

## THE PASCHAL OFFICE

*From the Great and Holy Day of Pascha until Bright Saturday, the Paschal Office is read instead of Morning and Evening Prayers in our homes, and in place of Compline, the Midnight Office, and the Hours. It is also read on the leave-taking of Pascha. The order below is followed when the Office is used without a priest. Parts marked to be sung may be read or intoned, if required.*

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

### PASCHAL TROPARION

#### Usual melody

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

*Three times*

### HAVING BEHELD THE RESURRECTION

#### Tone 6

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 none other than Thee;  
we call on Thy name.  
O come, all ye faithful,  
let us adore Christ's holy Resurrection,  
for, lo, through the Cross joy hath come into all the world.  
Ever blessing the Lord,  
let us sing His Resurrection;  
for by enduring the Cross for us,  
He hath destroyed death by death.

*Three times*

### HYPAKOE

#### 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.  
He is the Son of God, saving the race of men!'"

### KONTAKION

#### Tone 8

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal,  
Thou didst destroy the power of death.  
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.

### TROPARIA OF THE PASCHAL OFFICE

#### Plain Reading

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 Holy Spirit  
wast 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.

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

Lord, have mercy. (Forty times)

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

More honourable than the Cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim; thou who without defilement gavest birth to God the Word, true Theotokos, we magnify thee.

Bless, O Lord!

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

*When the Paschal Office is said in place of Compline or Evening Prayers, we say the following prayer:*

**A PRAYER OF SAINT BASIL THE GREAT**

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, Master Almighty, Who hast lightened the day with the light of the sun and hast illumined the night with flashes of fire, Who hast vouchsafed us to pass through the length of the day and to draw near to the beginning of the night; hearken to our prayer and to that of all Thy people; and, having pardoned us all our voluntary and involuntary sins, receive our evening supplications, and send down the multitude of Thy mercy and compassions upon Thine inheritance. Wall us in with Thy holy angels. Arm us with the armour of Thy righteousness. Make a bulwark about us with Thy truth. Guard us with Thy power. Deliver us from all oppression and every plot of the adversary. Grant us also that the present evening with the coming night and all the days of our life may be holy, perfect, peaceful and sinless, without stumbling-blocks and without fantasy, through the intercessions of the All-holy Theotokos and of all the saints, who in all ages have been well pleasing unto Thee. For Thine it is to have mercy on us and to save us, O our God, and unto Thee we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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**Usual melody**

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and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

*Three times*

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

Lord, have mercy. (Three times)

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*This concludes the Paschal Office when said privately.*