

## THE PASCHAL ODES

### ODE 1

It is the day of Resurrection, let us be radiant, O ye peoples; Pascha, the Lord's Pascha; for Christ God has brought us from death unto life, and from earth unto Heaven as we sing the triumphal hymn.

*R.* Glory to Your holy Resurrection, O Lord.

Let us purify our senses and we shall behold Christ, radiant with the unapproachable light of the Resurrection,

and we shall clearly hear Him say: Rejoice! As we sing the triumphal hymn.

*R.* Glory to Your holy Resurrection, O Lord.

For meet it is that the Heavens should rejoice, and that the earth should be glad and that the whole world, both visible and invisible, should keep the feast; for Christ, our everlasting joy, has arisen.

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*All: Christ is risen from the dead, and by his death He has trampled upon death, and given life to those who are in the tombs. (3x)*

*Jesus, having risen from the grave as He foretold, has granted us life everlasting and great mercy.*

### ODE 3

Come, let us drink a new drink, not one marvellously brought forth from a barren rock, but the Source of incorruption, which springs forth from the grave of Christ, in Whom we are established.

*R.* Glory to Your holy Resurrection, O Lord.

Now are all things filled with light; Heaven and earth, and the nethermost regions of the earth. Let all creation, therefore, celebrate the arising of Christ, whereby it is established.

*R.* Glory to Your holy Resurrection, O Lord.

Yesterday I was buried with You, O Christ, and today I arise with Your arising.

Yesterday was I crucified with You; Do You Yourself glorify me with You, O Savior, in Your Kingdom.

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#### ODE 4

Let the prophet Habbakuk, the proclaimer of divine things,  
keep the divine watch with us, and show forth the radiant Angel who with resounding voice has  
declared:

Today does bring salvation to the world, for Christ is risen as omnipotent.

*R. Glory to Your holy Resurrection, O Lord.*

Christ revealed himself as of the male sex when He opened the Virgin's womb,  
and as a mortal was He called the Lamb. Thus, without blemish is our Pascha, for He tasted not  
corruption;

and since He is truly God, perfect was He proclaimed.

*R. Glory to Your holy Resurrection, O Lord.*

Christ, our blessed crown, like unto a yearling Lamb, of His own good will did sacrifice Himself for  
all, a Pascha of purification: and from the grave the beautiful Sun of Righteousness shone forth  
again upon us.

*R. Glory to Your holy Resurrection, O Lord.*

David, the ancestor of our God, danced with leaping before the symbolical Ark of the Covenant. Let  
us also,

the holy people of God, beholding the fulfillment of the symbols, rejoice in godly wise:

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#### ODE 5

Let us arise, in the deep dawn and, instead of myrrh, offer praise to the Master;  
and we shall see Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, Who causes life to dawn for all.

*R. Glory to Your holy Resurrection, O Lord.*

When those held captive in the bonds of Hades beheld Your boundless compassion, O Christ,  
they hastened to the light with a joyful step, exalting the eternal Pascha.

*R.* Glory to Your holy Resurrection, O Lord.

Bearing lights, let us go forth to meet Christ, Who comes forth from the grave like a bridegroom. And with the ranks of them that love and keep this festival, let us celebrate the saving Pascha of God.

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## ODE 6

You did descend into the deepest parts of the earth,  
and did shatter the everlasting bars that held fast those that were fettered, O Christ.  
And on the third day, like Jonas from the sea monster, You did arise from the grave.

*R.* Glory to Your holy Resurrection, O Lord.

Having kept the seals, O Christ, You did rise from the tomb, O You Who did not break the seal of the Virgin by Your birth; and You have opened unto us the gates of Paradise.

*R.* Glory to Your holy Resurrection, O Lord.

O my Savior, the life giving and unslain Sacrifice, when, as God, You of Your own will had offered up Yourself unto the Father, You did raise up with Yourself the whole race of Adam when You did rise from the grave.

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## ODE 7

The only blest and most glorious God of our Fathers, Who has redeemed the Children from the furnace is become man, and as a mortal does suffer, and through suffering does clothe mortality with the grace of incorruption.

*R.* Glory to Your holy Resurrection, O Lord.

The godly wise women followed after You in haste with sweet smelling myrrh. But Him whom they sought with tears as dead, they joyfully adored as the living God, and announced unto Your disciples, O Christ, the glad tidings of the mystical Pascha.

*R.* Glory to Your holy Resurrection, O Lord.

We celebrate the death of death, the destruction of Hades, the beginning of an everlasting life. And with leaps of joy we praise the Cause thereof, the only blest and most glorious God of our Fathers.

*R.* Glory to Your holy Resurrection, O Lord.

Truly sacred and supremely festive is this saving night, radiant with light, the forerunner of the bright beaming Day of the Resurrection, whereon the Timeless Light in bodily form shone from the grave for all.

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## ODE 8

This chosen and holy day is the first of the sabbaths, the queen and lady, the feast of feasts, and the festival of festivals, wherein we bless Christ unto the ages.

*R.* Glory to Your holy Resurrection, O Lord.

Come, on this auspicious day of the Resurrection, let us partake of the new fruit of the vine of divine gladness

and of the Kingdom of Christ, praising Him as God unto the ages.

*R.* Glory to Your holy Resurrection, O Lord.

Cast your eyes about you, O Sion, and behold! For lo, like divinely radiant luminaries, from the West, the North, the Sea, and the East have your children assembled unto you, blessing Christ unto the ages.

*R.* Glory to Your holy Resurrection, O Lord.

O Father Almighty, the Word, and the Holy Spirit, one Nature in three Hypostases united, transcending essence and supremely Divine! In You have we been baptised, and You will we bless unto all the ages.

We praise, we bless, and we worship the Lord.

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## ODE 9

Magnify, O my soul, Him Who suffered willingly, and was buried, and arose from the grave on the third day.

Magnify, O my soul, Christ the Giver of Life, Who arose from the grave on the third day.

*All: Shine, Shine, O new Jerusalem! For the glory of the Lord has shone upon You. Rejoice and be glad, O Sion, and you, O pure one O Mother of God, exult in the resurrection of your Son.*

Christ is the new Pascha, the living sacrificial Victim, the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.

*R.* O your Divine and beloved and most sweet voice; You have truly promised that You would be with us unto the end of the world, O Christ; and we faithful rejoice, having this as an anchor of hope.

Today the whole creation is glad and does rejoice, for Christ is risen, and Hades has been despoiled.

*R.* O your Divine and beloved and most sweet voice; You have truly promised that You would be with us unto the end of the world, O Christ; and we faithful rejoice, having this as an anchor of hope. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit both now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Magnify, O my soul, the dominion of the Undivided Godhead of Three Hypostases.

*R.* O Great and Most Sacred Pascha, Christ; O Wisdom and Word and Power of God! Grant that we partake of You fully in the unwaning light of You Kingdom.

Rejoice, O Virgin, rejoice; rejoice, O blessed one; rejoice, O glorified one, for Your Son has risen from the grave on the third day.

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## THE PASCHAL STICHERA

Let God arise and His enemies be scattered, and let them that hate Him flee from before His face.

A Sacred Pascha hath been shown forth to us today, a new and holy Pascha,  
a mystic Pascha, an all venerable Pascha,  
a Pascha that is Christ the Redeemer, a spotless Pascha, a great Pascha, a Pascha of the faithful,  
a Pascha that hath opened unto us the gates of Paradise, a Pascha that doth hallow all the faithful.  
As smoke vanisheth, so let them vanish; as wax melteth before the fire.  
Come from that scene, O women, bearers of good tidings, and say to Sion:  
Receive from us the tidings of joy, of the Resurrection of Christ.  
Exult, dance, and be glad, O Jerusalem,  
for thou hast seen Christ the King as a bridegroom come forth from the tomb.  
So let sinners perish at the presence of God; and let the righteous be glad.  
The myrrhbearing women at deep dawn drew nigh to the tomb of the Giver of life;  
they found an angel sitting upon the stone, and he, addressing them, in this manner did say:  
Why seek ye the Living among the dead? Why mourn ye the incorruptible amid corruption?  
Go, proclaim it unto His disciples.

This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad there-in.  
A Pascha of delight, Pascha, the Lord's Pascha, an all venerable Pascha hath dawned for us,  
a Pascha whereon let us embrace one another with joy. O Pascha, ransom from sorrow!

Today Christ hath shown forth from the tomb as from a bridal chamber,  
and hath filled the women with joy, saying: Proclaim unto the apostles.