

**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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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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Amen.

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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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**READER**

Truly the Lord is risen!