

GREAT VESPERS
THIRD SUNDAY OF PASCHA
SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN

DIVINE LITURGY

Troparion, Tone 2: When You went down to death, O Life Immortal,* You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity.* When You raised the dead from the nether world, all powers of heaven cried out:* O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory to You!

Troparion, Tone 2: The noble Joseph took down Your pure body from the tree.* He wrapped it with a clean shroud and aromatic spices and placed it in a new tomb.* But on the third day You arose, O Lord,* granting the world Your great mercy.

Glory...

Kontakion, Tone 2: You commanded the myrrhbearers to rejoice, O Christ God,* and ended the grief of our mother Eve by Your Resurrection.* You ordered the apostles to proclaim to all:* The Saviour is risen from the tomb.

Now...

Kontakion, Tone 8: Though You descended into a tomb, O Immortal One,* yet You destroyed the power of Hades;* and You rose as victor, O Christ God,* calling to the myrrh-bearing women: Rejoice!* and giving peace to Your Apostles:* You, who grant resurrection to the fallen.

Prokeimenon, Tone 6

Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.

verse: Unto You I will cry, O Lord my God, lest You turn from me in silence.

Epistle (Acts 6:1-7)

Alleluia, Tone 8

verse: You have shown favour to Your land, O Lord; You have brought back the captives of Jacob.

verse: Mercy and truth have met; righteousness and peace have embraced.

Gospel (Mark 15:43-16:9)

Instead of It is truly right, we sing:

The Angel cried out to the One full of Grace: O chaste Virgin, rejoice! And again I say, Rejoice! Your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day, and raised the dead. Let all people rejoice! Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem! for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! Exult now and be glad, O Sion! And you, O chaste Mother of God, take delight in the resurrection of your Son.

Communion Hymn

Receive the Body of Christ;* taste the fountain of immortality.* Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest Alleluia. (3)

Instead of Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, we sing: Christ is risen.

Instead of We have seen the true light we sing: Christ is risen.

Instead of May our lips be filled, we sing Christ is risen, thrice.

Instead of Blessed be the name of the Lord we sing Christ is risen thrice.

After the priest sings: Glory to You, Christ God, the people sing: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs, giving life. Lord, have mercy, thrice. Give the blessing. Then we sing Christ is risen, thrice. At the end the following is sung: And to us He granted life eternal, we bow down before His resurrection on the third day.