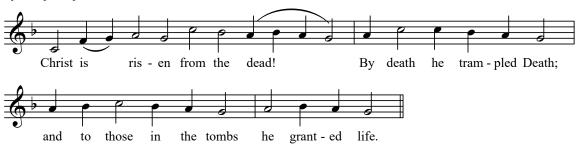
VESPERS PROPERS FOR THE LEAVE-TAKING OF PASCHA¹ from the Menaion

The faithful STAND as the celebrant, fully vested in bright vestments, stands before the holy table and begins.

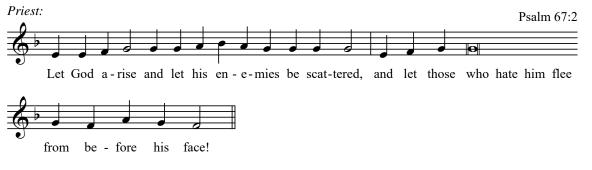
Celebrant: Blessed is our God always, now and ever and forever.



Immediately the Paschal troparion is sung three times: once by the celebrant, and twice by the faithful.



The celebrant sings the following versicles, and to each one the faithful respond by singing the Paschal troparion.



All: Christ is risen...



As smoke van - ish - es, so let them van - ish, as wax melts be - fore a fire.

All: Christ is risen...



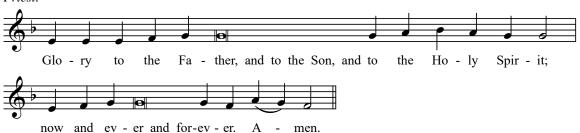
All: Christ is risen...



This is the day that the Lord has made; let us re-joice and be glad in it.

All: Christ is risen...

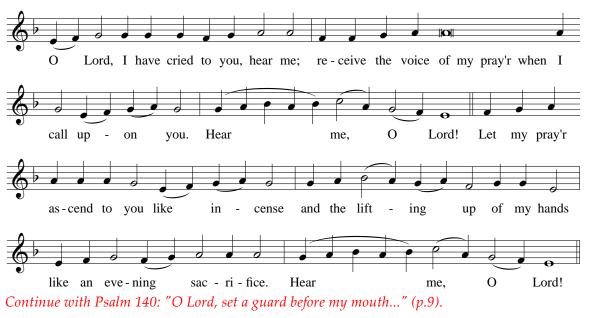




All: Christ is risen...

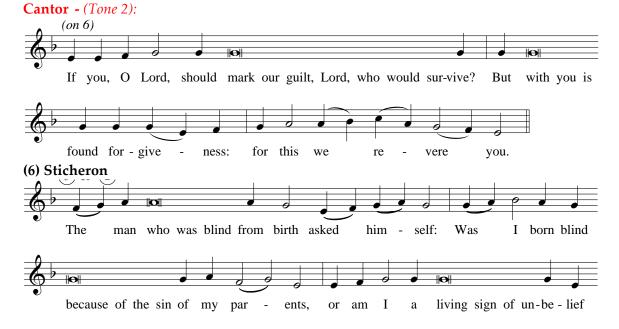
Continue with the Litany of Peace (p.5).





Stichera at the Lamplighting Psalms

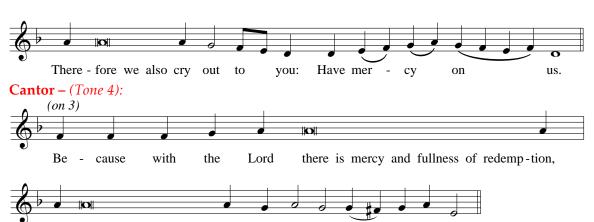
6 stichera from the Pentecostarion:







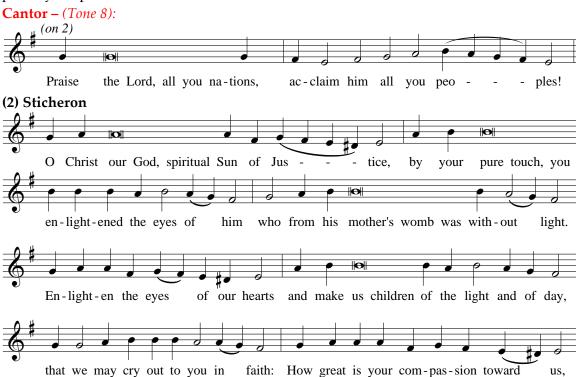




Is - rael indeed he will re-deem from all its in - i - qui - ty.

(3) Sticheron

The blind man imagined that his whole life was night; * he cried cried out to You: O Lord, open my eyes, * O Son of David, O our Savior, ** that with all humanity I may praise your power.





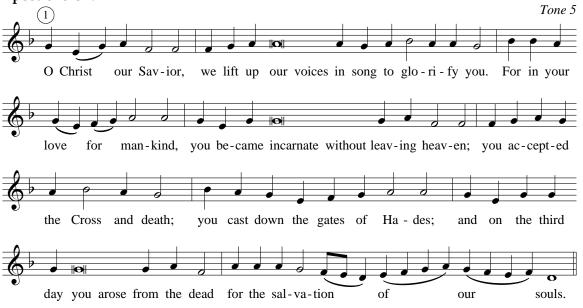


The Prokeimenon is for the Day of the Week (pp. 13-15).

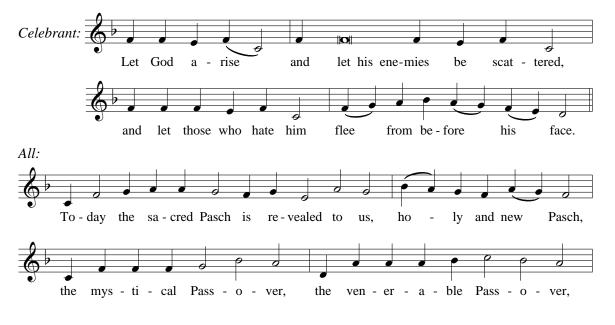
Aposticha

The aposticha are from the Pentecostarion: (*Tone 5*)





The aposticha continue with the Paschal Stichera. The faithful come forward to kiss the cross as at Paschal Matins.













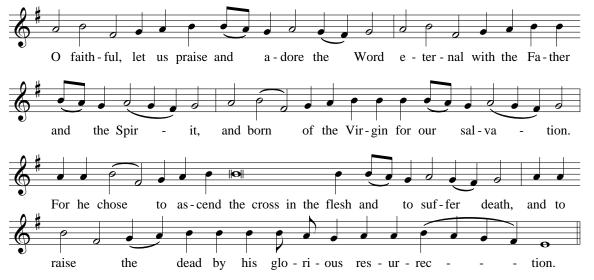




Troparion & Theotokion

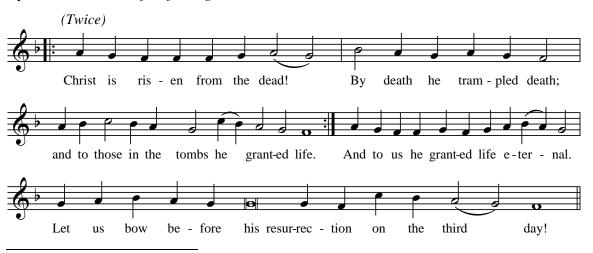


Continue with the Prayer of the Holy Prophet Simeon (p. 21).





After the Dismissal, the celebrant says three times: "Christ is risen!" and the faithful respond each time: "Indeed he is risen!" The celebrant then sings once: "Christ is risen from the dead! By death . . .," and the faithful sing:



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