telling; * and Thy descent into Hades is fearful for the devil and His angels; * for having trampled upon death Thou hast arisen on the third day, ** granting mankind incorruption and great mercy.

Both now ..., Dogmatic Theotokion, in Tone IV:

Prophet David, the ancestor of God, * spoke of thee in psalmody unto Him Who hath accomplished great things in thee. * For God was well pleased without father to become a man from thee, * the Queen who standeth at His right hand, * and He - the source of life - showed thee to be His mother, * that He might renew His own image, corrupted by the passions. * Having found the lost sheep wandering on the mountain * He hath laid it upon his shoulders, * that He may bring it to his Father; * and in accordance with His own will * unite it to the heavenly Powers * and thus, O Theotokos, save the world, ** Christ, Who is richly and abundantly merciful.

After the Entrance, and “O Joyous Light ...,”

The Prokeimenon in Tone VIII: With my voice unto the Lord have I cried, with my voice unto God, * and he was attentive unto me.

Verse: In the day of mine affliction I sought out God, with my hands upraised by night before Him and I was not deceived

Verse: My soul refused to be comforted; I remembered God and I was gladdened.

Verse: O God in the sanctuary is Thy way. What God is as great as our God? Thou alone art God Who workest wonders.

Litany: Let us all say with our whole soul ...,

Choir, in Tone VIII: Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this evening without sin. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy name unto the ages. Amen.

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we have hoped in Thee. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, teach me Thy statutes. Blessed art Thou, O Master, give me understanding of Thy statutes. Blessed art Thou, O Holy One, enlighten me by Thy statutes.

O Lord, Thy mercy endureth forever; disdain not the work of Thy hands. To Thee is due praise, to Thee is due a song, to Thee glory is due, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Litany: Let us complete our evening prayer ...,

On the Aposticha, the Sticheron of the Resurrection, in Tone IV:

O Lord, by ascending the Cross * Thou hast wiped out our ancestral curse, * and by descending into Hades * Thou hast set free those enchained therein from all ages, * granting incorruption to mankind; * wherefore with hymns we glorify ** Thy life-giving and saving Arising.

And the Paschal Stichera, in Tone V:

Verse: Let God arise and let His enemies be scattered.

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Verse: As smoke vanisheth, so let them vanish.

Come from the vision, O ye women, bearers of good tidings, * and say ye unto Zion: * Receive from us the good tidings * of the Resurrection of Christ; * adorn thyself, exult, * and rejoice, O Jerusalem, * for thou hast seen Christ the King, ** like a bridegroom come forth from the tomb.

Verse: So let sinners perish at the presence of God, and let the righteous be glad.

The myrrh-bearing women * in the deep dawn * stood before the tomb of the Giver of life; * they found an angel sitting upon the stone, * and he, speaking to them, said thus: * Why seek ye the Living among the dead? * Why mourn ye the Incorruptible amid corruption? ** Go, proclaim unto His disciples.

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Pascha the beautiful, * Pascha, the Lord's Pascha, * the Pascha all-venerable hath dawned upon us. * Pascha, with joy let us embrace one another. * O Pascha! * Ransom from sorrow, * for from the tomb today, * as from a bridal chamber, * hath Christ shone forth, * and hath filled the women with joy, saying: ** Proclaim unto the apostles.

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

It is the Day of Resurrection, * let us be radiant for the feast, * and let us embrace one another. * Let us say, Brethren, even to them that hate us, * let us forgive all things on the Resurrection, * and thus let us cry out:

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

Priest: Wisdom!

Choir: Father (Master), bless.

Priest: He that is, is blessed, Christ our God, always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Choir: Amen. Establish, O God, the holy Orthodox Faith and Orthodox Christians, unto the ages of ages.

Clergy: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death:

Choir: And upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

THE DISMISSAL:

Priest: May Christ our true God, Who rose from the dead, trampling death by death and bestowing life upon those in the tombs, through the intercessions of His most pure Mother, and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and the Lover of mankind.

Priest: CHRIST IS RISEN! (Thrice)

People: TRULY HE IS RISEN! (After each)

After which: Choir: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! (Thrice)

And unto us hath He granted life eternal; we worship His Resurrection on the third day.

BRIGHT WEDNESDAY MORNING
AT MATINS

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Litany: In peace let us pray ...,

ODE I

Irmo: 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.

Refrain: Christ is risen from the dead.

Let us purify our senses, * and we shall behold Christ, * radiant with the unapproachable light of the Resurrection, * and we shall clearly hear Him say, Rejoice! ** as we sing the hymn of victory.

Refrain: Christ is risen from the dead.

Let the heavens be glad as is meet, * and let the earth rejoice, * and let the whole world, both visible and invisible, * keep festival: * for Christ is risen, ** O gladness eternal.

Glory ..., Thou hast broken through the barrier of death, * by giving birth to Christ, the eternal Life, * Who today hath shone forth from the tomb, * O all-immaculate Virgin, ** and Who hath enlightened the world.

Now and ever ..., Having beheld thy resurrected Son and God, * rejoice thou with the apostles, * O Pure One who art full of the grace of God, * and be the first to rejoice, * as thou hast received the Cause of joy for all, ** O all-immaculate Mother of God.

Katavasia: It is the Day of Resurrection ...,

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

ODE III

Irmos: 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.

Refrain: Christ is risen from the dead.

Now all things are filled with light; * heaven and earth, * and the nethermost parts of the earth; * let all creation, therefore, celebrate the arising of Christ ** whereby it is strengthened.

Refrain: Christ is risen from the dead.

Yesterday I was buried with Thee, O Christ; * today I rise with Thine arising. * Yesterday I was crucified with Thee; * do Thou Thyself glorify me with Thee, O Savior, ** in Thy kingdom.

Glory ..., Into incorruptible life have I entered today, * through the goodness of Him Who was born of thee, * O Pure One, ** and Who makest all the ends of the earth radiant with joy.

Now and ever ..., Having beheld God, * Whom thou didst bear in the flesh, * risen from the dead, as He said, O pure one; * dance, and magnify Him as God, ** O most pure one.

Katavasia: Come, let us drink a new drink ...,

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

Small Litany: and Exclamation: For Thou art our God, and unto Thee do we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Sessional Hymn, in Tone IV:

Forestalling the dawn, the women came with Mary, * and found the stone rolled away from the sepulcher, * and heard from the angel: Why seek ye among the dead, * as though He were mortal, * Him Who liveth in everlasting light? * Behold the grave-clothes. Go quickly and proclaim to the world * that the Lord is risen * and hath slain death. * For He is the Son of God Who saveth mankind.

ODE IV

Irmos: 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.

Refrain: Christ is risen from the dead.

As a man-child did Christ appear * when He came forth from the Virgin's womb, * and as a mortal was He called the Lamb. * Without blemish also, is our Pascha * for He tasted no defilement; ** and as true God, perfect was He proclaimed.

Refrain: Christ is risen from the dead.

Like unto a yearling lamb, * Christ, our blessed Crown, * of His own will was sacrificed for all, * a Pascha of purification; * and from the tomb the beautiful Sun of Righteousness ** shone forth again upon us.

Refrain: Christ is risen from the dead.

David, the ancestor of God, * danced with leaping before the symbolical Ark; * let us also, the holy people of God, * beholding the fulfillment of the symbols, * be divinely glad; ** for Christ is risen as Almighty.

Glory ..., **H**e Who created Adam thy forefather, O Pure One, * took form from thee, and the habitation of the dead * hath He demolished today through His death, * and shone upon all things ** with the divine radiance of the Resurrection.

Now and ever ..., **B**eholding Christ, Whom thou hast borne, * shining forth splendidly from the dead, O Pure One, * who art good and spotless among women, and comely today, * rejoicing with the apostles in the salvation of all, ** Him do thou glorify.

Katavasia: On divine watch let the God-inspired Habakkuk ...,

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

ODE V

Irmos: 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.

Refrain: Christ is risen from the dead.

Seeing Thy boundless compassion * they who were held in the bonds of hades * hastened to the light, O Christ, * with gladsome feet, ** praising the Pascha eternal.

Refrain: Christ is risen from the dead.

Bearing lights, let us approach Christ, * Who cometh forth from the tomb like a bridegroom, * and with the feast-loving ranks of angels * let us celebrate ** the saving Pascha of God.

Glory ..., Enlightened by the divine rays * and the life-bearing Resurrection of thy Son, * O most pure Mother of God, ** the gathering of the pious is filled with joy.

Now and ever ..., Thou didst not open the gates of virginity * in the Incarnation, * nor the seal upon the tomb didst Thou destroy, * O King of creation; * from whence seeing Thee risen, ** Thy Mother rejoiceth.

Katavasia; Let us awake in the deep dawn ...,

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

ODE VI

Irmos: 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.

Refrain: Christ is risen from the dead.

Having kept the seals intact, O Christ, * Thou didst rise from the tomb, * O Thou Who didst not break the seal of the Virgin by Thy birth, * and Thou hast opened for us ** the doors of Paradise.

Refrain: Christ is risen from the dead.

O my Savior, the living and un-slain Sacrifice, * when, as God, Thou, of Thine Own will, * hadst offered up Thyself unto the Father, * Thou didst raise up with Thyself the whole race of Adam, ** when Thou didst rise from the tomb.

Glory ..., **He** that of old was held by death and corruption * is raised up by Him Who was incarnate * of thy most pure womb, O Theotokos Virgin, ** unto incorruption and everlasting life.

Now and ever ..., **He** Who went down into the nethermost parts of the earth, * and came into thy womb, O Pure One, * and dwelt and past understanding was incarnate, * hath also raised up Adam with Himself ** when He rose from the tomb.

Katavasia: Thou didst descend into the nethermost ...

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

Small Litany: and Exclamation: For Thou art the King of peace, and the Savior of our souls, and unto Thee do we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Kontakion: in Tone VIII:

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal, * Thou didst destroy the power of Hades. * In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, * proclaiming “Rejoice!” to the myrrh-bearing women; * granting peace to Thine apostles, ** and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

Ikos: **The** myrrh-bearing women forestalled the dawn, seeking, as it were day, the Sun that was before the sun and Who had once set in the tomb, and they cried out one to another: O friends! come, let us anoint with spices the life-bringing and buried Body, the Flesh that raised up fallen Adam, that now lieth in the tomb. Let us go, let us hasten, like the Magi, and let us worship and offer myrrh as a gift to Him Who is wrapped now not in swaddling clothes but in a shroud. And let us weep and cry aloud: O Master, arise, Thou Who dost grant resurrection to the fallen.

Hymn of the Resurrection, in Tone VI:

Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ, * let us worship the holy Lord Jesus, * the only sinless One. * We worship Thy Cross, O Christ, * and Thy holy Resurrection we hymn 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

worship Christ's holy Resurrection, * for, behold, through the Cross joy hath come to all the world. * Ever blessing the Lord, * we hymn His Resurrection; * for, having endured crucifixion, * He hath destroyed death by death. (Thrice)

Jesus having risen from the tomb, * as He foretold, * hath granted us life eternal, ** and great mercy. (Thrice)

ODE VII

Irmos: 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.

Refrain: Christ is risen from the dead.

The godly-wise women with myrrh * followed after Thee in haste; * but Him Whom they sought with tears as dead, * they worshipped joyfully as the living God, * and they brought unto Thy disciples, O Christ, ** the good tidings of the mystical Pascha.

Refrain: Christ is risen from the dead.

We celebrate the death of death, * the destruction of hades, * the beginning of another life eternal, * and leaping for joy, * we hymn the Cause, ** the only blessed and supremely glorious God of our fathers.

Refrain: Christ is risen from the dead.

For truly sacred and all-festive is this saving night, * and this shining, light-bearing day, * the harbinger of the Resurrection, * whereon the Timeless Light bodily ** from the tomb upon all hath shined.

Glory ..., Thy Son, having put death to death, * O all-immaculate one, * today hath granted unto all mortals * the life that abideth unto the ages of ages, ** the only blessed and supremely glorious God of our fathers.

Now and ever ..., He Who reigneth over all creation, * became man, * dwelling in thy God-graced womb, * and having endured crucifixion and death, * is risen in a God-befitting manner, * raising us up with Himself, ** for He is Almighty.

Katavsia: He Who delivered the Children ...,

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

ODE VIII

Irmos: This chosen and holy day * is the first of the sabbaths, * the queen and lady, * the feast of feasts, * and the festival of festivals, * wherein we bless Christ throughout the ages.

Refrain: Christ is risen from the dead.

Come, on this auspicious day of the Resurrection, * let us partake of the fruit of the new vine * of divine gladness of the kingdom of Christ, * praising Him as God ** throughout the ages.

Refrain: Christ is risen from the dead.

Lift up thine eyes about thee, O Zion, * and see, for behold, there cometh unto thee * like God-illuminated beacons, * from the west, and from the north, * and from the sea, and from the east, ** thy children, in thee blessing Christ throughout the ages.

Refrain: O Most Holy Trinity, our God, glory be to Thee.

O Father Almighty, and Word, and Spirit, * one Nature united in three Hypostases, * transcendent and most divine! * Into Thee have we been baptized, ** and Thee will we bless throughout all ages.

Refrain: We bless the Father, son and Holy Spirit, the Lord:

Through thee the Lord came into the world, * O Virgin Theotokos, * and the womb of hades did He tear open, * granting unto us mortals resurrection; ** Wherefore, we bless Him throughout the ages.

Now and ever ..., **L**aying low all the dominion of death * by His Resurrection, * thy Son, O Virgin, as the mighty God, * hath raised us up with Himself * and deified us; ** wherefore we sing His praise throughout the ages.

Katavasia: This chosen and holy day ...,

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ODE IX

Refrain: Magnify, O my soul, Him Who willingly suffered, and was buried, and rose from the grave on the third day.

Irmos: 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.

Refrain: Magnify, O my soul, Christ the Giver of life, Who arose from the grave on the third day.

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.

Refrain: Christ is the new Pascha, the living-sacrifice, the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.

O how divine, how loving, * how sweet is Thy voice! * For Thou hast truly promised * to be with us unto the end of the age, O Christ; * having this foundation of hope, ** we the faithful rejoice.

Refrain: Today all creation is glad and rejoiceth, for Christ is risen, and hades is led in captivity.

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Refrain: Magnify, O my soul, the dominion of the Tri-hypostatic and Indivisible Godhead.

O Christ, Thou great and most sacred Pascha! * O Wisdom, Word and power of God! * Grant us to partake of Thee more fully * in the unwaning day ** of Thy kingdom.

Refrain: Rejoice, O Virgin, rejoice; rejoice O blessed one; rejoice, O most glorified one: for thy Son is risen on the third day from the grave.

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Glory ..., With one voice, O Virgin, * the faithful do bless thee. * Rejoice, O Portal of the Lord; * rejoice, O living City; * rejoice, through whom for our sake the Light hath shone, * Who, born of thee, ** is the Resurrection of the dead.

Now and ever ..., Be glad and rejoice, * O Portal of the Divine Light: * for Jesus set into the grave, * hath dawned forth shining more brightly than the sun, * and hath illumined all the faithful, ** O divinely joyous Lady.

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!

And the Irmos: 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.

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

Small Litany: and Exclamation: For all the hosts of heaven praise Thee, and unto Thee do we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Exapostilarion, in Tone III:

Having fallen asleep in the flesh, * as a mortal, * O King and Lord, * on the third day Thou didst rise again, * raising up Adam from corruption, * and abolishing death: * O Pascha of incorruption, ** Salvation of the world! (Thrice)

On the Praises, these Stichera, in Tone IV:

Choir: Let every breath praise the Lord. * Praise the Lord from the heavens, * praise Him in the highest. ** To Thee is due praise, O God.

Praise Him, all ye His angels; * praise Him, all ye His hosts. ** To Thee is due praise, O God.

Verse: Praise Him for His mighty acts, * praise Him according to the multitude of His greatness.

O all-powerful Lord, * Who didst endure the Cross and death, * and arose from the dead, ** we glorify Thy Holy Resurrection.

Verse: Praise Him with the sound of trumpet, * praise Him with the psaltery and harp.

By Thy Cross, O Christ, Thou hast delivered us from the ancient curse, * and by Thy death Thou hast conquered the devil who tyrannized our nature. * By Thine arising Thou hast filled all things with joy, * wherefore we cry unto Thee: ** “O Lord risen from the dead, glory be to Thee!”

Verse: Praise Him with timbrel and dance, * praise him with strings and flute.

O Christ the Savior, * with Thy Cross, guide us to Thy truth, * and deliver us from the snares of the enemy; * O Thou who art risen from the dead * raise us also who have fallen through sin, * by the stretching out of Thy hand, * O Lord, at the behest of the prayers of Thy Saints.

Verse: Praise Him with tuneful cymbals, praise Him with cymbals of jubilation. * Let every breath praise the Lord.

Without departing from Thy Father’s bosom, * in Thy tender compassion, Thou didst descend to earth, * O Only-begotten Word of God, * without change becoming man. * Whilst Thou art impassible in Thy divinity, * Thou didst suffer

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Verse: So let sinners perish at the presence of God, and let the righteous be glad.

The myrrh-bearing women * in the deep dawn * stood before the tomb of the Giver of life; * they found an angel sitting upon the stone, * and he, speaking to them, said thus: * Why seek ye the Living among the dead? *Why mourn ye the Incorruptible amid corruption? ** Go, proclaim unto His disciples.

Verse: This is the day which the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad therein.

Pascha the beautiful, * Pascha, the Lord's Pascha, * the Pascha all-venerable hath dawned upon us. * Pascha, with joy let us embrace one another. * O Pascha! * Ransom from sorrow, * for from the tomb today, * as from a bridal chamber, * hath Christ shone forth, * and hath filled the women with joy, saying: ** Proclaim unto the apostles.

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

It is the Day of Resurrection, * let us be radiant for the feast, * and let us embrace one another. * Let us say, Brethren, even to them that hate us, * let us forgive all things on the Resurrection, ** and thus let us cry out:

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

The usual Ektenias until:

Priest: He that is, is blessed, Christ our God, always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Choir: Amen. Establish, O God, the holy Orthodox Faith and Orthodox Christians, unto the ages of ages.

Clergy: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death:

Choir: And upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

THE DISMISSAL:

Priest: May Christ our true God, Who rose from the dead, trampling death by death and bestowing life upon those in the tombs, through the intercessions of His most pure Mother, and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and the Lover of mankind.

Priest: CHRIST IS RISEN! (Thrice)

People: TRULY HE IS RISEN! (After each)

After which: Choir: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! (Thrice)

And unto us hath He granted life eternal; we worship His Resurrection on the third day.

Then the Paschal Hours are chanted in place of Compline, Nocturnes, 1st, 3rd, 6th, and 9th hours.

**BRIGHT WEDNESDAY
AT LITURGY**

Priest: Blessed is the kingdom ...,

Choir: Amen.

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

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

The Priest reads the verse, and the choir sings the Troparion after each Verse:

Verse: Let God arise and let His enemies be scattered, and let them that hate Him flee from before His face.

Choir: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

Verse: As smoke vanisheth, so let them vanish, as wax melteth before the fire.

Choir: Repeat Troparion

Verse: So let the sinners perish at the presence of God, and let the righteous be glad.

Choir: Repeat Troparion

Verse: This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad therein.

Choir: Repeat Troparion

Priest: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Choir: Repeat Troparion

Priest: Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Choir: Repeat Troparion

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death.

Choir: And upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

Litany of Peace: In peace let us pray ...,

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

Verse: Shout with jubilation unto the Lord all the earth; * chant ye unto His name, give glory in praise of Him.

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

Verse: Say unto God: How awesome are Thy works! * In the multitude of Thy power shall Thine enemies be proved false unto Thee.

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

Verse: Let all the earth worship Thee and chant unto Thee; * let them chant unto Thy name, O Most High.

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

Glory ..., Both now ...,

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

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

Verse: God be gracious unto us and bless us, * and cause Thy face to shine upon us and have mercy on us.

Refrain: O Son of God Who didst rise from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

Verse: That we may know upon the earth Thy way, * among all the nations Thy salvation.

Refrain: O Son of God Who didst rise from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

Verse: Let all the peoples give Thee praise, O God, * let all the peoples praise Thee.

Refrain: O Son of God Who didst rise from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

Glory ..., Both now ..., in Tone II:

Only-Begotten Son and Word of God, * Thou Who art immortal, and didst deign for our salvation * to become incarnate of the holy Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary, * without change becoming man, * and Who wast crucified, O Christ God, trampling down death by death: * Thou Who art one of the Holy Trinity, ** glorified together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, save us.

THIRD ANTIPHON

Verse: Let God arise and let His enemies be scattered, and let them that hate Him flee from before His face.

Choir: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

Verse: As smoke vanisheth, so let them vanish, as wax melteth before the fire.

Choir: Repeat Troparion

Verse: So let the sinners perish at the presence of God, and let the righteous be glad, let them rejoice in the presence of God

Choir: Repeat Troparion

The Small Entry

Introit: In the Churches bless ye God, the Lord from the wellsprings of Israel

Then we sing the Troparion, Sessional Hymn, and Kontakion of the Feast:

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

Glory..., in Tone IV: Forestalling the dawn, the women came with Mary, * and found the stone rolled away from the sepulcher, * and heard from the angel: Why seek ye among the dead, * as though He were mortal, * Him Who liveth in everlasting light? * Behold the grave-clothes. Go quickly and proclaim to the world * that the Lord is risen * and hath slain death. * For He is the Son of God Who saveth mankind.

Both now ..., in Tone VIII: Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal, * Thou didst destroy the power of Hades. * In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, * proclaiming "Rejoice!" to the myrrh-bearing women; * granting peace to Thine apostles, ** and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

Then: Instead of the Trisagion:

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia. (Thrice).

Glory ..., Both now ..., Have put on Christ. Alleluia.

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

The Prokeimenon: in Tone IV: I shall commemorate thy name * in every generation and generation.

Verse: Hearken O daughter and see, and incline thine ear; and forget not thine own people, and thy father's house;

THE ACTS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES: (2:22 - 38)

In those days, Peter said unto those who came unto him: Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved: Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope: Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance. Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulcher is with us unto this day. Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, Until I make thy foes thy footstool. Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made the same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

Alleluia, in Tone III:

Verse: My soul doth magnify the Lord, * and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior

Verse: For he hath looked upon the lowliness of His handmaiden; for behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN. (1:35-51)

At that time: John stood, and two of his disciples; And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God! And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye? They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say,

being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou? He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone. The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me. Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see. Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile! Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee. Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel. Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these. And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we chant the **Irmos** of the 9th ODE of the Canon of the feast, first Tone:

Refrain: The angel cried unto her that is full of grace: * Rejoice, O pure Virgin! And again I say, rejoice! * For thy Son is risen from the grave on the third day.

Irmos: 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.

Communion Verse: Receive ye the Body of Christ, taste ye of the Fountain of Immortality. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

When the priest saith: "With the fear of God and with faith draw near," instead of "Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord," we chant:

“Christ is risen ...,” once. And we also sing this instead of “We have seen the true light ...,” and instead of “Let our mouths be filled with thy praise ...,”

When the priest saith: “The blessing of the Lord be upon you ...,” The Choir chanteth “Amen.” And then the clergy chant: “Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death.” And the Choir chants: “And upon those in the tombs bestowing life.”

THE DISMISSAL:

Priest: May Christ our true God, Who rose from the dead, trampling death by death and bestowing life upon those in the tombs, through the intercessions of His most pure Mother, and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and the Lover of mankind.

Choir: Amen.

Priest: CHRIST IS RISEN! (Thrice)

People: TRULY HE IS RISEN! (After each)

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

And unto us hath He granted life eternal; * we worship His Resurrection on the third day.