

Obednitsa Service: Day of Pascha (Bright Week)

Paschal Hours:

Priest: Blessed is our God.

Choir: Amen. Christ is Risen 3x

“Having beheld the Resurrection ...”

“Before the Dawn ...”

“Kontakion, “You descended into the tomb ...”

“In the tomb with the body ...”

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

Bearing life, and more fruitful than paradise ...”

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

“Rejoice, O holy and divine abode ...”

Lord have mercy (40x)

Glory, now and ever ... Amen.

More honorable than the cherubim...

In the name of the Lord, Father Bless.

Priest: Through the prayers ...

Choir: Amen. Christ is Risen! (3X) Lord have mercy (3x) Father bless.

Priest: Paschal blessing

Choir: Amen.

Priest: Paschal Beginning:

Blessed is our God ... Christ is Risen (3x)

Choir: Christ is Risen (3x)

Priest: Let God arise, Let his enemies be scattered. Let those who hate him, flee from before His face.

Choir: Christ is Risen (3x)

Priest: As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire.

Choir: Christ is Risen (3x)

Priest: So the sinners will perish before the face of God; but let the righteous be glad.

Choir: Christ is Risen (3x)

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

Choir: Christ is Risen (3x)

Priest: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Choir: Christ is Risen (3x)

Priest: Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Choir: Christ is Risen (3x)

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

Choir: And upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

Priest: Great Litany (This portion you can take right out of your Liturgy book)

Choir: First Antiphon (Paschal Antiphon)

Priest: Little Litany

Choir: Second Antiphon (Paschal Antiphon), Only Begotten Son

Priest: Little Litany

Choir: Third Antiphon (verses interspersed with Paschal Troparion)

Priest: Wisdom, Let us attend (Introit) (*What I have done is pick up the Gospel, first I stand facing the camera with the Gospel, then turning toward icon corner to elevate as at the entrance.*)

Choir: Christ is Risen ...
Before the Dawn ... Glory ... Now and ever...
You descended ...

Priest: For Holy are You...

Choir: "As many as have been baptized ..."

Reader: Prokeimenon (specific for each day) and Epistle reading (p. 65 Pascha Book)

Sunday: (Tone 8) This is the Day which the Lord has made!/ Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
Vs. O give thanks to the Lord for He is good; for his mercy endures forever.

Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 "In those Days"

Choir: Alleluia

Alleluia: Tone 4: *You did arise and have mercy on Zion.*

Vs. The Lord looked down from heaven and saw all the sons of men.

Gospel: John 1:1-17

Monday: (Tone 8) Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, / and their words to the ends of the universe.

Vs. The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Epistle: Acts 1:12-17;21-26 "In those Days"

Choir: Alleluia

Alleluia: Tone 1: *Let the heavens praise Your wonders, O Lord; Your faithfulness in the assembly of the saints.*

Vs. God is glorified in the council of the saints.

Gospel: John 1:18-28

Priest: Sermon

Choir: Augmented Litany

Priest: Prayer during Coronavirus

Prayer to the Risen Lord: (Texts from Paschal service inserted to replace regular Obednitsa service texts)

Reader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Priest: We praise Your saving suffering, O Christ, and we glorify Your Resurrection!

Priest: You endured the Cross and destroyed death by rising from the dead. Give peace to our life, O Lord, as the only almighty one.

Priest: You captured hell, O Christ, and resurrect man by Your Resurrection. Enable us to praise and glorify you in purity of heart.

Reader: The heavenly choir sings to You, and cries: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts; heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Verse: This is the day of Resurrection. Let us be illumined by the feast.

Reader: The heavenly choir sings to You, and cries: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts; heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Verse: Let us embrace each other. Let us call "brothers" even those that hate us, and forgive all by the resurrection, and so let us cry:

Choir: Christ is Risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life. (3x)

Choir: Creed

Priest: Prayer of Forgivingness:

O God, remit, pardon and forgive our sins, whether voluntary or involuntary, whether by words or deeds, whether in knowledge or ignorance, whether by day or night, whether in mind or thought; forgive us all these, for You are good and love mankind.

Choir: The Lord's Prayer

Priest: Exclamation

Reader: Lord have mercy (12x)

(you could take the Litany of Supplication here, I chose not to as the next portion of Obednitsa is more penitential, and is expressed a little more clearly this way.)

Priest: All-holy Trinity, Mighty one in essence, Kingdom undivided, origin of all good things, be graciously inclined also to us sinners. Establish us; give understanding to our hearts, and purge away all our vileness. Enlighten our minds, that we may glorify, sing praises, and adore You, and say:

Choir: One is Holy. One is the Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Choir: Christ is Risen from the dead, Trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life. (3x)

Reader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Reader: Psalm 33

Choir: Hymn to Theotokos (**from OCA website**)

The Angel Cried...

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

Choir: and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

Priest: Paschal Dismissal

Choir: Christ is Risen from the dead ... (3x)

Tone 8: And unto us He has given eternal life. Let us worship His Resurrection on the third day.

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