

Pentecostarion

Pascha - Easter Sunday

The Paschal Hours

From this Sunday of holy Pascha through Bright Saturday, the Hours, Compline and Midnight Office are recited as follows:

PRIEST

Blessed is our God always, now and ever,
and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

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sinless one. Your Cross do we worship, O
Christ, and Your holy Resurrection do we
hymn and glorify. For You are our God, we
know no other but You, we call upon Your
name. Come all the faithful, let us worship
the holy Resurrection of Christ; for behold
through the Cross, joy has come in all the
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When the women with Mary had come
before dawn, and they found that the stone
had been rolled away from the sepulcher,
they heard from the Angel, "Why do you seek
among the dead, as a mortal man, the One
who exists in everlasting light? See the grave
clothes in the sepulcher. Run and proclaim
to the world that the Lord has risen and put
death to death; for He is the Son of God who
saves the human race."

Though You went down into the tomb,
O Immortal One, yet You brought down
the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the
victor, O Christ our God; and You called out
"Rejoice" to the Myrrh-bearing women, and
gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to
the fallen grant resurrection.

In body were You inside the sepulcher,
and with Your soul in hell, as God in Paradise
were You as well with the Robber, and on the
throne with Father and Spirit, O Christ, filling
all things, being uncircumscribed.

Glory.

How full of life and even more beautiful
than paradise, and by far more splendid than
any king's royal chamber has Your sepulcher,
O Christ, been shown to be, and the source of
our own resurrection.

Both now.

Divine and hallowed habitation of the
Most High God, rejoice. For through you, O
Theotokos, has the joy been bestowed on us
who cry aloud to you, O Lady, blessed are you
among women, all-blameless one.

Lord, have mercy. (40) Glory. Both now.

Greater in honor than the Cherubim, and
in glory greater beyond compare than the
Seraphim; you without corruption gave birth
to God the Word, and are truly Theotokos.
You do we magnify.

In the name of the Lord, Father, bless!

PRIEST

Through the prayers of our holy fathers,
Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us
[and save us].

READER

Amen.

*This service is recited three times for Midnight Office,
the Hours, [once only for the Ninth Hour before Vespers]
and Compline. At the end of Compline, we say the following
Prayer by St. Basil the Great.*

PRIEST

Blessed are You, Master, Almighty Lord,
for You light the day with the light of the
sun and brighten the night with the rays
of fire. You enabled us to pass the span
of the day and so come to the beginnings
of the night. Hear our prayer and that of
all Your people, and forgive us all our
deliberate and unwitting sins; receive our
evening petitions and send upon Your
inheritance the abundance of Your mercy and
compassion. Encompass us with Your holy
Angels; arm us with the weapons of Your
righteousness; fortify us within Your truth;
make Your strength our garrison, spare us
all adverse circumstances and all assaults of
the adversary. Finally, vouchsafe to us this
evening, and the impending night, perfect,
holy, peaceful, sinless, free of disturbing
visions, and all the days of our lives, through
the prayers of the Holy Theotokos and of all
the Saints who have pleased You through the
ages.

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Lord, have mercy. Father, bless!

PRIEST

May He Who rose from the dead, Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-pure and all-immaculate holy Mother, the power of the precious and life-giving Cross, the protection of the honorable, bodiless powers of heaven, the supplications of the honorable, glorious prophet and forerunner John the Baptist, of the holy, glorious, and praiseworthy apostles, of the holy, glorious, and triumphant martyrs, of our righteous and God-bearing fathers, (local patron saint); of the holy and righteous ancestors of God Joachim and Anna, and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

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Truly the Lord is risen!