

Sunday, April 16, 2023
Holy Pascha,
The Resurrection of Our Lord
and Savior Jesus Christ

Paschal Troparion:

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

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 men."

Kontakion:

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 myrrhbearing women, granting peace to Thy apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

Prokeimenon in the 8th Tone:

This is the day which the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
(Vs.) O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever!

Epistle:

The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles. (Acts 1:1-8)

In those days, O The-oph'ilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when He was taken up, after He had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He had chosen. To them He presented Himself alive after His passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them He charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, He said, "you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." So when they had come together, they asked Him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Sama'ria and to the end of the earth."

Alleluia Verses:

Thou didst arise O Lord, and have mercy on Zion.
(Vs.) The Lord looked down from heaven upon the earth.

Gospel:

The Holy Gospel According to St. John. (Chapter 1:1-17)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God; and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was made nothing that has been made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness; and the darkness grasped it not. There was a man, one sent from God, whose name was John. This man came as a witness, to bear witness concerning the light, that all might believe through Him. He was not himself the light, but was to bear witness to the light. It was the true light that enlightens every man who comes into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world knew Him not. He came to His own, and His own received Him not. But to as many as received Him He gave the power of becoming children of God; to those who believe in His name who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelled among us. And we saw His glory (glory as of the only-begotten of the Father) full of grace and of truth. John bore witness concerning Him, and cried, "This was the one of whom I said, 'He who is to come after me has been set above me, because He was before me.' And of His fullness we have all received, grace for grace. For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.