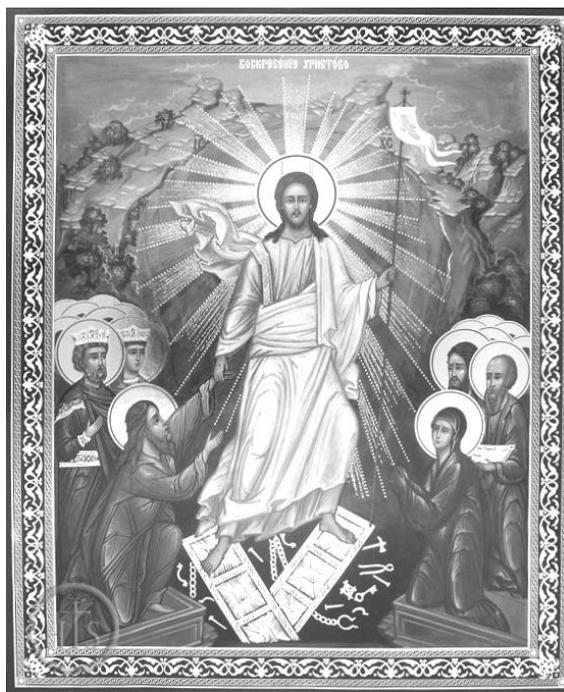


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GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA

DIVINE LITURGY of ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Variable Hymns and Readings

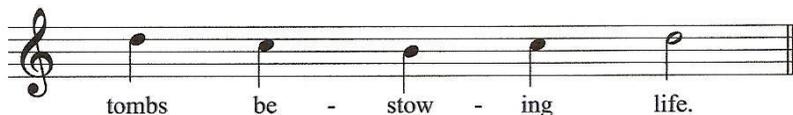
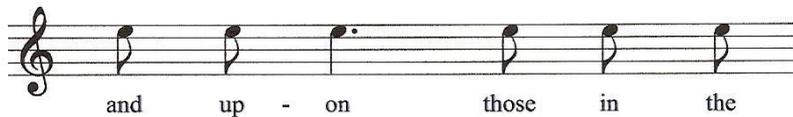
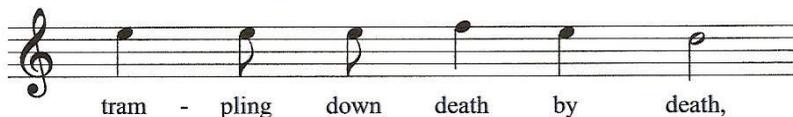


*At the conclusion of the Midnight Office, the Rush Service, and Paschal Orthros,
the priest beings Divine Liturgy with the acclamation:*

“Blessed is the Kingdom ...”

*Then the usual beginning is replaced by the singing of the Paschal Troparion as the
priest censes the holy altar.*

Novgorod Chant

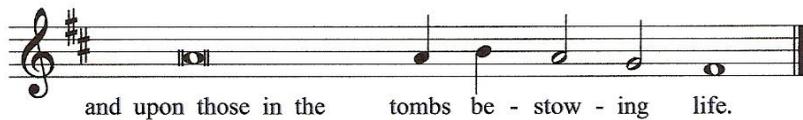
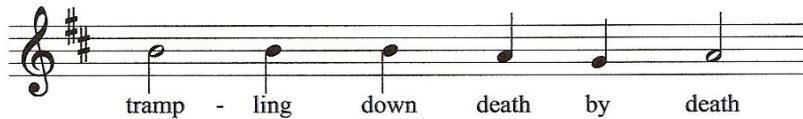


(Priest 1x, then People 2x)

PASCHAL VERSES

*The priest censens each side of the Altar, the iconostasis, and the faithful,
while intoning the Paschal Verses.*

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



As smoke vanisheth, so let them vanish; as wax melteth before the fire.

Christ is risen from the dead ...

So let sinners perish at the face of God, and let the righteous be glad.

Christ is risen from the dead ...

This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Christ is risen from the dead ...

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

Christ is risen from the dead ...

Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Christ is risen from the dead ...

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death

All: ... and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

FIRST ANTIPHON

(Verses for Pascha)

Verse: Make a joyful noise to God all the earth! Sing of His name,
give glory to His praise!

***Refrain:* Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.**

Verse: Say to God: How awesome are thy deeds!

So great is Thy power that Thine enemies cringe before Thee.

Verse: Let all the earth worship Thee and praise Thee.

Let it praise Thy name, O Most High!

Glory to the . . . Now and Ever . . .

SECOND ANTIPHON

(Verses for Pascha)

Verse: God be bountiful to us, and bless us!

Show the light of Thy countenance upon us and have mercy on us!

***Refrain:* O Son of God, who arose from the dead,
save us who sing to Thee. Alleluia.**

Verse: That we may know Thy way upon the earth,
and thy salvation among all nations!

Verse: Let the people give thanks to Thee, O God!

Let all the people give thanks to Thee!

Verse: *Glory to the . . . Now and ever . . . Only begotten Son . . .*

THIRD ANTIPHON

**The Paschal Verses and Troparion are sung
once again from the choir.**

AT THE LITTLE ENTRANCE

Introit

In the gathering places bless ye God the Lord from the springs of Israel. O Son of God who art risen from the dead, save us who sing unto Thee. Alleluia.

Troparion of Pascha

Romanian Melody

Christ is ris - en from the
dead, tramp - ling down
death by death, and up - on those in the
tombs be - stow - ing life.

Paschal Hypakoe (Tone 4)

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 man.

Paschal Kontakion (Tone 8)

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 Myrrh-bearing Women, granting peace to Thine Apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

Instead of Trisagion Hymn

As many, as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Alleluia.

EPISTLE: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-8 (*Pascha*)

In the first book, O Theophilus, 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 Samaria and to the end of the earth.”

GOSPEL: St. John 1:1-17 (*Pascha*)

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 not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world knew Him not. He came to His own home, and His own people received Him not. But to all who received Him, who believed in His Name, He gave power to become children of God; 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 became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to Him, and cried, “This was He of Whom I said, ‘He Who comes after me ranks before me, for He was before me.’”) And from His fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Megalynarion of Pascha

The angel cried to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again I say rejoice! Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb. With himself He has raised all the dead. Rejoice, rejoice O ye people.

Shine! Shine! Shine! O New Jerusalem. The glory of the Lord has shone on you. Exult now, exult and be glad, O Zion. Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, in the resurrection, the resurrection of your Son.

Communion Hymn

Receive the Body of Christ. Taste the Fountain of Immortality. Alleluia.

Instead of “We have seen the true light ...”

Paschal Troparion (Tone 1)

Great Dismissal

Priest: May He who rose again from the dead ...

and the Paschal Greeting is exchanged three times in various languages, then:

Priest: Glory to His holy third-day resurrection!

All: We adore His third-day resurrection!

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death

All: ... and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.



Paschal Celebration Reminders

- **Enter and leave the building quietly** in kindness and respect for our neighbors who will probably be sleeping.
- **No loitering** in the church parking lot during the celebration!!
- **Alcohol consumption** should be temperate and absolutely no under-age drinking!
- **Clean up:** All willing souls are needed and welcome to help with the clean-up process after the Paschal potluck celebration. Many hands make for light work.

THIS WEEK

Fast Free

Wed., April 19	6:00 pm	Divine Liturgy for Bright Wednesday
Saturday, April 22	6:00 pm	Great Vespers Confession
Sunday, April 23	9:00 am	Orthros
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
	11:30 am	Coffee Hour



Agape Vespers 1:00 pm Pascha Afternoon

with BBQ from Whole Hog Cafe + Bounce House + Egg Hunt

