

LEAVETAKING OF PASCHA

(After "Blessed is the Kingdom..." and "Amen.")

Clergy: Christ is risen from the dead... *(once)*

Choir: Christ is risen from the dead... *(twice)*

(The clergy then chant the Paschal verses with the choir singing the Troparion "Christ is risen..." after each verse.)

Priest: *Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those who 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!

Priest: *As smoke vanishes so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire!*

Choir: Christ is risen from the dead...

Priest: *So the sinners will perish before the face of God. But let the righteous be glad!*

Choir: Christ is risen from the dead...

Priest: *This is the day which the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!*

Choir: Christ is risen from the dead...

Priest: *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

Choir: Christ is risen from the dead...

Priest: *now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Choir: Christ is risen from the dead...

FIRST ANTIPHON

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His name, give glory to His praise!

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior save us!

Say to God: How awesome are Your deeds! So great is Your power that Your enemies cringe before You!

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior save us!

Let all the earth worship You and praise You! Let it praise Your name, O Most High!

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior save us!

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

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior save us!

SECOND ANTIPHON

God be bountiful to us and bless us! Show the light of Your countenance upon us and have mercy on us! **O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

That we may know Your way upon the earth, and Your salvation among all nations!
O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

Let the people give thanks to You, O God! Let all the people give thanks to You!
O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God, Who for our salvation didst will to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, Who without change became man and wast crucified, O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: save us!

THIRD ANTIPHON

Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from before His face. Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

As smoke vanishes so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire. Troparion: Christ is risen ...

So the sinners will perish before the face of God; but let the righteous be glad. Troparion: Christ is risen...

This is the day which the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Troparion: Christ is risen...

Priest: Wisdom! Upright! In Churches bless God, the Lord from the springs of Israel. Son of God, who rose from the dead, save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

Then immediately:

TROPARION (*Pascha*)

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

HYPAKOE (*Pascha*)

Tone 8 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.”

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

KONTAKION (*Pascha*)

Tone 8 You descended into the tomb, O Immortal, You destroyed the power of death.

In victory You arose, O Christ God,

proclaiming: “Rejoice!” to the Myrrhbearing Women,// granting peace to Your Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.

(Instead of the Trisagion, we sing:)

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

The Prokeimenon in the Third Tone: My soul magnifies the Lord / and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

v: For He has regarded the low estate of His handmaiden; for behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.

EPISTLE

The Reading is from the Acts of the Holy Apostles (18:22-28)

In those days, when Paul had landed at Caesarea, and gone up and greeted the church, he went down to Antioch. After he had spent some time there, he departed and went over the region of Galatia and Phrygia in order, strengthening all the disciples. Now a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man and mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus. This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John. So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately. And when he desired to cross to Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him; and when he arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace; for he vigorously refuted the Jews publicly, showing from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ.

Alleluia, Tone 8

v. Hear, O daughter, and see, and incline your ear.
v. Before your face the richest of people will pray.

Gospel: John 12:36-47

(Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing:)

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, O ye 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 HYMN

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Instead of "Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord," we sing **Christ is risen ... (once).***

*Instead of "We have seen the True Light" we sing: **Christ is risen ..." (once).***

*Instead of "Let our mouths be filled ...," we sing **Christ is risen ..." (once).***

*Instead of "Blessed be the Name of the Lord," we sing **Christ is risen ... (three times).***

APOLYSIS

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

Choir: and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

Priest: (apolysis)

Priest: Christ is risen! **People:** Indeed He is risen! *(this is done three times)*

Then we finish with:

And unto us He has given eternal life. Let us worship His Resurrection on the third day!