

Third Sunday of Pascha
Sunday of the Myrrhbearing Women
Commemoration of the Holy Apostle & Evangelist Mark

VESPERS: Tone 2

- P. Glory to the Holy...
 C. Amen
 P. Christ is risen... x2-1/2 (Choir finishes)
 C. Bless my soul...
 P. Great Ectenia
 C. Blessed is the man...

 C. Lord I have cried... (Tone 2)

 1. Come let us adore the **Word** of God,/ begotten of the Father before the **world** began,/ and **incarnate** of the Virgin **Mary**./ For of His own will He suffered the Cross and submitted to **burial**./ He also rose from the dead and saved me, an **erring** man.
 2. Christ, our **Saviour**,/ blotted out the bond that pledged us to the **decrees** of the law/ by nailing it **to** the Cross,/ and He put down the **dominion** of death./ We worship His Resurrection on the **third** day.
 3. In common with the Arch**angels**/ let us praise the Resurrection of Christ./ He is the Deliverer and **Saviour** of our souls./ And He will come again in dread glory and great **power**./ to judge the world He **fashioned**.

Stichera of the Myrrh-bearers, (Tone 2)

4. At deep dawn, the myrrhbearing **women**/ took sweet-smelling spices and came unto the **Lord's** tomb./ And **finding** that which they had not **expected**./ they stood piously pondering the **removal** of the stone,/ and said to one another: Where are the seals of the **sepulcher**?/ Where are Pilate's watchmen and the secure **sentry**?/ And an Angel, radiant as lightning, proclaimed to the **women**/ that whereof they were ignorant, **saying** to them:/ Why do ye with lamentation seek Him that **liveth**/ and hath given life unto the race of **mortals**?/ Christ our God hath risen from the dead, since He is **Almighty**./ granting us all incorruption, life, illumination, and great **mercy**.
 5. Why do ye mingle tears with the myrrh-oils, O ye women **disciples**?/ The stone hath been rolled away, the sepulcher is **empty**./ **Behold** corruption trodden **under** by Life,/ the seals bearing clear witness, the guards of the disobedient **fast** asleep./ Mortal nature is saved by the flesh of God, Hades is **lamenting**./ Hasten ye with joy, and say unto the **Apostles**:/ Christ, the Firstborn of the dead, Who caused **death** to die, goeth before you into **Galilee**.

6. Rising up early and coming with earnestness unto Thy tomb,/ the Myrrh-bearers sought for Thee so as to anoint Thine immaculate **Body**, O Christ./ And having been **informed** by the words of the **Angel**,/ they preached to the Apostles the **tokens** of joy:/ That the Author of our salvation is risen, having **despoiled** death// and granting the world eternal life and great **mercy**.

Stichera for the Holy Apostle & Evangelist Mark (Tone 1)

7/8. The **writer** of divinely **uttered** words,/ the great instructor of Egypt, O ye **faithful**,/ let us hymn as is meet, crying aloud: O wise Mark, **disciple** of Christ,/ cease thou never to guide us all by teachings and **supplications**,// to the life which is **untroubled**.

9. **Thou** wast the companion of Paul, the chosen **vessel**,/ and with him didst traverse all of **Macedonia**;/ and being in **Rome** the disciple of **Peter**,/ thou wast shown to be a recounter of **sweet** things;/ and **thou** didst repose in **Egypt**,/ having suffered in godly **manner**,// O Mark, thou **friend** of Christ.

10. **Withered** and barren souls didst thou revive with the radiant sprinkling of the **Gospel**./ Wherefore, O divine Mark, today Alexandria doth celebrate thy memory **with** us/ and offereth **praise** unto thee,// bowing down before thy **relics**.

Glory... (Tone 6)

The myrrhbearing women **came** to Thy tomb;/ and beholding the seals of the **sepulcher**/ and not finding Thine immaculate **Body**,/ they came with haste, lamenting and **saying**:/ Who hath **stolen** our Hope?/ Who hath taken away a naked and anointed body, the only consolation of His **Mother**?/ Alas! how hath He that quickeneth the dead been **put** to death?/ And how was He buried Who despoiled **Hades**?/ But arise, O Saviour, by Thine own authority after **three** days,// as Thou didst say, and **save** our souls.

Both now & ever... Dogmatikon (Tone 2)

At the coming of grace, the shadow that is the law **passed** away./ Just as the bush that burned was **not** consumed,/ so hast **thou**, Virgin, given birth and **Virgin** remained./ Gone was the **Pillar** of fire,/ and lo, in its stead the Sun of Righteousness **shone** forth.// Behold, instead of Moses, Christ, the **salvation** of our souls.

- P. Wisdom. Aright!
 C. O Joyful Light...
 P. Prokimenon. The Lord is King...
 P. Wisdom!

- R. A Reading from the General Epistle of James (1:1-12)

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting. My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers trials, knowing this, that the testing of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, lacking nothing. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, Who giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that

wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord. A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways. Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted; but the rich, in that he is made low, because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away. For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and its flower falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth; so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways. Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to those who love Him.

R. A Reading from the General Epistle of James (1:13-27)

Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God; for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth He any man; but every man is tempted, when he is drawn away by his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin; and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. Do not err, my beloved brethren. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with Whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. Of His own will begot He us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of His creatures. Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. Wherefore, put away all filthiness and overflowing of wickedness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. But be ye doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like a man beholding his natural face in a mirror; for he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whosoever looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth in it, he being not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. Pure religion and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself undefiled by the world.

R. A Reading from the General Epistle of James (2:1-13)

My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect to persons. For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in fine apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment, and ye have respect to him who weareth the fine clothing, and say unto him, "Sit thou down here in a good place;" and say to the poor, "Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool," are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges with evil thoughts? Hearken, my beloved brethren: hath not God chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He hath promised to those who love Him? But ye have despised the poor. Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before the judgment seats? Do not they blaspheme that worthy name whereby ye are called? If ye fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, Thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well; but if ye have respect of persons, ye commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. For he who said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law. So speak ye, and so do, as they

who shall be judged by the law of liberty. For he shall have judgment without mercy, who hath shown no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.

P. Augmented Litany
 R. Vouchsafe...
 P. Litany of Fervent Supplication

C. Litya

The first Sticheron is that of the temple and then the following:

(Tone 1)

O divinely wise Mark, thou wast the pen of a most wise and swiftly writing scribe,/ recording in divinely inspired manner the incarnation of Christ,/ and clearly proclaiming the words of eternal life./ Pray thou that those who hymn thee and honour thy glorious memory// be assigned thereto.

O all-praised Mark, preaching Christ thou didst pass over the world like the sun,/ destroying all the darkness of polytheism/ with beams of faith.// And now, pray thou that our souls be granted peace and great mercy.

O apostle Mark, in those lands where before the ignorance of ungodliness had increased,/ thou didst preach, dispelling the darkness of Egypt with the enlightenment of thy words,/ O divine preacher most rich.// And now, pray thou that our souls be granted peace and great mercy.

Glory... of the Apostle (Tone 6, from Lord I Have Cried)

Grace was poured forth into thy mouth, O **apostle** Mark,/ and thou wast a shepherd of the **Church** of Christ,/ teaching the reason-endowed **sheep** to believe// in the consubstantial Trinity in one **Godhead**.

Both... (Tone 6)

Joseph asked for the Body of Jesus/ and laid it in his new sepulcher;/ for it was meet that He should come forth from the grave,/ as from a bridal chamber./ O Thou Who hast crushed the might of death/ and hast opened the gates of Paradise unto man,// glory be to Thee.

P. *Litya prayers in back of Church*

APOSTICHA: (Tone 2)

1. Thy Resurre**ction**, O Christ,/ has given light to **all** the earth/ and has **called** up Thy **creature**.// Therefore, glory to Thee, O **Almighty** God.

SEE PENTECOSTARION MUSIC (sung continuously by choir)

GO TO LET GOD ARISE IN PENTECOSTARION MUSIC BOOK

V. Let God arise,/ let His enemies be scattered.

Paschal Stichera, (Tone 5)

2. Today a sacred Pascha is revealed to us./ A new and holy Pascha./ A mystical Pascha,/ a Pascha worthy of veneration./ A Pascha which is Christ, the Redeemer./ A blameless Pascha./ A great Pascha./ A

Pascha of the faithful./ A Pascha which has opened for us the gates of Paradise.// A Pascha which sanctifies all the faithful.

V. As smoke vanisheth so let them vanish.

3. Come from that scene O women bearers of glad tidings/ and say unto Zion:/ Receive from us the glad tidings of joy/ of Christ's Resurrection./ Exult and be glad,/ and rejoice, O Jerusalem,/ seeing Christ the King Who comes forth from the tomb// like a bridegroom in procession.

V. So the sinners will perish before the face of God,/ but let the righteous be glad.

4. Thy myrrhbearing women/ at the break of dawn/ drew near to the tomb of the Life-giver./ There they found an angel/ sitting upon the stone,/ he greeted them with these words:/ Why do you seek the living among the dead?/ Why do you mourn the Incorrupt amid corruption?// Go: Proclaim the glad tidings to his disciples.

V. This is the day which the Lord hath made!// Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

5. Pascha of beauty!// The Pascha of the Lord!// A Pascha worthy of all honour has dawned for us./ Pascha!// Let us embrace each other joyously./ Pascha, ransom from affliction!// For today as from a bridal chamber/ Christ has shone forth from the tomb./ And filled the women with joy saying:// Proclaim the glad tidings to the Apostles!' **(STOP)**

FOLLOWING NOT IN PENTECOSTARION!!!!

Glory... of the Apostle Mark from the Menaion (Tone 8)

Come ye all, and with psalms and hymns let us praise the preacher of the mystery of **heaven**,/ the servant of the **Gospel**;/ for he is shown to be a river of the noetic **paradise**,/ watering spiritual furrows with heavenly **showers**,/ and showing them forth as fertile for **Christ** God// Who, through his supplications, granteth cleansing, enlightenment and great mercy **unto** all.

Both... from the Pentecostarion (Tone 5)

O **Thou** Who putttest on light like a **garment**,/ when Joseph with Nicodemus took Thee **down** from the Tree/ and **beheld** Thee dead, naked, and **unburied**,/ he **struck** up a compassionate dirge, and with mourning he said: Woe is me, O sweetest **Jesus**!// When but a short while ago the sun beheld Thee hanging **upon** the Cross,/ it **shrouded** itself in darkness, and the ea-rth **quaked** with fear,/ and the **veil** of the Temple was rent **asunder**./ But, behold, now I see Thee willingly submitting to **death** for my sake./ **How** shall I bury **Thee**, O my God?/ Or **how** shall I wrap Thee with **winding** sheets?/ With what hands shall I touch Thine undefiled **Body**?/ Or what **dirges** shall I sing at Thy departure, O **Compassionate** One?/ I **magnify** Thy Passion; I praise Thy Burial and **Resurrection**,// and I cry out: O **Lo-ord**, **glory** to Thee.

- C. St. Symeon's Prayer
R. Trisagion

C. Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos x3

P. Blessing of the loaves.

C. Amen. Blessed be the Name of the Lord...

MATINS: Tone 2

C. Christ is risen x3

R. Six Psalms

P. Great Ectenia

C. God is the Lord... (Tone 2)

C. Sunday Troparia (Tone 2) (Once only)

When Thou didst descend to death, O life immortal,/ Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead/ and when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead/ all the powers of heaven cried out:/ O Giver of life, Christ our God,// Glory to Thee!

The noble Joseph, taking Thine immaculate Body down from the Tree,/ and having wrapped It in pure linen and spices,/ laid It for burial in a new tomb./ But on the third day Thou didst arise, O Lord,// granting great mercy to the world.

Glory... Troparion for the Apostle (Tone 3)

O holy apostle and evangelist Mark,/ entreat the merciful God,// that He grant our souls remission of transgressions.

Both now and ever... (Tone 2)

Unto the **myrrh**bearing **women**/ did the Angel cry out as he **stood** by the grave:/ Myrrh-oils are **meet** for the dead, but Christ hath proved to be a stranger to **corruption**./ But cry out: The Lord is **risen**,// **granting** great **mercy to** the world.

Lord Have Mercy 3x

Glory...

R. Now...

R. Kathisma II

P. Small Ectenia

R. Sessional Hymns from the Pentecostarion:

Not having hindered the stone of the tomb from being sealed, Thou, on Thine arising, hast granted the rock of faith unto all. O Lord, glory be to Thee.

Glory... Not having departed from the immaculate bosom of the Father in the highest, Thou didst accept burial and Resurrection in behalf of all, O Lord, glory be to Thee.

Both... All thy mysteries are beyond comprehension; all are exceedingly glorious, O Theotokos. Sealed with purity and preserved by virginity, thou wast known to be a true mother, giving birth unto the true God. Do thou entreat Him that our souls be saved.

R. Kathisma III

P. Small Ectenia

R. Sessional Hymns from the Pentecostarion:

The myrrh-bearers, having risen early and beholding the sepulcher empty, said unto the Apostles: The Mighty One hath put down corruption, and He hath carried off them that were held bound in Hades; proclaim ye with boldness that Christ God is risen, granting us great mercy.

Glory... Bringing myrrh for Thy burial, the women came early unto the sepulcher in secret, fearing the remorselessness of the Jews, and foreseeing the secure sentry of the soldiers. Yet their weak nature conquered that of men, for their compassionate purpose was pleasing unto God. Therefore, they cried out as is meet: Arise, O Lord, help us, and redeem us for Thy Name's sake.

Both now... Most glorified art Thou, O Virgin Theotokos. We praise Thee, for through the Cross of thy Son, Hades was cast down and death was slain. Having been put to death, we were raised up and were deemed worthy of life. We received Paradise, the ancient bliss. Wherefore, in thanksgiving, we glorify Christ our God, since He is mighty and alone abundant in mercy.

C. Polyeleos

P. Megalynarion: (Clergy 1x)

We magnify thee, O holy apostle of Christ and evangelist Mark, and we honour the pangs and labors whereby ye struggled in the proclamation of the Gospel of Christ.

C. Evlogitaria (Blessed art Thou, O Lord...)

P. Small Ectenia

R. Ypakoe:

After the Passion, when the women went to the tomb to anoint Thy Body, O Christ our God, they saw angels in the sepulcher and were affrighted, for they heard them say that the Lord was risen granting the world great mercy.

R. Sessional Hymns for the Apostle Mark

Thou hast shone forth in splendor upon the world like the dawn, hast driven away the profound darkness of deception by faith, O apostle, and enlightened our souls. Wherefore, the whole Church today doth radiantly hymn thy luminous memory.

Having learned wisdom from the Source of life, thou didst make wise those who before, in ignorance, had insanely worshipped graven images. Wherefore, thou art blessed forever, standing before the throne of the Holy Trinity, praying fervently that we find remission of our transgressions, O apostle Mark.

G/B... Having set at naught the pride of the idols, desiring the sufferings of the Saviour, O apostle Mark, thou wast revealed to the world by heaven, pouring forth wonders upon all, and wast a teacher of the nations, O all-blessed one. Wherefore, we honour thy memory as is meet, glorifying and faithfully magnifying thee in hymns. O divinely eloquent one who art most rich, entreat Christ God, that He grant remission of sins to those who honour thy holy memory with love.

Hymn of Degrees: (Antiphon One)

I cast the eyes of my heart toward Thee in heaven, O Saviour. Save me by Thine overshadowing.

Have mercy on us who offend Thee greatly every hour, O my Christ, and grant that we may offer Thee repentance before the end.

G/B... It is fitting that the Holy Spirit reign, sanctify and move creation, for He is God, consubstantial with the Father and the Word.

Hymn of Degrees: (Antiphon Two)

If the Lord Himself were not with us, who would be preserved whole from the enemy, the slayer of men?

Give not Thy servant over to the teeth of mine enemies, O Saviour, for they move against me like lions.

G/B... The Holy Spirit is the Source of life and worship, for by His power as God He preserveth all created things in the Father by the Son.

Hymn of Degrees: (Antiphon Three)

They who hope in the Lord are like a holy mountain: they are in nowise moved by the assaults of the enemy.

Let those who live godly lives stretch not their hands forth to iniquities, for Christ will not withhold His staff from such in His portion.

G/B... Through the Holy Spirit doth all wisdom flow: through Him have the prophets received vision, hath grace come upon the apostles, and have the martyrs been crowned with the endurance of suffering.

P. Prokimenon: (Tone 2)

Arouse Thyself, O Lord my God, in the commandment which Thou hast enjoined,/ and a congregation of peoples shall surround Thee.

V. O Lord my God, in Thee have I put my hope: Save me.

C. Let every breath praise the Lord.

P. GOSPEL #3

C. Having Beheld the Resurrection of Christ... (3x)

R. Psalm 50

C. Glory... Now... Have mercy on me... Jesus having risen...

P. Save, O God, Thy People...

Anointing.

Canticle One

(Note to Choir: The first 3-4 verses of each canticle, including the Irmos, are from the Paschal service and should be **sung** continuously)

Irmos: This is the day of Resurrection!/ Let us be illumined O people!/ Pascha, the Pascha of the Lord!/ For from death to life, and from earth to heaven,/ has Christ our God led us,// as we sing the song of victory:

Christ is risen from the dead!

Let us purify our senses,/ and we shall see Christ/ shining in the unapproachable light of His Resurrection./ We shall clearly hear Him say: Rejoice,// as we sing the song of victory.

Christ is risen from the dead!

Let the heavens be glad/ and let the earth rejoice./ Let the whole world,/ visible and invisible,/ keep the feast,// for Christ is risen, our eternal Joy!

O Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

Thou hast broken through the barrier of death,/ by giving birth to Christ, the eternal Life,/ Who today hath shone forth from the tomb,/ O Virgin all-blameless,// and Who hath enlightened the world.

O Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

Having beheld thy resurrected Son and God,/ rejoice thou with the apostles,/ O Pure One graced of God,/ and be the first to rejoice,/ as thou hast received the Cause of joy for all,// O Mother of God all-blameless.

(End of Paschal Tropars; Remaining stichera to be read)

Holy Apostle & Evangelist Mark pray to God for us!

Praising Mark, the beholder of God, I invoke the grace of the Spirit, that, radiantly inspiring me, He may remove mine ignorance and grant me a divine wealth of wisdom.

Having illumined Thy divinely eloquent one with the light of grace, O Saviour, Word of God, as the Cause of all good Thou didst send to the world him who hath preached unto us the glad tidings of Thy coming.

A disciple of the most wise Peter, and enriched by having been adopted by him, O most glorious Mark, thou wast shown to be an initiate of the mysteries of God and art a joint heir of His glory.

He who drowned the Egyptians in the deep through the cloud of the Spirit afterwards came through thee, the pure one, to the Egyptians, and through Mark set them free from deception.

Glory to Thee, Our God, Glory to Thee.

Thou wast crucified in the flesh, O Thou Who art impassible by the nature of the Father; and Thou was pierced in the side, thereby causing blood and water to spring forth for the world. Thou art our God, and we glorify Thee.

Anticipating the dawn, the women beheld Christ, and cried unto the divine disciples: Truly Christ is risen; come and praise Him together with us.

Glory... O all-holy Trinity, one Godhead, beginningless Unity: Father, Son, and Divine Spirit, save the world. Thou art our God, and we glorify Thee.

Both... Thou didst loose the ancient curse by thy womb, O modest one, by blossoming forth the Blessing for us, when thou didst give birth unto a Child. For He is God, though He weareth flesh.

C. Katavasia (Repeat Irmos)

Canticle Three

Irmos: Come, let us drink,/ not miraculous water/ drawn forth from a barren stone,/ but a new vintage from the fount of incorruption,/ springing from the tomb of Christ:// In Him we are established.

Christ is risen from the dead!

Now all is filled with light:/ Heaven and earth/ and the lower regions./ Let all creation celebrate the rising of Christ:// In Him we are established.

Christ is risen from the dead!

Yesterday I was buried with Thee, O Christ,/ today I arise with Thee/ in Thy Resurrection./ Yesterday I was crucified with Thee./ Glorify me with Thee, O Saviour,// in Thy Kingdom.

O Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

Into incorruptible life have I entered today,/ through the goodness of Him Who was born of thee,/ O Pure One,// and Who makest all the ends of the earth radiant with joy.

O Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

Having beheld God, Whom thou hast borne in the flesh,/ risen from the dead, as He said, O Pure One,/ dance, and Him as God,/ O most Pure One,// do thou magnify.

(End of Paschal Tropars; Remaining stichera to be read)

Holy Apostle & Evangelist Mark pray to God for us!

The glorious Mark, Thy favored one, being illumined with rays of Thy light, preached Thee, O Christ, the hypostatic Wisdom Who appeared to all the world, granting life and enlightening men, O Master Who lovest mankind.

O Thou Who lovest mankind, Thine eyewitness Mark, having received an ever-flowing stream of wisdom resounding like a river, hath watered the ends of the earth with the light of divine knowledge, truly revealing Thy prophecy.

Manifestly following Peter, O wise one, as his disciple thou didst record the Gospel, receiving from him the light of theology and openly proclaiming the coming of God in the flesh, O apostle.

Thou didst cause the temples of the demons to quake, O Thou Who wast aforetime borne to Egypt in the Virgin's arms, and thither Thou didst send Mark, that all might know of Thy divine mystery and that Thou hadst become man.

Glory to Thee, Our God, Glory to Thee.

When Thy palms were nailed to the Cross, O Jesus, Thou didst bring all the nations together out of error and didst call them unto knowledge of Thee, O Saviour.

O God-receiving Joseph, come and stand with us, and cry: Risen is Jesus the Redeemer, Who in His compassion hath raised up Adam.

Glory... I worship and praise the one Nature: the Father, the Son and the Upright Spirit, divided in Persons and united in Essence.

Both... Blessed art thou, O modest one, who art of the root of Jesse, and from whom Christ, the Rod and Blossom, blossomed forth in the flesh for us.

C. Katavasia (Repeat Irmos)

P. Small Ectenia

C. Kontakion for the Apostle (Tone 2)

Receiving from on high the grace of the Spirit,/ thou didst destroy the snares of the orators, O apostle,/ and, hunting all the nations,/ thou didst lead them to thy Master, O most glorious Mark,// preaching the divine Gospel.

R. Ikos

A disciple of the preeminent apostle, with him thou didst preach Christ the Son of God, rendering steadfast upon the rock of truth those who were shaken by falsehood. Do thou also make me steadfast thereon, and set aright my steps, that, delivered from the snares of the enemy, I may glorify thee without faltering, for thou hast enlightened all, O wise Mark, preaching the divine Gospel.

R. Sessional Hymns

Having ascended to the summit of virtue, O divine Mark, as a godly preacher thou hast thundered down upon us the great mysteries of the dogmas of salvation. Wherefore, in faith we entreat thee, O all-blessed one: free us from every sorrow, offense and misfortune. (2x)

G/B... The choir of Thy disciples rejoice with one voice together with the myrrhbearing women, for they celebrate a common feast with them, unto the glory and honour of Thy Resurrection; and through them we cry to Thee: O Lord and Lover of man, grant great mercy unto Thy people.

Canticle Four

Irmos: The inspired Prophet Habakkuk/ now stands with us in holy vigil./ He is like a shining angel,/ who cries with a piercing voice:/ 'Today salvation has come into the world,// for Christ is risen, as all-powerful.'

Christ is risen from the dead!

Christ our Pascha has appeared as a male child,/ the Son that opens a virgin womb./ He is called the Lamb/ as one destined to be our food,/ unblemished/ for He has not tasted of defilement/ and perfect// for He is our true God.

Christ is risen from the dead!

Christ, the Crown with Which we are blessed,/ has appeared as a yearling lamb./ Freely He has given Himself/ as our cleansing Paschal sacrifice./ From the tomb He has shown forth once again,// our radiant Sun of Righteousness.

Christ is risen from the dead!

David, the ancestor of God,/ leaped and danced before the ark which prefigured Thee./ Now let us, the holy people of God,/ seeing the fulfillment of all figures,/ rejoice in piety,// for Christ is risen as all-powerful.

O Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

He Who created Adam thy forefather, O Pure One,/ took form from thee,/ and the habitation of the dead/ hath He demolished today though His death,/ and shone upon all things// with the divine radiance of the Resurrection.

O Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

Beholding Christ, Whom thou hast borne,/ shining forth splendidly from the dead, O Pure One,/ who art good and spotless among women, and comely today,/ rejoicing with the apostles in the salvation of all,// Him do thou glorify.

(End of Paschal Tropars; Remaining stichera to be read)

Holy Apostle & Evangelist Mark pray to God for us!

Thy sound hath gone forth into all the earth, O most wise one, and the power of thy words manifestly extendeth to the ends of the world, like David splendidly preaching our salvation and renewal.

Like lightning hath Thy most wise apostle appeared to the world, O Saviour, announcing the joy of truth, illumined with the divine radiance of effulgence, unto our salvation and renewal.

Thy feet were adorned prophetically, for ineffably hast thou announced unto us the Peace that hath manifestly revealed Himself in the flesh to the ends of the world, unto our salvation and renewal.

The Word sat upon the cloud of the Virgin and, in that He is merciful, He made foolish the counsels of Egypt and hath destroyed thoughts adverse to God through the teachings of the divine Mark, unto our salvation and renewal.

Glory to Thee, Our God, Glory to Thee.

By the Cross Thou didst bind the belly of Hades, and didst raise up the dead together with Thyself, and didst destroy the tyranny of death. Wherefore, we who are of Adam worship and praise Thy burial and arising, O Christ.

O Thou Who didst call unto the myrrh-bearers: Rejoice, when Thou didst arise from the grave, O Good One, and unto the Apostles: Proclaim Mine arising; loose Thou the bonds of my many transgressions, for Thou art able to accomplish whatsoever Thou dost will.

Glory... Who can tell of the immeasurable glory of the Godhead, transcendent in essence? for being the Trinity by nature, He is praised as beginningless and consubstantial, and is hymned as a Unity in Trinity, in simple hypostases.

Both... Do thou unceasingly entreat Him that dwelt in thy womb, O pure Virgin Mother, and Whom thou, the Theotokos, didst bear without experience of wedlock, that He loose the bonds of my many transgressions; for thou art able to help in whatsoever thou dost will.

C. Katavasia (Repeat Irmos)

Canticle Five

Irmos: Let us arise at the rising of the sun,/ and bring to the Master a hymn instead of myrrh./ And we shall see Christ, the Sun of Righteousness,// Who causes life to dawn for all.

Christ is risen from the dead!

The souls bound in the chains of hell O Christ,/ seeing Thy compassion without measure,/ pressed onward to the light with joyful steps,// praising the eternal Pascha.

Christ is risen from the dead!

Let us go with lamps in hand to meet Christ,/ Who comes from the tomb like a bridegroom,/ and with the festive ranks of Angels// let us celebrate the saving Pascha of God.

O Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

Enlightened by the divine rays/ and the life-bearing Resurrection of thy Son,/ O most pure Mother of God,// the gathering of the pious is filled with joy.

O Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

Thou didst not open the gates of virginity/ in the Incarnation,/ nor the seal upon the tomb didst Thou destroy,/ O King of creation;/ from whence seeing Thee risen,// Thy Mother rejoiceth.

(End of Paschal Tropars; Remaining stichera to be read)

Holy Apostle & Evangelist Mark pray to God for us!

Thou didst let fall the sweetness of piety, the shower of thy divine words, casting light over all in bright beams, clearly revealed by the grace of the noetic Sun, O most blessed and God-pleasing Mark.

From the house of the Lord thou didst pour forth a wellspring and dost water barren hearts abundantly with spiritual streams, teaching them to bring forth fruit instead of barrenness, O apostle.

Thou wast the son of the great Peter, and illumined by his teaching thou didst enlighten the souls who approached thee fervently, O blessed apostle, seer of God.

O Christ Who shone forth from the Father before all creation, and wast born of the Virgin as a man, Thou wast sent to the Egyptians. For them, O Wise One, Thou didst anoint Mark who hath taught them the mysteries of divine knowledge.

Glory to Thee, Our God, Glory to Thee.

When Thou wast clothed with me, Thou didst divest me of mine ancient garment which, alas! the sower of sin wove for me, O Saviour.

As is meet, let us all honour the noble Joseph, who took down the Body of the Lord from the Tree and faithfully buried it.

Glory... Thee, the God and Father, and the Son and the Spirit, do I worship, even three hypostases, and I believe the One to be Three, in one essence.

Both... We the faithful praise thee, who by a seedless conception didst give birth in a manner surpassing nature to Christ, the only Master, Who renewed nature.

C. Katavasia (Repeat Irmos)

Canticle Six

Irmos: Thou didst descend, O Christ,/ to the depths of the earth./ Thou didst break the everlasting bars/ which had held death's captives./ And like Jonah from the whale,/ on the third day// Thou didst arise from the grave.

Christ is risen from the dead!

Thou didst arise, O Christ,/ and yet the tomb remained sealed/ as at Thy birth the Virgin's womb remained unharmed,/ and Thou hast opened for us// the gates of Paradise.

Christ is risen from the dead!

O my Saviour,/ as God Thou didst bring Thyself freely to the Father,/ a victim living and unsacrificed,/ resurrecting Adam, the father of us all,// when Thou didst arise from the grave.

O Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

He that of old was held by death and corruption/ is raised up by Him Who was incarnate/ of thy most pure womb, O Theotokos Virgin,// unto incorruption and everlasting life.

O Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

He Who went down into the nethermost parts of the earth,/ and came into thy womb, O Pure One,/ and dwelt and past understanding was incarnate,/ hath also raised up Adam with Himself// when He rose from the tomb.

(End of Paschal Tropars; Remaining stichera to be read)

Holy Apostle & Evangelist Mark pray to God for us!

Thou didst set at naught the scorn of the wicked, O Lord, and didst put down their prideful arrogance, showing forth Thine apostle as a conqueror by Thy might, for Thou art the strength and restoration of the afflicted.

By thy words, O wise Mark, thou didst preach the Fashioner of creation, the Crown of hope wherewith we are now crowned, and which, to our glory, hath been wrought of the nature of the flesh.

O glorious one, the preeminent Peter clearly instructed thee to record the precious Gospel mystically, showing thee to be a servant of divine grace, for thou didst shed the light of divine knowledge upon us.

Through the Virgin Mother of God didst Thou enlighten Egypt which aforetime was in darkness, entering it as an infant, O Lord; and Thou didst reprove its vanity through the teachings of the divinely eloquent Mark, O Thou Who lovest mankind.

Glory to Thee, Our God, Glory to Thee.

Hades is dead, take courage, O ye earthborn, for while Christ was hanging upon the Tree, He cast the sword against him, and he lieth dead; for, being stripped naked, he was despoiled of those he held.

Having wrapped Thee in linen, O Christ, the noble Joseph laid Thee in a tomb; and having anointed with myrrh the fallen temple of Thy Body, he rolled a great stone before the sepulcher.

Glory... O ye faithful, let us praise the Trinity in Unity, glorifying the Father with the Son, and the Spirit Who is consubstantial with the Son, and Who with the Father is co-beginningless and everlasting God.

Both... Like a vineyard didst thou conceive untilled in thy womb the Cluster of grapes where from, like wine, there pour forth for us torrents of immortality, even eternal life.

C. Katavasia (Repeat Irmos)

P. Small Ectenia

C. Kontakion, (Tone 2)

When Thou didst cry, Rejoice, unto the Myrrh-bearers,/ Thou didst make the lamentation of Eve the first mother/ to cease by Thy Resurrection, O Christ God./ And Thou didst bid Thine Apostles to preach:// The Saviour is risen from the grave.

R. Ikos

As the Myrrh-bearers went to Thy tomb, O Saviour, they were perplexed in mind and said to themselves: Who will roll the stone away from the sepulcher for us? And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled away. They were awestruck by the form of the Angel and his raiment. They were taken with trembling and thought to flee; and the youth cried unto them: Be not afraid; He Whom ye seek is risen; come, behold the place where the body of Jesus lay, and go quickly, proclaim unto the disciples: The Saviour is risen from the grave.

Canticle Seven

Irmos: He Who saved the three young men in the furnace/ became incarnate,/ and suffered as a mortal man./ Through his sufferings/ He clothed what is mortal in the robe of immortality./ He alone is blessed and most glorious,// the God of our fathers.

Christ is risen from the dead!

The godly women/ had hastened to Thee with myrrh, O Christ./ In tears they had sought Thee as a dead man,/ but in joy they worshipped Thee as the living God/ and proclaimed the mystical Pascha// to Thy disciples.

Christ is risen from the dead!

We celebrate the death of death/ and the overthrow of Hell,/ the beginning of another life which is eternal,/ and in exaltation we sing the praises of its source./ He alone is blessed and most glorious,// the God of our fathers.

Christ is risen from the dead!

This is the bright and saving night,/ sacred and supremely festal./ It heralds the radiant day of the Resurrection,/ on which the timeless light// shown forth on the tomb for all.

O Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

Thy Son, having put death to death,/ O all-spotless one,/ today hath granted unto all mortals/ the life that abideth unto the ages of ages,// the only blessed and most glorious God of our fathers.

O Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

He Who reigneth over all creation,/ became man,/ dwelling in thy God-graced womb,/ and having endured crucifixion and death,/ is risen in a God-befitting manner,/ raising us up with Himself,// for He is Almighty.

(End of Paschal Tropars; Remaining stichera to be read)

Holy Apostle & Evangelist Mark pray to God for us!

Illumined with divine rays, thou dost mystically, by reflection, emit radiant beams, O most blessed Mark, for thou didst preach the Word incarnate, the Timeless One, the praised and most glorious God of our fathers.

O Maker of all, having armed thy divinely eloquent disciple with divinely effective power, Thou didst make of him a wonderworker, for he hath dispelled affliction and healed wounds, preaching Thee, the all-praised and most glorious God.

Having as teacher the divine Peter, the first in rank among the choir of the apostles, thou didst show thyself to be like unto him, for thou didst bring order to all the fullness of the Church of the all-praised and most glorious God of our fathers.

Following the saying of Isaiah, O most glorious one, thou didst thyself set up a pillar in Egypt: the scripture of thy Gospel, for Him Who, without seed, was born of the Mother of God, proclaiming our all-praised and most glorious God.

Glory to Thee, Our God, Glory to Thee.

Thou, as the Lover of mankind, wishing to save from error all whom Thou hadst fashioned, didst deign to be nailed to the Cross, that by Thy flesh Thou mightest renew this image demolished by the passions, O Saviour; and despoiling Hades, Thou didst raise up the dead with Thyself.

Let the guards who became as dead now say: How was He stolen, Whom the ungrateful ones in no wise saw? For if they saw Him not arisen, how would they ever have perceived how He was stolen? At least, let this stone and Christ's funeral shrouds convince you.

Glory... With the Father we glorify the Son and the Holy Spirit, crying with unceasing voice: O Trinity, single essence, have mercy, save us all, Thou Who art a Unity in three Persons; have compassion on us, O God, Who art glorified unto the ages.

Both... O spotless One, how, except in a manner as He willed and as He knew, didst thou contain in thy womb a Child before Whom the hosts of

Angels tremble, since He is God? He dwelt among us, wishing to save all the earthborn of Adam and to loose Adam from that curse which came from the bitter tasting.

C. Katavasia (Repeat Irmos)

Canticle Eight

Irmos: This is the chosen and holy day,/ first of Sabbaths, king and lord of days;/ the feast of feasts,/ holy day of holy days:// On this day we bless Christ forevermore.

Christ is risen from the dead!

Come on this chosen day of the Resurrection,/ let us partake of the new fruit of the vine./ Let us share in the divine rejoicing of the kingdom of Christ,// praising Him as God forevermore.

Christ is risen from the dead!

Lift up your eyes, O Zion, round about and see:/ Your children like divinely shining stars assemble/ from the North, the South, the East, and the West// to bless Christ in you forevermore.

O Most Holy Trinity, our God, glory to Thee!

Father Almighty, Word, and Spirit:/ One nature in three Persons,/ surpassing beauty and divinity./ In Thee we have been baptized,// and Thee we bless forevermore.

O Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

Through thee the Lord came into the world,/ O Virgin Theotokos,/ and the womb of hades did He tear open,/ granting unto us mortals resurrection;// Wherefore, we bless Him unto the ages.

O Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

Laying low all the dominion of death/ by His Resurrection,/ thy Son, O Virgin, as the mighty God,/ hath raised us up with Himself/ and deified us;// wherefore we sing His praise unto the ages.

(End of Paschal Tropars; Remaining stichera to be read)

Holy Apostle & Evangelist Mark pray to God for us!

Christ, the Word begotten of the Father before all ages, Who clothed Himself in human nature, didst thou preach, O glorious one; and thou didst cry aloud: O all ye works of the Lord, hymn and supremely exalt the Lord for all ages!

O glorious one, thou didst glorify Christ Who gave Himself as deliverance from our offense and passion and raised up the fallen; and thou didst cry: O all ye works of the Lord, hymn and supremely exalt the Lord for all ages!

Submitting to the most wise teaching of Peter, O Mark, thou didst most wisely commit to writing the precious Gospel for the faithful who cry out: O all ye works of the Lord, hymn and supremely exalt the Lord for all ages!

Bearing Emmanuel as an infant, the Virgin stood before the Egyptians, to whom Mark is sent like a radiant star, crying aloud: O all ye works of the Lord, hymn and supremely exalt the Lord for all ages!

Glory to Thee, Our God, Glory to Thee.

The beams of the sun withdrew themselves in fear before the sufferings of Christ, and the dead arose, and the mountains shook, and the earth trembled, and Hades was laid bare.

Truly Christ is risen, Hades is despoiled, the serpent is slain, Adam is delivered, those below are saved. Wherefore, why do ye disbelieve, O ye enemies and transgressors?

Let us bless Father, Son, Holy Spirit, the Lord!

We glorify the Son and the Holy Spirit together with the Father, even the Holy Trinity in one Godhead and we cry: Holy, Holy, Holy art Thou unto the ages.

Both... Without suffering change, thou didst give birth unto One, even Christ God, Who is twofold of nature, Who, as the ever-living Bread, was fashioned without fashioning in thy womb, according to our fashion.

We praise, we bless, we worship the Lord, praising and supremely exalting Him unto all ages.

C. Katavasia (Repeat Irmos)

(No Magnificat)

Canticle Nine

Irmos: Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem!// The glory of the Lord has shone on thee!// Exult now, and be glad, O Zion!// Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, // in the resurrection of thy Son!

Christ is risen from the dead!

How divine! How beloved!// How sweet is Thy voice, O Christ!// For Thou hast faithfully promised to be with us, / to the end of the world. / Having this as our anchor of hope, // we the faithful rejoice.

Christ is risen from the dead!

O Christ, great and most holy Pascha!// O Wisdom, Word and Pow'r of God, / grant that we may more perfectly partake of Thee / in the never ending day // of Thy Kingdom.

O Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

With one voice, O Virgin,/ the faithful do bless thee./ Rejoice, O Portal of the Lord;/ rejoice, O living City;/ rejoice, through whom for our sake the Light hath shone,/ Who, born of thee,// is the Resurrection of the dead.

O Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

Be glad and rejoice,/ O Portal of the Divine Light:/ for Jesus set into the grave,/ hath dawned forth shining more brightly than the sun,/ and hath illumined all the faithful,// O Sovereign Lady who rejoiceth in God.

(End of Paschal Tropars; Remaining stichera to be read)

Holy Apostle & Evangelist Mark pray to God for us!

Having attained unto the ineffable source of the effulgence of the threefold Sun, O thou who art divinely revealed, thou dost delight in deification most pure and clear, which surpasseth understanding, unceasingly holding chorus with the angels, O most blessed one.

Having shared in the teaching and divine preaching of Peter, thou dost live with him in the mansions of heaven, O divinely eloquent and most blessed one, and dost pray for us, O apostle Mark.

The Light, thrice-radiantly joined and strangely unified, didst thou piously preach, O right worthy one, illumined by a ray of grace. Wherefore, we entreat thee: Ever offer supplication in our behalf.

The honoured apostle Mark was given as a holy hierarch to the Egyptians, to whom the Lord of glory had also come, incarnate as a babe through the pure Virgin Mother of God; and Him do we magnify as is meet.

Glory to Thee, Our God, Glory to Thee.

When the thief recognized Thee as God upon the Cross, Thou didst make him an heir of the noetic Paradise, as he cried out: Remember me, O Almighty Saviour.

Let us acclaim the wondrous Joseph, as well as Nicodemus and the faithful Myrrh-bearers, O ye faithful, as we cry out: The Lord is truly risen.

Glory... Thou art beginningless, O Father; uncreated art Thou, O Son; of equal rank is the Spirit; the Three being One by nature and Three in Persons, even one true God.

Both... Let Jesse rejoice and let David dance, for behold, the Virgin, the rod planted by God, hath blossomed forth the Flower, even the everlasting Christ.

C. Katavasia (Repeat Irmos)

P. Small Ectenia

C. Holy is the Lord our God...

C. Exapostilarion of Pascha (to be sung, see music)

When Thou hadst fallen asleep in the flesh as one mortal, O King and Lord, Thou didst rise again on the third day, raising up Adam from corruption, and abolishing death: O Pascha of incorruption! O Salvation of the world!

R. Glory... Exapostilarion of the Apostle Mark

Having been taught heavenly wisdom, with thy tongue thou didst destroy the webs of the orators and the calculations of the astrologers, O most glorious apostle Mark; and as a disciple of Peter thou didst preach the words of the Gospel to the world.

Both... Exapostilarion of the Feast

Hearken, ye women, and give ear unto the voice of joy, for I have trampled down tyrant Hades and raised the world from corruption. Hasten ye quickly and proclaim the gladsome tidings to My friends; for I have willed that joy shine forth thence upon all My creation from whence there first came sorrow.

C. Lauds: Tone 2 Stichera

Let every **breath** praise the Lord/

Praise the Lord from the **Heavens**/

Praise Him in the highest/

To Thee is due a **hymn**, O God/

Praise Him, all ye His **Angels**;/

Praise Him, all **ye** His hosts.//

To Thee is due a **hymn**, O God.

R. (The following may be read or sung antiphonally)

Praise Him, O sun and moon; praise Him, all ye stars and light.

Praise Him, ye heavens of heavens, and thou water that art above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord; For He spake, and they came to be; He commanded, and they were created.

He established them forever, yea, forever and ever; He hath set an ordinance, and it shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons and all ye abysses, Fire, hail, snow, ice, blast of tempest, which perform His word,

The mountains and all the hills, fruitful trees, and all cedars,

The beasts and all the cattle, creeping things and winged birds,

Kings of the earth, and all peoples, princes and all judges of the earth,

Young men and virgins, elders with the younger; let them praise the name of the Lord, for exalted is the name of Him alone.

His praise is above the earth and heaven, and He shall exalt the horn of His people.

This is the hymn for all His saints, for the sons of Israel, and for the people that draw nigh unto Him.

Sing unto the Lord a new song; His praise is in the church of the saints.

Let Israel be glad in Him that made him, let the sons of Sion rejoice in their king.

Let them praise His name in the dance; with the timbrel and the psaltery let them chant unto Him.

For the Lord taketh pleasure in His people, and He shall exalt the meek with salvation.

The saints shall boast in glory, and they shall rejoice upon their beds.

The high praise of God shall be in their throat, and two-edged swords shall be in their hands.

To do vengeance among the heathen, punishments among the peoples,
To bind their kings with fetters, and their nobles with manacles of iron,

V. To do among them the judgment that is written/ This glory shall be to all His saints.

1. All that hath breath, all the creation praises **Thee**, O Lord./ For Thou alone **lovest** men,/ **and** hast put down de-ath **through** Thy Cross,// so as to show mankind Thy Resurrection.

V. Praise ye God in His saints,/ praise Him in the firmament of His power.

2. Let the Jews say how the soldiers lost the King over **Whom** they watched./ Why did the stone fail to guard the **rock** of life?/ Let them give up Him who was buried or worship Him risen and **declare** with us:// Glory to Thy manifold mercies, Glory unto Thee, our **Saviour**.

V. Praise Him for His mighty acts,/ praise Him according to the multitude of His greatness.

3. O ye people, **rejoice** and make glad./ An angel sat upon the stone of the tomb and **announced** to us:/ **Christ**, Saviour of the world is risen **from** the dead/ and has filled the universe with **fragrance**// Rejoice and make glad, O ye **people**.

V. Praise Him with the sound of trumpet,/ praise Him with psaltery and harp.

4. Before Thy **conception**, O Lord,/ an angel brought the joyful salutation to the Virgin, **full** of grace,/ **while** at Thy Resurrection an angel rolled back the stone of Thy **glorious** tomb./ The one, in place of sorrow disclosed **tokens** of joy,/ the other instead of death, proclaimed the Master, Giver of **life** to us./ Therefore we cry: Glory to **Thee**, O Lord,// Benefactor of **all** mankind.

V. Praise Him with timbrel and dance,/ praise Him with strings and flute.

Stichera for the Apostle Mark (Tone 1)

5. O most blessed Mark, thou didst drink from a **sweet** stream,/ the pure river of peace which doth flow most splendidly from **Eden**,/ **flooding** the face of the earth with the waters of thy preaching of the **Gospel**/ and pouring forth divinely inspired **teachings**// upon the firmament **of** the Church.

V. Praise Him with tuneful cymbals, praise Him with cymbals of jubilation./ Let every breath praise the Lord.

6. O **Mark** most glorious, in times past Moses drowned the Egyptians **in** the sea,/ but thou, O most wise one, didst lead them forth from the sea of

deception/ by the **power** of Him Who had come to them **in** the flesh// and utterly destroyed the works of their hands with His **lofty** arm.

V. Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

7. O **Mark** most sacred, abiding in the light of the **Spirit**,/ thou wast wholly spiritual; and now, O thou who art **most** rich,/ **deified** by adoption and through abundant visions and most blessed **radiance**,// thou hast attained the summit of thy mystery, the **longed** for goal.

V. The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaimeth the work of His hands.

(Tone 6)

8. O fisherman most wise, holy **disciple**,/ husbandman of the Saviour and recounter of His **sufferings**,/ thou who didst traverse the **world** with faith,/ and, having gathered the deluded **gentiles**,/ didst **lead** them to God:/ as a sweet-smelling fragrance of incense hast thou been wafted up to the **heavens**./ Wherefore, standing **before** the judge,/ pray that we be delivered from our **transgressions**// and from torment on the day of **judgment**.

Glory... (Tone 2)

To the women with Mary who came carrying sweet **spices**/ and were at a loss how to **obtain** their desire,/ the **stone** appeared lifted and a divine young man calmed the **tumult** of their souls,/ for he said: "The Lord Jesus is **risen**./ Therefore proclaim this to His heralds and disciples, for them to hasten to **Galilee**/ and ye shall see Him risen **from** the dead// as Giver of **life** and Lord."

Both now and ever... (Tone 2)

Most Blessed art Thou, O Virgin Theotokos,/ for through Him Who became incarnate of thee is hades led **captiv**e,/ **Adam** recalled, the curse annulled, Eve set free, **death** slain,/ and we are given life. Wherefore, we cry **aloud** in praise:/ Blessed art Thou, O **Christ** God,// Who hast been thus well-pleased, **glory** to Thee.

The Great Doxology

Dismissal Tropar:

Having risen from the tomb, and having burst the bonds of hades, Thou hast destroyed the sentence of death, O Lord, delivering all from the snares of the enemy. Manifesting Thyself to Thine apostles, Thou didst send them forth to preach; and through them hast granted Thy peace to the world, O Thou Who alone art plenteous in mercy.

P. Litanies
Dismissal

R. Hours:
Tropar: Resurrection/Noble Joseph
Kontak: Myrrh-bearers/Apostle Mark alternating

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

At Liturgy

Order of Troparia:

When Thou didst fall asleep...

The Noble Joseph...

Tropar: Apostle Mark

Glory... Kontak: Apostle Mark

Both... Kontak: Myrrhbearers

Prokimenon for Tone 2

The Lord is my strength and my song, and He is become my salvation.

V. With chastisement hath the Lord chastened me, but He hath not given me over unto death.

Prokimenon for the Apostle & Evangelist Mark (Tone 8)

V. Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

Epistle(s): Acts 6:1-7 & IPet 5:6-14

Alleluia for Tone 2

V. The Lord hear thee in the day of affliction; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee.

V. O Lord, save the king, and hearken unto us in the day when we call upon Thee.

Alleluia for the Apostle & Evangelist Mark (Tone 1)

V. The heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord, and Thy truth in the congregation of saints.

Gospels: Mark 15:43-16:8 & Mark 6:7-13

Communion Hymn: Receive the Body then Praise ye then Their sound hath gone forth...