

**May 8, 2013**  
**Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian**  
**Leave-taking of Pascha**

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**GREAT VESPERS**

***Troparia and Kontakia***

*Troparion, Tone 5:* Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word,\* co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,\* and born of the Virgin for our salvation.\* For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death\* and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

*Troparion, Tone 2:* O beloved apostle of Christ our God,\* hasten, deliver a people without defense.\* He who received you when you leaned upon His breast accepts you as you bow in prayer.\* Implore Him, O Theologian, to scatter the cloud of nations that besets us,\* asking peace and great mercy.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

*Kontakion, Tone 2:* O virgin apostle, who can recount your mighty works?\* For you pour out wonders and healings\* and you pray for our souls as Theologian and friend of Christ.  
Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

*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 8***

This is the day which the Lord has made;\* let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*verse:* Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever. (Psalm 117:24,1)

***Prokeimenon, Tone 8***

Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

*verse:* The heavens tell the glory of God, and the firmament declares the work of His hand. (Psalm 18:5,2)

***Epistle***

Acts 18:22-28; 1 John 1:1-7

***Alleluia, Tone 4***

*verse:* When you rise, You will have compassion on Sion.

*verse:* The Lord looked down from heaven to earth to hear the groans of the prisoners, to set free the sons of those put to death. (Psalm 101:14,20)

*verse:* The heavens shall confess our wonders, O Lord, and Your truth in the church of the saints.

*verse:* God is glorified in the assembly of the saints. (Psalm 88:6,8)

***Gospel***

John 12:36-47; John 19:25-27; 21:24-25

***Hymn to the Mother of God***

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 on you! Exult now and be glad, O Sion! And you, O chaste Mother of God, take delight in the resurrection of your Son.

***Communion Verse***

Receive the Body of Christ;\* taste the fountain of immortality.\* Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth,\* and their word unto the ends of the world.\* Alleluia, alleluia,\* alleluia. (Psalm 18:5)