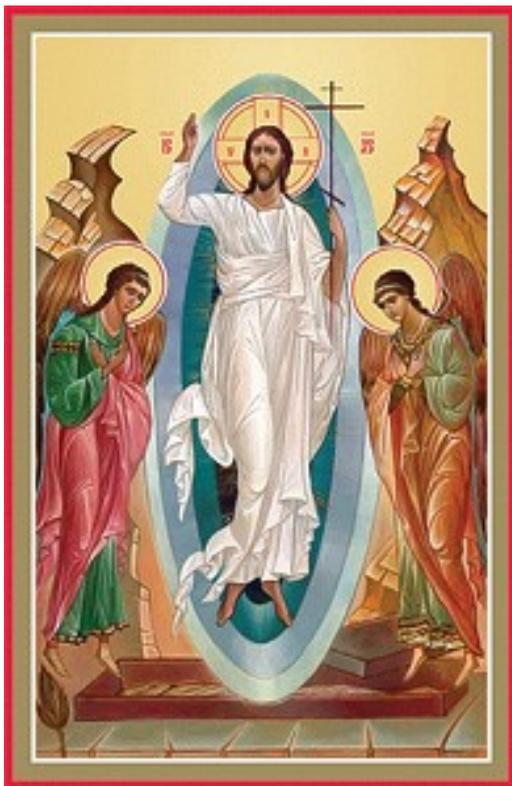
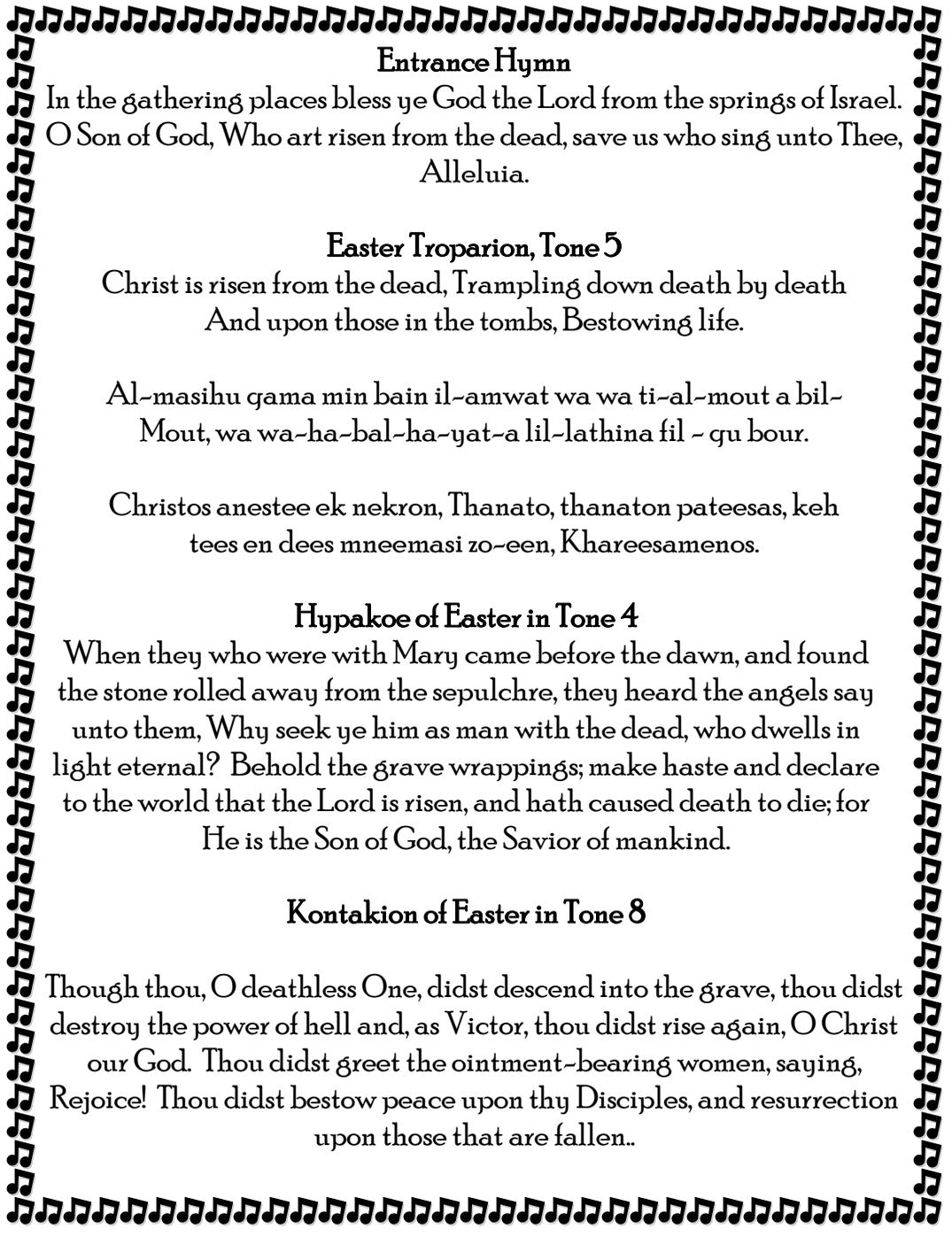


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*Christ is Risen*

*April 19, 2020*



### Entrance Hymn

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.

### Easter Troparion, Tone 5

Christ is risen from the dead, Trampling down death by death  
And upon those in the tombs, Bestowing life.

Al-masihū gama min bain il-amwat wa wa ti-al-mout a bil-  
Mout, wa wa-ha-bal-ha-yat-a lil-lathina fil - çu bour.

Christos anestee ek nekron, Thanato, thanaton pateesas, keh  
tees en dees mneemasi zo-een, Khareesamenos.

### Hypakoe of Easter in Tone 4

When they who were with Mary came before the dawn, and found  
the stone rolled away from the sepulchre, they heard the angels say  
unto them, Why seek ye him as man with the dead, who dwells in  
light eternal? Behold the grave wrappings; make haste and declare  
to the world that the Lord is risen, and hath caused death to die; for  
He is the Son of God, the Savior of mankind.

### Kontakion of Easter in Tone 8

Though thou, O deathless One, didst descend into the grave, thou didst  
destroy the power of hell and, as Victor, thou didst rise again, O Christ  
our God. Thou didst greet the ointment-bearing women, saying,  
Rejoice! Thou didst bestow peace upon thy Disciples, and resurrection  
upon those that are fallen..



Epistle  
Acts 1:1 -8

This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad therein. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.

The Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles

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 of 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

### John 1:1 -17

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. John.

Let us Attend. 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 was 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, and his own 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 the will 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 is 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.





## ALTAR BREAD

Today's Holy Bread is being offered by the Noonan, Steele and Kett families in memory of Fred Noonan, Joseph & Elizabeth Ghareeb, and Frederick & Matilda Noonan.

Today's Holy Bread is being offered by Alexander and Emma Steele in memory of "Pops" Richard Steele.

May Fred, Joseph, Elizabeth, Frederick, Matilda and Richard's memories be eternal!

REMEMBER TO GREET ONE ANOTHER DURING THIS SEASON OF RESURRECTION WITH:

**Christ is Risen!**

Al Maseeh Qam!

Kristos Anesti!

Kristos A Inviat!

Kristos Voskresy!

Krisdos Haryav ee Merelotz!

**Truly, He is Risen!**

Haqan Qam!

Alithos Anesti!

Adeverat A Inviat!

Voyistino Voskresey!

Orhnyal eh Harootiunun Krisdosee



## VERY SPECIAL "THANK YOU'S"

To St. George Choir, Chanters, Altar Servers and Ushers for a great job during Holy Week!

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TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO MADE THIS HOLY AND PASCHA SO SPECIAL!!!! MAY OUR RISEN LORD BLESS YOU ALL WITH PEACE, GOOD HEALTH AND HAPPINES DURING THIS HOLY AND .GLORIOUS SEASON!!!!

## Easter Sunday: The Holy Pascha

A little before midnight on the Blessed Sabbath the **Nocturne** service is chanted. The celebrant goes to the tomb and removes the winding-sheet. He carries it through the royal doors and places it on the altar table where it remains for forty days until the day of Ascension.

At midnight the Easter procession begins. The people leave the church building singing: The angels in heaven, O Christ our Savior, sing of Thy resurrection. Make us on earth also worthy to hymn Thee with a pure heart.

The procession circles the church building and returns to the closed doors of the front of the church. This procession of the Christians on Easter night recalls the original **baptismal procession** from the darkness and death of this world to the night and the life of the Kingdom of God. It is the procession of the **holy passover**, from death unto life, from earth unto heaven, from this age to the age to come which will never end. Before the closed doors of the church building, the resurrection of Christ is announced. Sometimes the Gospel is read which tells of the empty tomb. The celebrant intones the blessing to the "holy, consubstantial, life-creating and undivided Trinity." The **Easter troparion** is sung for the first time, together with the verses of Psalm 68 which will begin all of the Church services during the Easter season.

The people re-enter the church building and continue the service of **Easter Matins** which is entirely sung.

The **canon hymns** of Christ's resurrection, ascribed to St John of Damascus, are chanted with the Troparion of the feast as the constantly recurring refrain. The building is decorated with flowers and lights. The vestments are the bright robes of the resurrection. The Easter icon stands in the center of the church showing Christ destroying the gates of hell and freeing Adam and Eve from the captivity of death. It is the image of the Victor "trampling down death by his own death." There is the continual singing and censuring of the icons and the people, with the constant proclamation of the celebrant: **Christ is risen!** The faithful continually respond: **Indeed he is risen!**

It is the day of resurrection! Let us be illumined for the feast! Pascha! The Pascha of the Lord! From death unto life, and from earth unto heaven has Christ our God led us! Singing the song of victory: Christ is risen from the dead! (First Ode of the Easter Canon)

Following the canon, the paschal verses are sung, and at the conclusion of the Easter Matins, the **Easter Hours** are also sung. In general, nothing is simply read in the Church services of Easter: everything is fully sung with the joyful melodies of the feast.



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