

# DIVINE LITURGY PROPER FOR MAY 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

## Saint Stephen Byzantine Catholic Church

**Our venerable father Theodore**, disciple of St. Pachomius, hegumen of Taberna, called “the Sanctified.” Theodore became the hegumen of all Pachomius’ monasteries, and lived to a great old age, guiding a multitude of monks on the way of salvation. (368)

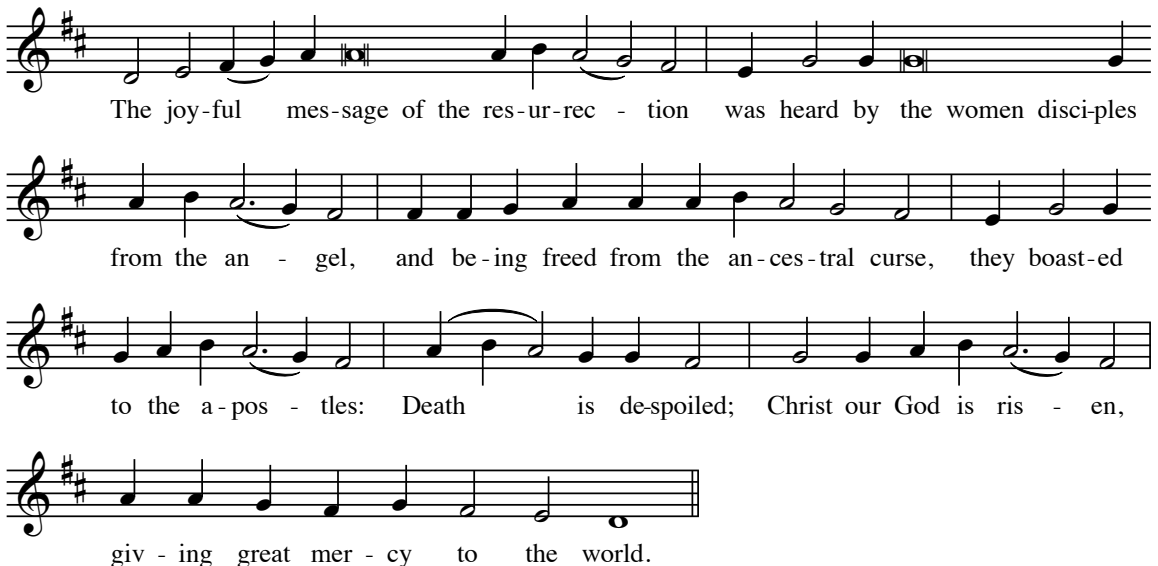
**The holy martyrs Vitus, Modestus, and Crescentia.** Vitus, a child, with his nurse Crescentia and her husband Modestus, were driven out of the home of Vitus’ parents when they found out their child had become a Christian. They were martyred under the emperor Diocletian. (c. 302) The relics of St. Vitus are venerated in Prague in the Czech Republic.

**The holy priest-martyr Vitalis Vladimir Bajrak.** Born in Galicia, he entered the Basilian monastery in 1933. He was made hegumen in 1941. In 1945, the Soviets arrested him and sent him to a labor camp at Drohobych, where he died in Great Week. (1946)

### Saturday of the Fifth Week of Pascha

*Immediately after the opening blessing, “Christ is risen...” is sung once by the priest and then twice by the faithful.*

### Troparion of the Previous Sunday – Tone 4



The joy-ful mes-sage of the res-ur-rec - tion was heard by the women disci-ples  
from the an - gel, and be-ing freed from the an-ces-tral curse, they boast-ed  
to the a-pos - tles: Death is de-spoiled; Christ our God is ris - en,  
giv - ing great mer - cy to the world.

## Troparion of the Saint of the Day – Our venerable father Theodore – *Tone 1*

You made the wil-der-ness your dwell - ing, O fa-ther The - o-dore,  
the bear-er of God. You be-came an an - gel in the flesh and a won-der -  
work - er. Through fasts. vi-gils and pray'rs, you ob-tained from God  
spe-cial gra-ces to heal the sick and to sanc-ti - fy the souls of those who come  
to you with trust. Glo-ry to the One who gave you strength! Glo-ry to the  
One who crowned you! Glo-ry to the One who through your inter-ces-sion grants  
heal - ing to all!

## Cantor (*Tone 2*):

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

## Kontakion of the Saint of the Day – Our venerable father Theodore – *Tone 2*

You bloomed like a flow-er in the house of God, bear-ing the fra-grant



fruit of vir-tue through your fast - ing. You have been made an equal of angels for



this, O ven - er - a - ble fa - ther.

**Cantor (Tone 8):**



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

**Kontakion of Pascha – Tone 8:**



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



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



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



and grant - ed resurrection to the fall - en.

**Prokeimenon - Tone 7 (Psalm 115:6,3):**



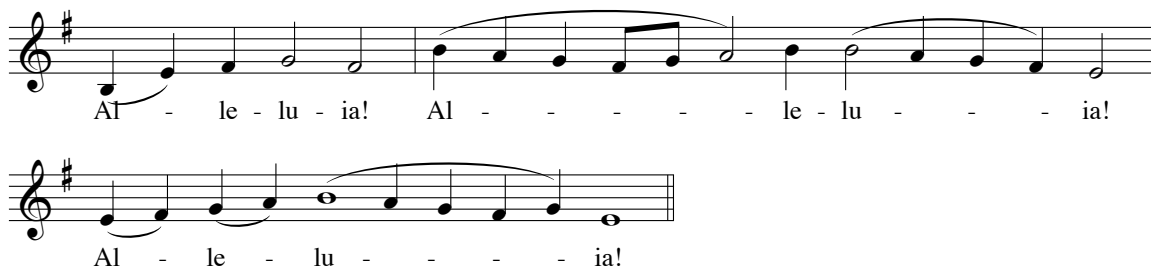
Pre-cious in the eyes, in the eyes of the Lord is the death



of his faith - ful, is the death of his faith - - - ful.

**Verse:** What can I return to the Lord for all he has given me?

**Alleluia - Tone 6** (Psalm 111:1,2):

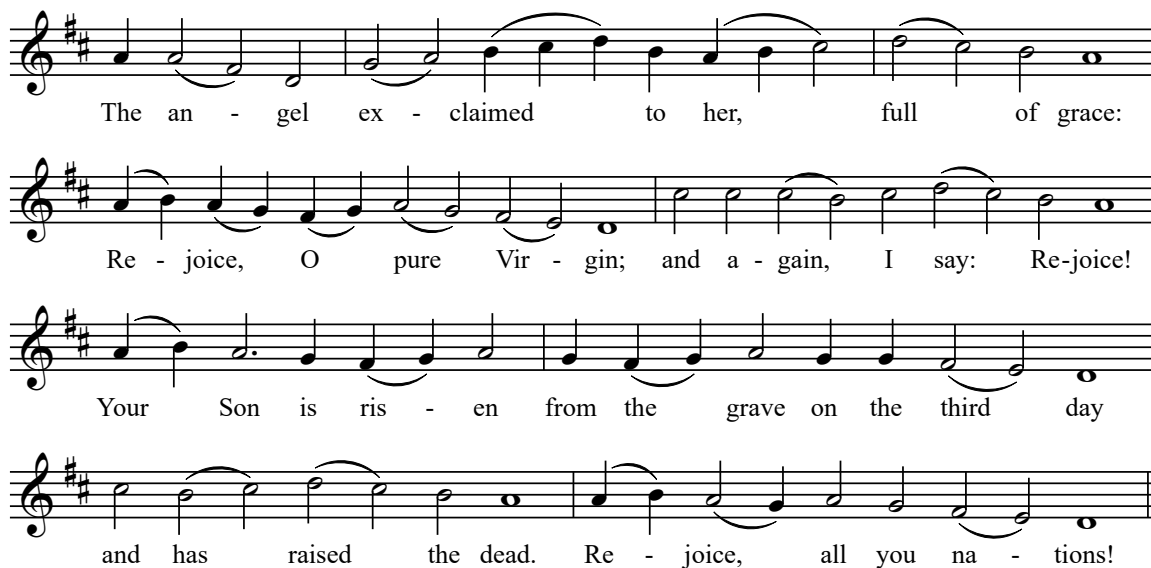


**Verse:** Happy the man who fears the Lord and greatly delights in his commands.

**Verse:** His posterity will be mighty upon the earth.

*Instead of* "It is truly proper . . ."

**Magnification:**



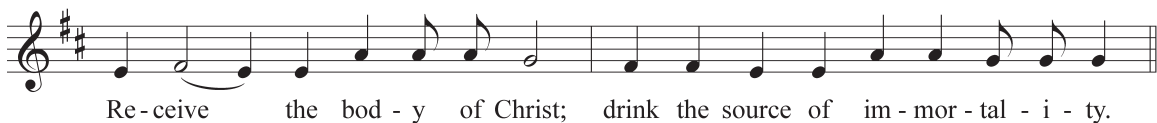
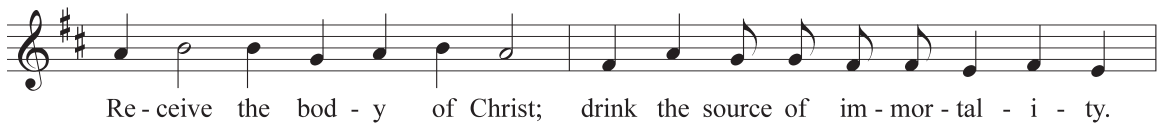
**Irmos:**





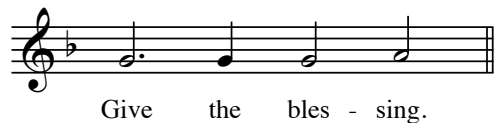
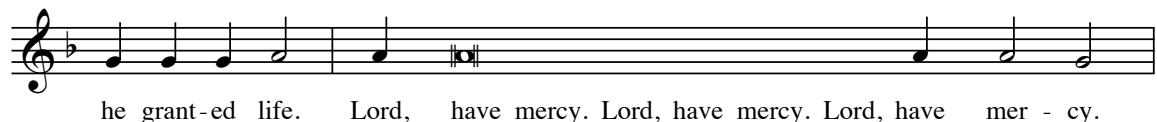
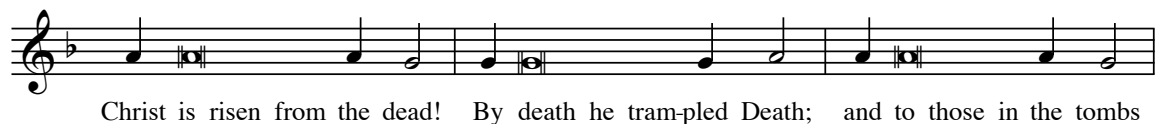
## Communion Hymn

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*The Paschal troparion "Christ is risen from the dead. \* By death . . ." is sung once in place of "We have seen the true light; . . ."*

*At the Dismissal, in place of "Glory to the Father...":*



<sup>i</sup>Format 24: Weekdays during the Paschal Season