

Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women
Acts 6: 1 – 7 Mark 15: 43 – 16: 8

During Paschaltide the clergy sing the Paschal Troparion 2^{1/2} times, with the people concluding the last half:

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

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People: ... and upon those in the tombs bestowing life. (Znamenny)

Beatitude Verses

4 for Resurrection from Octoechos
4 from Ode 6 from the Pentecostarion

People: In Your kingdom remember us, O Lord, when You come into Your kingdom.
Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted!
Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth!
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled!
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy!

Reader: O Compassionate Lord, remember us also, just as You remembered the Robber, in the Kingdom of the Heavens.

People: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God!

Reader: The tree drove out Adam, and the Cross led the Robber up into the Kingdom of the Heavens.

People: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God!

Reader: The tomb received You, O Savior, You who empties the tombs and who, as God, grants life to the dead.

People: Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven!

Reader: O Glorious Apostles of Christ, entreat Him fervently that He save us from perils.

People: Blessed are you when people revile you, persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for my sake!

Reader: O Christ, having wrapped You in linen, the noble Joseph laid You in a tomb; and having anointed with myrrh the fallen temple of Your Body, he rolled a great stone before the tomb.

People: Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven!

Reader: O myrrh-bearing women, why do hurry now? Why bring myrrh to the Living Lord? Christ is risen, as He foretold. Let your tears cease and be changed into joy.

People: **Glory** to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Reader: O faithful, let us praise the Trinity in Unity, glorifying the Father with the Son, and the Spirit who is of the same essence with the Son, and who with the Father is without beginning and eternal God.

People: **Now** and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Reader: O Theotokos, like a vineyard you conceive untilled in your womb the Cluster of grapes from which pours out like wine for us, torrents of immortality, even eternal life.

Troparia & Kontakia

Resurrection Troparion Tone 2

People:
When You descended to death O Immortal Life,
You struck Hades dead with the lightning of Your Divinity,
and when You also raised the dead from the deepest depths,
all the Powers of the Heavens cried out:
Glory to You, O Christ our God, the Giver-of-Life!

**Troparion for Noble Joseph
Tone 2**

People:

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

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

**Troparion for the Myrrh-Bearing Women
Tone 2**

People:

O Christ God when You cried Rejoice, to the myrrh-bearers, /
You made the lamentation of Eve the first mother to cease /
by Your Resurrection, /
and You commanded Your apostles to preach: //
The Savior is risen from the tomb.

People: Now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

**Kontakion of the Resurrection
Tone 8**

People:

Even though You descended into the tomb, O Immortal One, /
You overthrew the power of Hades. /
You arose as a victor O Christ our God, /
proclaiming: "Rejoice!" to the myrrh-bearing women, /
giving peace to Your apostles /
and You also grant resurrection to the fallen.

Prokeimenon Tone 6

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: Peace be to all.

Reader: And to your spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the 6th Tone: O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance.

People: O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance.

Reader: O Lord, to You I will cry; O my God, do not be silent.

People: O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance.

Reader: O Lord, save Your people.

People: And bless Your inheritance.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading is from the Acts of the Holy Apostles.

Deacon: Let us attend.

Epistle
Acts 6: 1 – 7

Reader: In those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, a complaint arose from the Hellenists against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily service of food distribution. The Twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not appropriate for us to abandon the word of God in order to serve tables. Therefore, select from among you, brethren, seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom. We will appoint them over this necessary task and devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." These words pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. Thus, the word of God spread and the number of disciples greatly multiplied in Jerusalem, and a large number of Jews became obedient to the faith.

Priest: Peace be to you the reader.

Reader: And to your spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Alleluarion
Tone 8

Reader: Alleluia in the 8th Tone.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Reader: O Lord, You were pleased with Your land; You turned back the captivity of Jacob.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Reader: Mercy and truth met together; righteousness and peace kissed each other.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Deacon: Bless Master, him who proclaims the Holy Gospel of the Holy, Apostle and Evangelist Mark.

Priest: May God, through the intercessions of the holy, glorious, all praised Apostle and Evangelist Mark, enable you to proclaim the Good News with great power, for the fulfillment of the Gospel of His Beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Deacon: Amen.

Priest: Wisdom! Arise! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. Peace be to all.

People: And to your spirit.

Deacon: The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark.

People: Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.

Priest: Let us attend.

Deacon: **Mark 15: 43 – 16: 8**

People: Glory to You, Lord, glory to You.

The Hymn to the Theotokos

Instead of "It is truly right..." we chant Irmos of the 9th Ode of the Canon of Pascha...

Tone 1

People:

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, all you 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 Verse (Koinonikon)

People:

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the Fount of Immortality. Praise the Lord in the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Communion of the Faithful

Deacon:

With fear of God, with faith and love, draw near.

People:

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. God is the Lord, and has revealed Himself to us.

While the priest is giving Holy Communion to the faithful the following hymn is repeated:

People:

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the Fount of Immortality.

After the last person has received Holy Communion:

People:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Priest blesses the people, exclaiming:

Priest:

O God, save Your people and bless Your inheritance.

The people chant instead of, "We have seen the True Light:"

People:

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

Priest:

Always, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen. O Lord, let our mouths be filled with Your praise, that we may sing of Your glory. You have made us worthy to partake of Your holy, divine, immortal and life-creating Mysteries. Keep us in Your holiness, that we may learn of Your righteousness all the day long. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Litany of Thanksgiving

The Prayer Behind the Ambo

The people chant instead of, "Blessed is the name of the Lord:"

People: Amen. Christ is risen from the dead... *(x 3)(Fast)*

Priest: The blessing of the Lord be upon you...

People: Amen.

Priest: Glory to You, O Christ God, our hope, glory to You.

People: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down Death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life. *(x 3) (Fast)*

Dismissal

Priest: May Christ our true God, who rose from the dead, through the intercessions of His all pure Mother...

People: Amen.

Priest: Christ is risen!

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All: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down Death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life. *(x 3) (Fast)*

All: And to us He has granted eternal life; /
we venerate His Resurrection on the third day.