

The Paschal Hours

**Metropolitan Cantor Institute
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The Hours on Pascha and during Bright Week

On the Sunday of Pascha and on the days of Bright Week, the following short service is sung in place of the First Hour, Third Hour, Sixth Hour and Ninth Hour.

Priest: Blessed is our God, always, now and ever and forever.

Response: 
A - men.

Troparion of Pascha

Three times:

Christ is ris - en from the dead! By death he tram - pled Death;

and to those in the tombs he grant - ed life.

Hymn of the Resurrection

reverence *Kievan Tone 6 samohlasen*

Hav - ing beheld the Res - ur - rec - tion of Christ, let us bow to the holy Lord Je - sus
reverence

who a - lone is sin - less. We bow to your Cross, O Christ,

and we praise and glorify your holy Res - ur - rec - tion. For you a - lone

are our God, and we know no oth - er. We call you by name.

reverence

Come all you faith - ful, let us bow to the holy Res-ur - rec - tion of Christ,
 for behold, through the Cross, joy has come to the whole world. Al-ways
 bless - ing the Lord, let us praise his Res-ur - rec - tion. By enduring the
 Cross for us, he de - stroyed Death by death.

Hypakoje of Pascha

Tone 4 samopodoben

The wo - men with Mar - y be - fore the dawn found the stone rolled
 a - way from the tomb, and they heard the an - gel say: "Why do you seek
 a - mong the dead, as a mortal, the One who abides in e - ver - last - ing light?
 Be - hold the lin - ens of bur - i - al. Go in haste
 and pro - claim to the world that, hav - ing con - quered Death,

the Lord is ris - sen; for he is the Son of God, the Sav - ior of all.”

Kontakion of Pascha - Tone 8

Al-though you descended into the grave, O Im-mor-tal One, you de-stroyed Ha-des'

pow - er. You a - rose as a vic - tor, O Christ God. You ex - claimed

to the myrrh-bearing wom-en: Re-joyce! You gave peace to your a - pos - tles

and grant - ed resurrection to the fall - en.

Troparia

Troparion - Tone 8

When your bo - dy was in the tomb and your soul in Ha - des,

when you were in pa - ra - dise with the thief, you were al - so

seat - ed up - on the throne with the Fa - ther and the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

O Christ, as God you are ev - 'ry-where pre-sent and fill all things.

Cantor

Glo - ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly

Spir - it.

Troparion - Tone 8

Your life - giv - ing tomb, O Christ, has ap-peared to us as tru - ly more

pre-cious than pa - ra - dise and more bril-liant than a - ny o - ther

dwell - ing place. It is the source of our re - sur - rec - tion.

Cantor

Now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - - - men.

Theotokion - Tone 8

Re - jice, O sanc-ti - fied dwell-ing place and di-vine ta - ber - na - cle

of the Most High! It is through you, O The - o - to - kos,

that joy is giv - en to us; there - fore we cry out:

Bles - sed are you a - mong wom - en, O all - im - mac - u - late One!

“Lord, have mercy” is now sung forty times, in English, or several languages:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mer-cy.

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(Greek)

Ky - rie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie e - lei - son.

Ky - ri - e eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie-e e - lei - son.

(Church Slavonic)

Hó - spodi pomíluj. Hóspodi pomíluj. Hóspodi pomíluj. Hóspodi pomíluj. Hóspodi po - mí - luj.

Hó-spo - di pomíluj. Hóspodi pomíluj. Hóspodi pomíluj. Hóspodi pomíluj. Hóspo-di po - mí - luj.



Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir - it, now and ever



and fore-ver. A - men.



More honorable than the Che - ru - bim, and beyond compare more glorious than



the Se - ra-phim, who, a virgin, gave birth to God the Word, you, truly the



Theotokos, we mag-ni - fy. In the name of the Lord, Father, give the bles - sing!

Celebrant: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us.



Christ is ris - en from the dead! By death he tram - pled Death;



and to those in the tombs he grant - ed life. Lord, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Give the bles - sing.

Celebrant: May Christ our true God, risen from the dead, by death trampling death, and to those in the graves granting life, have mercy on us and save us through the prayers of his most pure Mother, of the holy, glorious and praiseworthy apostles, and of all the saints; for Christ is good and loves us all.

Response: 
A - - - - - men.