

PASCHAL ORTHROS ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2017
LEAVE-TAKING OF PASCHA & VINCENT OF LERINS

Priest: Glory to the Holy, Consubstantial, Life-giving and undivided Trinity, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages!

Choir: Amen.

- *Bearing the Paschal Candle, the Priest then leads the singing of the Paschal Apolytikion and censes the Altar as follows:*

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

Choir: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! (TWICE)

- *Censing the west side of the Altar:*

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

Choir: (*Refrain*) Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!

- *Censing the south side of the Altar:*

Priest: As smoke vanisheth, so let them vanish; as wax melteth before the fire. (*Refrain*)

- *Censing the east side of the Altar:*

Priest: So let sinners perish at the presence of God, and let the righteous be glad. (*Refrain*)

- *Censing the north side of the Altar:*

Priest: This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad therein. (*Refrain*)

- *Censing the Prothesis and the remainder of the Sanctuary:*

Priest: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. (*Refrain*)

- *Censing the Iconostasis from the Royal Doors:*

Priest: Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. (*Refrain*)

- *The Priest completes the censing while singing:*

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs...

Choir: ...bestowing life!

- *The Hexapsalmos (Six Psalms) is omitted, as are the priest's twelve silent Orthros prayers.*

THE GREAT LITANY

- Deacon: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- Choir: Lord, have mercy.
- Deacon: For the peace from above, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.
- Choir: Lord, have mercy.
- Deacon: For the peace of the whole world, for the good estate of the Holy Churches of God, and for the union of all men, let us pray to the Lord.
- Choir: Lord, have mercy.
- Deacon: For this Holy House, and for those who with faith, reverence, and fear of God, enter therein, let us pray to the Lord.
- Choir: Lord, have mercy.
- Deacon: For our father and Metropolitan N., (for our Archbishop N. or Bishop N.), for the venerable Priesthood, the Diaconate in Christ, for all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.
- Choir: Lord, have mercy.
- Deacon: For Metropolitan Paul, Archbishop John, and for their quick release from captivity and safe return, let us pray to the Lord.**
- Choir: Lord, have mercy.**
- Deacon: (In the United States) For the President of the United States, for all civil authorities, and for our Armed Forces everywhere, let us pray to the Lord.
- (In Canada) For Her Majesty, the Queen, for the Prime Minister of Canada, for all civil authorities, and for our Armed Forces everywhere, let us pray to the Lord.
- Choir: Lord, have mercy.
- Deacon: For this city, and for every city and land, and for the faithful who dwell therein, let us pray to the Lord.
- Choir: Lord, have mercy.
- Deacon: For healthful seasons, for abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.
- Choir: Lord, have mercy.
- Deacon: For travelers by sea, by land, and by air; for the sick and the suffering; for captives and their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
- Choir: Lord, have mercy.
- Deacon: For our deliverance from all tribulation, wrath, danger, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.
- Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Help us; save us; have mercy on us; and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.
Choir: Lord, have mercy.
Deacon: Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the Saints: let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.
Choir: To Thee, O Lord.
Priest: For unto Thee are due all glory, honor, and worship: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever and unto ages of ages.
Choir: Amen.

- *Follow the order provided here, as set forth in the Typikon.*

FESTAL ANABATHMOI IN TONE FOUR

- + From my youth up many passions have warred against me. But do Thou help and save me, O my Savior. (REPEAT)
- + Ye who hate Zion shall be put to confusion of the Lord; like grass in the fire shall ye be withered up. (REPEAT)
- + *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.*
- + Through the Holy Spirit is every soul quickened and exalted in purity, and made resplendent by the Triune Unity in mystic holiness.
- + *Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*
- + Through the Holy Spirit the channels and streams of grace overflow showering all creation with invigorating Life.

PROKEIMENON FOR ST. VINCENT IN TONE FOUR

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. (TWICE)

Stichos: What shall I render unto the Lord for all that He hath rendered unto me?

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

LET EVERYTHING THAT HATH BREATH

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.
Choir: Lord, have mercy.
Priest: For Holy art Thou, O our God, Who restest in the Holy Place, and unto Thee we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages.
Choir: Amen.
Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. (TWICE)
Praise ye God in His saints; praise Him in the firm foundation of His power.
Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

THE FESTAL ORTHROS GOSPEL

Deacon: And that we may be accounted worthy to hear the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (THRICE)

Deacon: Wisdom! Attend! Let us hear the Holy Gospel.

Priest: Peace be to all.

Choir: And to thy spirit.

Priest: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew (11:27-30).

Choir: Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Deacon: Let us attend!

TO BE READ FROM THE BEAUTIFUL GATE

Priest: The Lord said to His Disciples: "Before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for My Name's sake. This will be a time for you to bear testimony. Settle it therefore in your minds, not to meditate beforehand how to answer; for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and kinsmen and friends, and some of you they will put to death; you will be hated by all for My Name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives."

Choir: Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee. (NO VENERATION OF GOSPEL BOOK)

Reader: In that we have beheld the Resurrection of Christ, let us bow down before the Holy Lord Jesus, the only sinless One. Thy Cross do we adore, O Christ, and Thy Holy Resurrection we praise and glorify: for Thou art our God, and we know none other beside Thee; we call upon Thy Name. O come, all ye faithful, let us adore Christ's Holy Resurrection. For lo, through the Cross is joy come into all the world. Ever blessing the Lord, let us sing His Resurrection: for in that He endured the Cross for us, He hath destroyed Death by death.

FESTAL TROPARIA IN TONE TWO

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

Through the intercessions of the Holy Father, O Thou Who art merciful, blot out all the multitudes of our transgressions.

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

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Thou Who art merciful, blot out all the multitudes of our transgressions.

(TONE SIX) Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy loving-kindness: according unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

Throughout all the earth the fame of thine ascetic labors hath gone forth O holy Father Vincent, wherefore reposing in Heaven thou hast realized the reward of thy labors; for having destroyed the

armies of demons thou wast found worthy to dwell with the orders of Angels, whom thou didst irreproachably emulate in thy life. Wherefore, possessing great boldness before Christ God, we beseech thee to intercede that our souls find peace and Great Mercy.

THE INTERCESSION¹

Deacon: O God, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance. Visit Thy world with mercy and compassions. Exalt the horn of Orthodox Christians, and send down upon us Thy rich mercies. Through the intercessions of our all-immaculate Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary; by the might of the precious and life-giving Cross; by the protection of the honorable bodiless Powers of heaven; at the supplication of the honorable, glorious prophet, forerunner and Baptist John; of the holy, glorious, all-laudable apostles Peter and Paul, and of all the holy apostles; of our fathers among the saints, great hierarchs and ecumenical teachers, Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom; Athanasius, Cyril and John the Merciful, patriarchs of Alexandria; Nicholas of Myra, Spyridon of Trimythous and Nektarios of Pentapolis, the Wonderworkers; of our fathers among the saints Tikhon, patriarch of Moscow and Raphael, bishop of Brooklyn; of the holy, glorious, great-martyrs, George the Trophy-bearer, Demetrios the Myrrh-streamer, Theodore the Soldier, Theodore the General, and Menas the Wonderworker; of the hieromartyrs Ignatius the God-bearer of Antioch, Charalampos and Eleutherios; of the holy, glorious great women martyrs, Thekla, Barbara, Anastasia, Katherine, Kyriaki, Photeini, Marina, Paraskeva and Irene; of the holy, glorious, right-victorious martyrs; of our venerable and God-bearing fathers who shone in the ascetic life; *of Saint N., the patron and protector of this holy community*; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; of the venerable Vincent of Lerins; of the Venerable Stylites Simeon the Younger of the Mountain of Wonders and Nikitas of Pereyaslavl-Zalesski; and Martyr Meletios the General of Galatia, whose memory we celebrate today, and of all the saints: we beseech Thee, O most merciful Lord, hearken unto the petitions of us sinners who make our supplications unto Thee, and have mercy upon us.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (*Twelve times*)

Priest: Through the mercies and compassions and love for mankind of Thine Only-begotten Son, with Whom Thou art blessed, together with Thine all-holy, and good, and life-giving Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

THE PASCHAL CANON IN TONE ONE

First Ode

It is the day of Resurrection, let us be radiant, O ye peoples; Pascha, the Lord's Pascha; for Christ God hath brought us from death unto life, and from earth unto Heaven as we sing the triumphal hymn.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord!

Let us purify our sense and we shall behold Christ, radiant with the unapproachable light of the Resurrection, and we shall clearly hear Him say: Rejoice! As we sing the triumphal hymn.

¹ Saints of particular local veneration may be included among the Saints of their same classification at the discretion of the pastor.

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

For meet it is that the Heavens should rejoice, and that the earth should be glad, and that the whole world, both visible and invisible, should keep the feast; for Christ, our everlasting Joy, hath arisen.

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Jesus is risen from the tomb, as He foretold, and hath bestowed life eternal upon us, and great mercy.

THE PASCHAL CANON IN TONE ONE

Third Ode

Come, let us drink a new drink, not one marvelously brought forth from a barren rock, but the Source of incorruption, which springeth forth from the grave of Christ, in Whom we are established.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord!

Now are all things filled with light; Heaven and earth, and the nethermost regions of the earth. Let all creation, therefore, celebrate the arising of Christ, whereby it is established.

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

Yesterday I was buried with Thee, O Christ, and today I arise with Thine arising. Yesterday was I crucified with Thee; do Thou Thyself glorify me with Thee, O Savior, in Thy Kingdom.

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THE LITTLE LITANY

Deacon: Again and again, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

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Priest: For Thou art our God, and unto Thee do we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

THE HYPAKOE OF PASCHA IN TONE FOUR

Mary and her companions came before the dawn and found the stone rolled away from the sepulcher and heard from the angel: Why do you seek the One who dwelleth in eternal light as mortal man among the dead? Behold the grave clothes. Go quickly and proclaim to the world that the Lord is risen, and hath put death to death; for He is the Son of God, the Saviour of mankind.

THE KONTAKION OF PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT

O Immortal One, when Thou didst descend into the tomb, Thou didst destroy the power of Hades; and Thou didst rise victorious, O Christ God. Thou hast said to the ointment-bearing women: Rejoice! And Thou gavest peace to Thy Disciples, O Bestower of Resurrection to those Who had fallen.

THE PASCHAL CANON IN TONE ONE

Fourth Ode

Let the Prophet Habakkuk, the proclaimer of diving things, keep the divine watch with us, and show forth the radiant Angel who with resounding voice hath declared: Today doth bring salvation to the world, for Christ is risen as omnipotent.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord!

Christ revealed Himself as of the male sex when He opened the Virgin's womb, and as a mortal was He called the Lamb. Thus, without blemish is our Pascha, for He tasted not corruption; and since He is truly God, perfect was He proclaimed.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord!

Christ, our blessed Crown, like unto a yearling lamb, of His own good will did sacrifice Himself for all, a Pascha of purification: and from the grave the beautiful Sun of Righteousness shone forth again upon us.

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

David, the ancestor of our God, danced with leaping before the symbolical Ark of the Covenant. Let us also, the holy people of God, beholding the fulfillment of the symbols, rejoice in godly wise: For Christ is risen, as omnipotent.

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THE PASCHAL CANON IN TONE ONE

Fifth Ode

Let us arise in the deep dawn and, instead of myrrh, offer praise to the Master; and we shall see Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, Who causeth life to dawn for all.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord!

When those held captive in the bonds of Hades beheld Thy boundless compassion, O Christ, they hastened to the light with a joyful step, exalting the eternal Pascha.

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

Bearing lights, let us go forth to meet Christ, Who cometh forth from the grave like a bridegroom. And with the ranks of them that love and keep this festival, let us celebrate the saving Pascha of God.

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THE PASCHAL CANON IN TONE ONE

Sixth Ode

Thou didst descend into the deepest parts of the earth, and didst shatter the everlasting bars that held fast those that were fettered, O Christ. And on the third day, like Jonas from the sea monster, Thou didst arise from the grave.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord!

Having kept the seals intact, O Christ, Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Thou Who didst not break the seal of the Virgin by Thy birth; and Thou hast opened unto us the gates of Paradise.

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

O my Savior, the life-giving and unslain Sacrifice, when, as God, Thou of Thine own will, hadst offered up Thyself unto the Father, Thou didst raise up with Thyself the whole race of Adam when Thou didst rise from the grave.

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Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

Priest: For Thou art the King of peace and Savior of our souls, and unto Thee do we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

KONTAKION AND OIKOS ST. VINCENT OF LERINS (Plain Reading)

Divinely arming thyself with purity of soul and unceasing prayer, which in a brave manner thou didst take up like a spear, and with which thou, O our Father Vincent, didst slay the legions of the demons; do thou ever make supplications on behalf of us who honor thee.

Having conceived within thyself a loving attachment to the divine commandments of Christ, and a hatred for the delights of this world, thou didst with diligence achieve thy God-pleasing goals and like a divine lamp enlightened the ends of the world with spiritual radiance. Wherefore, falling down before thee, I implore thee, O Father Vincent: Enlighten my spiritual eyes that I may worthily hymn thine exploits of fasting, thy watchfulness, the shedding of thy tears, thy labors and the emaciation of thy body, all for the sake of a blessed future life, which thou dost now enjoy; do thou ever make supplications on behalf of us who celebrate thy holy memory!

THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On the sixth Wednesday of Pascha we take leave of the celebration of the life-giving Resurrection of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ; Christ alone descended to contend with Hades: from which He ascended, bringing with Him bountiful spoils of victory. To Him be glory and power unto ages of ages.

On May 24 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our venerable and God-bearing Father Vincent of Lerins.

Verses

Vincent, with his famous writings, vanquished error,
And is honored by all men, everywhere, always.

Vincent was born in Gaul sometime in the late fourth century. He abandoned a career in the Roman military to become a monk at the great Monastery of Lerins, located on a small island (today known as Isle Saint-Honorat) just off the Mediterranean coast from the modern city of Cannes. Saint Vincent is remembered today because of his work “Commonitorium.” This work is a compendium of rules by which a believer may distinguish theological truth from error. The title “Commonitorium” means that the work is intended as a memory aid, a work that one may consult quickly for the purpose of refreshing one’s memory, as the Saint himself notes in his introductory comments. In his great work, the Saint tells us that we may discover the truth first through reading Holy Scripture, for that is the basis of everything. Yet, he points out men may differ in their interpretation of Holy Scripture. How may we know which interpretation is the correct one? We know by consulting the writings of authorities within the Church, the great Saints and Church Fathers, and this we do carefully. Vincent offers three tests of accurate, Orthodox interpretation: universality, meaning the entire Church adheres to the teaching; antiquity, meaning the Ecumenical Councils determined the teaching to be Orthodox; and consent, meaning that bishops harmoniously consulting one another agree the teaching is true. Vincent died before the close of the year 456. His relics are preserved at Lerins.

On this day, we also commemorate the Venerable Stylites Simeon the Younger of the Mountain of Wonders and Nikitas of Pereyaslavl-Zaleski; and Martyr Meletios the General of Galatia.

IN THAT WE HAVE BEHELD

Reader: In that we have beheld the Resurrection of Christ, let us bow down before the Holy Lord Jesus, the only sinless One. Thy Cross do we adore, O Christ, and Thy Holy Resurrection we praise and glorify: for Thou art our God, and we know none other beside Thee; we call upon Thy Name. O come, all ye faithful, let us adore Christ’s Holy Resurrection. For lo, through the Cross is joy come into all the world. Ever blessing the Lord, let us sing His Resurrection: for in that He endured the Cross for us, He hath destroyed Death by death. (THRICE)

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THE PASCHAL CANON IN TONE ONE

Seventh Ode

The only blest and most glorious God of our Fathers, Who hath redeemed the Children from the furnace, is become man, and as a mortal doth suffer, and through suffering doth clothe mortality with the grace of incorruption.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord!

The godly-wise women followed after Thee in haste with sweet-smelling myrrh. But Him Whom they sought with tears as dead, they joyfully adored as the living God, and announced unto Thy disciples, O Christ, the glad tidings of the mystical Pascha.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord!

We celebrate the death of death, the destruction of Hades, the beginning of an everlasting life. And with leaps of joy we praise the Cause thereof, the only blest and most glorious God of our Fathers.

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

Truly sacred and supremely festive is this saving night, radiant with light, the forerunner of the bright beaming Day of the Resurrection, whereon the Timeless Light in bodily form shone from the grave for all.

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THE PASCHAL CANON IN TONE ONE

Eighth Ode

This chosen and holy day is the first of the Sabbaths, the queen and lady, the feast of feasts, and the festival of festivals, wherein we bless Christ unto the ages.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord!

Come, on this auspicious day of the Resurrection, let us partake of the new fruit of the vine of divine gladness and of the Kingdom of Christ, praising Him as God unto the ages.

Glory to Thy Holy Resurrection, O Lord!

Cast thine eyes about thee, O Sion, and behold! For lo, like divinely radiant luminaries, from the West, the North, the Sea, and the East have thy children assembled unto thee, blessing Christ unto the ages.

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

O Father Almighty, the Word, and the Spirit, one Nature in three Hypostases united, transcending essence and supremely Divine! In Thee have we been baptized, and Thee will we bless unto all the ages.

We praise, we bless, and we worship the Lord.

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Deacon: The Theotokos and Mother of the Light let us honor and magnify in song.

THE NINTH ODE OF THE PASCHAL CANON IN TONE ONE

Magnify, O my soul, Him Who died of His own free will, and was buried, and did rise from the tomb on the third day.

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem; for the glory of the Lord hath risen upon thee. Rejoice and exult now, O Zion, and thou, O pure one, Theotokos, rejoice at the Resurrection of thy Son.

Magnify, O my soul, the life-giving Christ, who is risen from the tomb on the third day.

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem; for the glory of the Lord hath risen upon thee. Rejoice and exult now, O Zion, and thou, O pure one, Theotokos, rejoice at the Resurrection of thy Son.

Verily, Christ is a new Pascha, a living Sacrifice, the Lamb of God Who beareth the sin of the world. And how noble! O how dear! O how sweet is Thy voice, O Christ; for Thou hast verily made us a true promise, that Thou shalt be with us to the end of time; a promise to which we believers hold, an anchor for our hopes, as we sing rejoicing.

Today doth all creation rejoice and is glad; for Christ is risen, and hades He hath despoiled.

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Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Magnify, O my soul, the might of the indivisible and three-personed Godhead.

O Christ, the perfect, most exalted Pascha, O Wisdom of God, His Word and His Power, grant us that we may partake of Thee more perfectly in Thy kingdom's day, which setteth not.

Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. Rejoice, O Virgin rejoice; rejoice, O blessed one; rejoice, O glorified one; for thy Son is risen from the tomb on the third day.

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NINTH KATAVASIA OF THE PASCHAL CANON IN TONE ONE

The angel spake to her that is full of grace, saying, O pure Virgin, rejoice; and I say also, Rejoice; for thy Son is risen from the tomb on the third day.

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem; for the glory of the Lord hath risen upon thee. Rejoice and exult now, O Zion, and thou, O pure one, Theotokos, rejoice at the Resurrection of thy Son.

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Choir: To Thee, O Lord.

Priest: For all the powers of Heaven praise Thee, and unto Thee do they ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

THE EXAPOSTEILARION FOR PASCHA IN TONE TWO

When Thou didst fall asleep in the body as mortal, O Thou who art Lord and King, Thou didst abolish death; and on the third day Thou didst surely rise verily raising Adam from corruption, O Thou incorruptible Pascha, O Salvation of the world.

THE EXAPOSTEILARION ST. VINCENT OF LERINS IN TONE TWO

Like the palm of David, O Father, Thou hast flourished and been revealed as an abode of the Holy Spirit, by Whose action thou hast been shown illustrious in the universe, do thou O holy Vincent, unceasingly pray for us who faithfully honor thy most sacred memory.

THE EXAPOSTEILARION FOR PASCHA IN TONE TWO

When Thou didst fall asleep in the body as mortal, O Thou who art Lord and King, Thou didst abolish death; and on the third day Thou didst surely rise verily raising Adam from corruption, O Thou incorruptible Pascha, O Salvation of the world.

AINOI (PRAISES) IN TONE ONE

Choir: Let everything that hath breath, praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord from the heavens: praise Him in the heights. To Thee, O God, is due our song.

Choir: Praise ye Him, all His angels: praise ye Him, all His hosts. To Thee, O God, is due our song.

For the Resurrection in Tone One

Verse 1. This glory shall be to all His saints.

We praise, O Christ, Thy saving Passion and glorify Thy Resurrection.

Verse 2. Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in the firmament of His power.

O Thou Who didst endure the Cross and abolish Death and didst rise again from the dead: give peace to our life, O Lord, for Thou only art almighty.

Verse 3. Praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

O Thou Who didst despoil Hell and raise man again from the dead by Thy Resurrection, O Christ, make us worthy with pure hearts to praise and glorify Thee.

For St. Vincent of Lerins in Tone Six

Verse 4. Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet. Praise Him with the psaltery and harp.

O most blessed God-bearer Vincent, subjugating unto thy spirit all the subtleties of the flesh, and having strengthened thyself with the pains of fasting, like gold purified in the forge, thou dost

appear as a most radiant receptacle of the Holy Spirit. Gathering together a multitude of monastics, and with thine instructions, as with a ladder ascending into Heaven, thou hast elevated them unto the pinnacle of virtues. Remember us also, who honor thy sacred memory, and unceasingly intercede that our souls may be saved.

Verse 5. Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; praise Him with stringed instruments and organs. Today shines forth thy most illustrious and all-festive memory, O most glorious Vincent, which calleth together a multitude of the assemblies of fasters and the choirs of monastics, both truly Angels and men, unto the praise of Christ, our God adored in the Trinity. Wherefore, approaching the sacred shrine of thy relics, we abundantly receive the gifts of healing and glorify Christ, the Savior of our souls, Who hath crowned thee.

Verse 6. Praise Him upon the loud cymbals: praise Him upon the high-sounding cymbals. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

O most blessed God-bearer, Father Vincent! As did the Prophet of old, so hast thou covered the earth with thy tears never giving sleep unto thine eyes nor even allowing thine eyelids to close in slumber thus manifesting the yearning of thy heart after Christ, Whom thou didst exceedingly love; wherefore, thou art an example to all monastics elevating them to the comprehension of every virtue; wherefore, we also bless thee, magnifying Him Who hath glorified thee.

THE PASCHAL STICHERA IN TONE FIVE

Verse 1. Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered, and let those who hate Him flee from before His face.

Today Christ, our saving Pascha, hath been revealed unto us a noble Pascha; the Pascha new and holy; the mystical Pascha; the Pascha all august; the blameless Pascha; the great Pascha; the Pascha of the faithful; the Pascha which openeth unto us the gates of paradise; the Pascha which sanctifieth all the faithful.

Verse 2. As smoke vanisheth, so let them vanish; as wax melteth before the fire.

O come from the vision, ye women, heralds of good tidings, and say ye unto Zion, Receive from us the glad tidings of the joy of the Resurrection of Christ. Rejoice, O Jerusalem, and leap for joy, in that thou beholdest Christ the King like a bridegroom come forth from the grave.

Verse 3. So let sinners perish at the presence of God, and let the righteous be glad.

When the ointment-bearing women stood, very early in the morning, before the tomb of the Life-giver, they found an angel sitting upon the stone. And he cried out unto them, saying: Why seek ye the Living among the dead? Why mourn ye the Incorruptible amidst corruption? Go, proclaim the glad tidings to His Disciples.

Verse 4. This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad therein.

The joyful Pascha, the Pascha of the Lord, the Pascha all majestic hath shone upon us! The Pascha in which we embrace one another with joy! O what a Pascha, delivering from sorrow! For today from the tomb, as from a chamber Christ shone, and hath filled the women with joy, saying: Proclaim the glad tidings to the Apostles.

THE DOXASTICON OF ST. VINCENT OF LERINS IN TONE TWO

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

O holy Father, having from thy childhood fervently studied virtue, thou wast revealed as an organ of the Holy Spirit, and having obtained from Him the gift of working miracles, thou didst admonish thy people to shun the sweet things of life. Being now most clearly illumined with the divine light, enlighten also our thoughts, O our Father Vincent.

DOXASTICON FOR PASCHA IN TONE FIVE

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

It is the Day of Resurrection be illumined for the feast, and embrace one another. Let us speak, brethren, even unto those who hate us, and forgive all for the sake of the Resurrection. And so together let us cry out:

Christ is risen from the dead trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life! (THRICE)

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