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**Pentecostarion - On Wednesday of Bright Week  
at Matins**

**Katavasias of Pascha**

**Text in English**

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**Pentecostarion**

Bright Wednesday

**MATINS**

**PRIEST**

Glory to the holy and consubstantial, and life giving, and undivided Trinity, always, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

(Amen.)

**PRIEST**

**Mode pl. 1.**

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs... [GOA]

**CHOIR**

...He has granted life.

**PRIEST**

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs... [GOA]

**CHOIR**

...He has granted life.

**PRIEST**

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs... [GOA]

**CHOIR**

...He has granted life.

**PRIEST**

**Verse 1:** *Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered, and let those who hate Him flee from before His face.*

**CHOIR**

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life. [GOA]

**PRIEST**

**Verse 2:** *As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish, as wax melts before the fire.*

**CHOIR**

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life. [GOA]

**PRIEST**

**Verse 3:** *So shall the sinners perish from the face of God. And let the righteous be glad.*

**CHOIR**

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life. [GOA]

**PRIEST**

**Verse 4:** *This is the day the Lord made; let us greatly rejoice and be glad therein.*

**CHOIR**

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life. [GOA]

**PRIEST**

*Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.*

**CHOIR**

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life. [GOA]

**PRIEST**

*Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.*

**CHOIR**

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life. [GOA]

**PRIEST**

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death... [GOA]

**CHOIR**

...and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

**DEACON**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

*(Lord, have mercy.)*

For the peace from above and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

*(Lord, have mercy.)*

For the peace of the whole world, for the stability of the holy churches of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

*(Lord, have mercy.)*

For this holy house and for those who enter it with faith, reverence, and the fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

*(Lord, have mercy.)*

For pious and Orthodox Christians, let us pray to the Lord.

*(Lord, have mercy.)*

For (episcopal rank) (name), for the honorable presbyterate, for the diaconate in Christ, and for all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

*(Lord, have mercy.)*

For our country, for the president, and for all in public service, let us pray to the Lord.

*(Lord, have mercy.)*

For this city, and for every city and land, and for the faithful who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

*(Lord, have mercy.)*

For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

*(Lord, have mercy.)*

For those who travel by land, sea, and air, for the sick, the suffering, the captives and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

*(Lord, have mercy.)*

For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

*(Lord, have mercy.)*

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

*(Lord, have mercy.)*

Commemorating our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

*(To You, O Lord.)*

**PRIEST**

For to You belong all glory, honor, and worship, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. (*Amen.*)

*From Pentecostarion - - -*

**READER**

**Hypakoe. Mode 4.**

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."

*From Pentecostarion - - -*

**READER**

**Kontakion of Pascha. Mode pl. 4.**

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.

**Oikos.**

The women bringing ointments came in haste at deep dawn, seeking as day the Sun who was before the sun and yet had set in a sepulcher. They cried to one another, "O friends, come let us anoint with spices the life-bearing yet buried Body, the flesh that raises fallen Adam, lying as it is in the grave. Let us go, let us hurry like the Magi, and adore Him, and offer the ointments, as if gifts, to Him who is wrapped, not in swaddling but grave

clothes. And let us weep and cry out, 'Arise, O Master, who to the fallen grant resurrection.'

**Synaxarion.**

*From the Menaion.*

On May 1 we commemorate the holy Prophet Jeremiah.

On this day we also commemorate the contest of the holy Hieromartyr Batas of Persia.

On this day was the dedication of the New Church, when the Patriarch entered by the Palace and from there go in procession to the New Church and liturgize there.

On this day we also commemorate the three new devout monastic Martyrs: Efthymios of Dimitsana (March 22), Ignatios of Eski Zagan (October 8), and Akakos of Nibori, Thessaloniki. Their joint memory is observed in their holy shrine in the Skete of the Honorable Forerunner [on Mt. Athos].

By the intercessions of Your Saints, O God, have mercy on us. Amen.

Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ, let us worship the holy Lord Jesus, the only sinless one. Your Cross, O Christ, we venerate, and Your holy Resurrection we praise and glorify. For You are our God; apart from You we know no other; we call upon Your name. Come, all faithful, let us venerate the holy Resurrection of Christ; for behold, through the Cross, joy has come to the whole world. Ever blessing the Lord, let us praise His Resurrection; for having endured the Cross for us, He destroyed death by death. (3)

Jesus, having risen from the grave as He foretold, has granted us eternal life and great mercy. (3)

**CHOIR**

**Katavasia of Pascha**

**Ode i. Mode 1.**

Resurrection Day! O peoples, let us brilliantly shine! \* Pascha, the Lord's Pascha! \* For Christ our God has out of death \* passed us over into life, \* and likewise from earth \* to heaven, as we now sing \* unto Him a triumphal hymn. [SD]

**Ode iii.**

Come and let us drink a new drink, \* not one marvelously issuing from a barren rock, \* but one that Christ from the tomb \* pours out, incorruption's very source. \* For we are established in Him. [SD]

**Ode iv.**

Now let Habakkuk as a God-inspired prophet stand with us, \* keeping his divine watch, and show us \* the angelic messenger, who, shining, utters glowingly, \* "Today, for the world is salvation,\* because arisen is Christ, being omnipotent." [SD]

**Ode v.**

Arising at dawn very early, \* instead of ointment, a hymn let us offer unto the Master, \* and then we shall clearly see\* Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, \* causing true life to arise for all. [SD]

**Ode vi.**

You went down to the nether regions of earth, \* and You broke apart the bars that forever \* were closed on those who were held there, O Christ. \* From the sepulcher, \* as did

Jonah from the whale, \* You arose on the third day. [SD]

**Ode vii.**

The same One who delivered the Lads from fire, becoming a mortal man, \* suffers in the flesh; and by His Passion He arrays \* mortal nature with majesty, free of all \* corruption, the only God of the fathers, \* blessed and supremely glorious. [SD]

**Ode viii.**

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

This is it, the Day which is chosen and holy, \* Day One of the Sabbaths. \* It is the queen-day, the Lord's Day, \* and the Feast of all feasts, \* and the Festival above every festival, \* on which we extol Christ and bless Him to the ages. [SD]

**DEACON**

Let us honor and magnify in song the Theotokos and the Mother of the light.

**CHOIR**

**Ode ix. Heirmos.**

*O my soul, magnify Him who willingly suffered, was buried, and arose from the grave on the third day.*

Be illumined, illumined, O New Jerusalem; \* for the glory of the Lord has arisen over you. \* Dance now for joy, O Zion, and exult. \* And you be merry, O pure Theotokos, \* at the arising of the One you bore.

*O my soul, magnify Christ who is the Giver of life, and who rose from the grave on the third day.*

Be illumined, illumined, O New Jerusalem; \* for the glory of the Lord has

arisen over you. \* Dance now for joy, O Zion, and exult. \* And you be merry, O pure Theotokos, \* at the arising of the One you bore.

**Troparia.**

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

Divine and beloved and sweetest utterance of Yours! \* For You really and truly pledged that You will be with us \* unto the end of the age, O Christ. \* And we the faithful, clinging to Your promise, \* our anchor of hope, rejoice. [SD]

*Today creation all is exultant and rejoices, for Christ has arisen, and Hades was despoiled.*

Divine and beloved and sweetest utterance of Yours! \* For You really and truly pledged that You will be with us \* unto the end of the age, O Christ. \* And we the faithful, clinging to Your promise, \* our anchor of hope, rejoice. [SD]

Glory.

*O my soul, magnify the power of the Godhead, that is three hypostases and also undivided.*

O Pascha, the great and most sacred Passover, O Christ, \* You the wisdom and Logos and the power of God: \* Grant that we may more distinctly partake of You \* on that day that has no evening in Your kingly rule.

[SD]

Both now.

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

O Pascha, the great and most sacred Passover, O Christ, \* You the wisdom and Logos and the power of God: \* Grant that we may more distinctly partake of You \* on that day that has no evening in Your kingly rule.

[SD]

**Katavasia. Mode 1.**

*The Angel cried aloud to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, O pure Virgin; and again I say Rejoice. Your Son has truly risen from the grave on the third day.*

Be illumined, illumined, O New Jerusalem; \* for the glory of the Lord has arisen over you. \* Dance now for joy, O Zion, and exult. \* And you be merry, O pure Theotokos, \* at the arising of the One you bore. (2)

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life. (3)

Jesus, having risen from the grave as He foretold, has granted us eternal life and great mercy. [SD]

**DEACON**

Again and again, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

*(Lord, have mercy.)*

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

*(Lord, have mercy.)*

Commemorating our most holy, pure, blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and



ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

*(To You, O Lord.)*

**PRIEST**

For all the powers of heaven praise You and give You glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages.

*(Amen.)*

**CHOIR**

**Exaposteilarion. Of Pascha.**

*From Pentecostarion - -*

**Mode 2. Automelon.**

When You had slumbered in the flesh as one mortal, O King and Lord, You rose again on the third day, and raised up Adam from decay and rendered death of no effect. Pascha of incorruption, salvation of the world. (3)

**Lauds. Mode 4.**

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. It is fitting to sing a hymn to You, O God. [SAAS]

Praise Him, all you His angels; praise Him, all you His hosts. It is fitting to sing a hymn to You, O God. [SAAS]

*From Pentecostarion - -*

**Resurrectional Stichera.**

**Sticheron 1. Mode 4.**

*Praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him according to the abundance of His greatness. [SAAS]*

You endured crucifixion and death, O Lord, and resurrected from the dead. O Almighty One, we glorify Your resurrection.

[SD]

**Sticheron 2. Mode 4.**

*Praise Him with the sound of trumpet; praise Him with the harp and lyre. [SAAS]*

O Christ, by means of Your Cross, You have set us free from the ancient curse; and by means of Your death, You have neutralized the devil who tyrannized our nature; and by Your rising, You filled all things with joy. Therefore we shout to You, who rose from the dead, "Glory to You, O Lord." [SD]

**Sticheron 3. Mode 4.**

*Praise Him with timbrel and dance; praise Him with strings and flute. [SAAS]*

By means of Your Cross, O Lord, direct us to Your truth, O Christ our Savior; and deliver us from the snares of the foe. You who rose from the dead, raise us who are fallen because of sin, extending Your hand, O Lord who loves humanity, at the intercession of Your holy ones. [SD]

**Sticheron 4. Mode 4.**

*Praise Him with resounding cymbals; praise Him with triumphant cymbals; let everything that breathes praise the Lord. [SAAS]*

Only-begotten Logos of God, while departing not from the Father's bosom, You came to earth for love of humanity, immutably becoming human; and You physically endured the Cross and death, although impassible in divinity. Having risen from the dead, You granted the human race immortality, as the only almighty One. [SD]



From Pentecostarion - - -

**Stichera of Pascha.**

**Mode pl. 1.**

**Verse 1:** *Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered, and let those who hate Him flee from before His face.*

Today a sacred Pascha has been revealed to us; a Pascha new and holy, a Pascha mystical, a Pascha all-venerable, Pascha, the Redeemer Christ himself; a Pascha that is blameless, a Pascha that is great, a Pascha of believers, a Pascha that has opened for us the gates of Paradise, a Pascha that sanctifies believers all. [SD]

**Verse 2:** *As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish, as wax melts before the fire.*

Come now from that sight, O you women and heralds of good news, and say to Zion, "Receive from us the joyful tidings of the Resurrection of Christ. O Jerusalem, be exultant, dance and leap for joy, for you have witnessed Christ the King coming forth as a Bridegroom from the sepulcher." [SD]

**Verse 3:** *So shall the sinners perish from the face of God. And let the righteous be glad.*

The myrrh-bearing women at dawn very early, standing outside the tomb of the Giver-of-Life, found an Angel who was seated upon the stone. And the Angel addressed them, and this is what he said, "Why do you seek among the dead the One who is alive? Why do you grieve as though corruptible the Incorrupt? So go back and proclaim it to His Disciples." [SD]

**Verse 4:** *This is the day the Lord made; let us greatly rejoice and be glad therein.*

Pascha of delight! Pascha, the Lord's Pascha! A Pascha all venerable has risen

for us. Pascha! With joy let us embrace one another. Pascha, the ransom from sorrow! Today from the sepulcher Christ emerged resplendently as from a bridal chamber, and the women He filled with joy, saying, "Proclaim this to the Apostles." [SD]

Glory. Both now. **Of Pascha.**

From Pentecostarion - - -

**Mode pl. 1.**

It is the day of the Resurrection. Let us shine brightly for the festival, and also embrace one another. Brethren, let us say even to those who hate us, "Let us forgive everything for the Resurrection." And thus let us cry aloud, "Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life." [SD]

From Pentecostarion - - -

**Mode pl. 1.**

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life. (3) [GOA]

**DEACON**

Wisdom.

(Father, bless!)

**PRIEST**

Blessed are You, Christ our God, always now and forever and to the ages of ages. (Amen.)

Make firm, Lord our God, the holy and pure faith of the pious Orthodox Christians, together with the Holy Church and this city forever.

**READER**

Amen.

Be illumined, illumined, O New Jerusalem; \* for the glory of the Lord has arisen over you. \* Dance now for joy, O Zion, and exult. \* And you be merry, O pure

Theotokos, \* at the arising of the One you bore.

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

Lord, have mercy. (3) 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.

Let us forgive everything for the Resurrection, And thus let us cry aloud:

Christ is risen!

**PEOPLE**

Truly He is risen!

**PRIEST**

Christ is risen!

**PEOPLE**

Truly He is risen!

**PRIEST**

Christ is risen!

**PEOPLE**

Truly He is risen!

**PRIEST**

Glory to His holy Resurrection on the third day!

**PEOPLE**

We worship His Resurrection on the third day!

**PRIEST**

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

**PEOPLE**

Truly the Lord is risen!