

*The 3rd Sunday of Pascha - the Myrrh-Bearing
Women*

On “Lord, I have cried” in the 2nd tone

3 At deep **dawn**_, the myrrh-bearing **wo**_men_ /
took sweet-smelling spices and came unto the **Lord’s**_
tomb. / *And finding* that which they had not **expected**, /
they stood piously pondering the **removal** of the stone, /
and **addressed** *one* another **saying**: / “Where are the
seals of the **sepulcher**? / **Where** *are* Pilate’s watchmen
and the *secure* **sentry**?” / And an angel, radiant as
light_ning / **proclaimed** *to* the women that of which
they *were* **ig**-no-rant, / **saying** to them: / “**Why** *do* ye
with lamentation seek Him *that* **liveth** / and hath given
life unto the race of **mor**_tals? / **Christ** *our* God *hath*
risen from the dead, / since He is **almight**_y, // granting
us all life, incorruption, illumination and *great*
mer_cy_._._.

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2 **Why_** do ye mingle tears with *the myrrh_-*
oils_, / O ye women disci_ples? / *The stone hath* been
rolled away, / the sepulcher is **emp_ty**. / **Behold**
corruption trodden **under** by life, / the seals bearing clear
wit_ness, / *the guards of the disobedi-ent fast* asleep. /
Mortal nature is saved by the **flesh** of God, / **Hades** is
lamenting. / Hasten ye with joy and say unto the
apos_tles: / **Christ**, *the Firstborn of the dead*, who
caused death to die, // goeth before you into **Ga-li-**
lee_._._.

1 The **myrrh_-**bearers rose up **ear_ly_** / and with
haste **came** to Thy tomb, / **seeking** to anoint Thine
immaculate body, O Christ. / But when the glad tidings
were **brought** to them / by *the words of the angel*, / with
tokens of joy they proclaimed to the apos_tles / that *the*
Author of our salvation is **risen**, / having **despoiled_**
death // and granting the world life eternal and *great*
mer_cy_._._.

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On “Lord, I have cried”, “Glory” in the 6th tone

The myrrh-bearing women came to the tomb, O
Savior; / and beholding the seals of the **se**-pul-cher / and
not finding Thine immaculate **bo**__._._dy, / they hurried
anxiously, wailing and **saying**: / “Who hath **stolen** our
hope? / Who hath taken away the naked and anointed
bo__._._dy, / the only consolation of His **M**other? / Alas,
How *hath* He died / who maketh the **dead**__._ alive? /
And how was He buried who despoiled **H**ades? / But arise,
O Savior, by Thine own **author**ity / after three days, as
Thou__._ didst say, // and **save**__._ our souls.”

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“Glory” on the Aposticha in the 5th tone

O **Thou** who putttest on light *like* a **garment**, / when Joseph and Nicodemus took *Thee* **down** from the Tree / and beheld Thee dead, naked and *unbur*_._.ied, / he took **up** a full-hearted dirge *and lamenting* he said: / Woe is me, O sweetest **Jesus**, / **whom** but a **while**_._. ago, / when the **sun** beheld *Thee* **hanging** on the Cross, / it shrouded itself *in* **darkness** / and the **earth** quaked with fear, and the veil of the temple was rent *asun*_._.der. / But, behold, now I see Thee willingly submitting to **death** for my sake, / How shall I bury **Thee**, O my God? / Or **how** shall I wrap Thee *with* **wind**_._.ing sheets? / With what **hands** shall I touch Thine *unde-filed* **Body**? / Or what hymns shall I sing at Thy departure, O *Compassionate* One? / I **magnify** *Thy* **Pass**_._.ion; / I **praise** Thy Burial and *Re-surrection*, // and cry out: O **Lord**, *glory be to* _ Thee.”

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Troparia in the 2nd tone

*When **Thou** didst **de-scend** un-to death, / O Life Im-
mor-tal, / **then** didst Thou *slay* **ha**-des / with the
lightning of Thy Di-**vin**-i-ty. / And *when* **Thou** didst al-so
raise the dead / out of the **neth**-er-most depths, / **all** the
hosts of *the* **heav**-ens cried out: // O Life-Giv-er, *Christ*
our **God**, *glo*-ry **be** to Thee.*

The no-ble **Jo**_seph, / having taken Thy most pure
body **down** from the tree / and having **wrapped** it in
pure linen *and* **spi**_ces, / laid it in a **new** tomb.. / But on
the **third** day Thou didst **arise**, O Lord, // granting *to* the
world great_**mer**_cy.

Unto *the* **myrrh**-bearing **wo**_men / did the angel cry
out as he **stood** by the tomb: / “**Myrrh** is **meet** for the
dead, / but Christ hath proved a stranger to **corruption**.” /
But *cry out*: “The Lord is **ris**_en, // granting *to* the
world great_**mer**_cy

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Kontakion in the 2nd tone

*When **unto the myrrh-bearers** / Thou didst **cry**
“Rejoice,” / **Thou** didst make the lamentation of Eve, the
first mo_ther / to cease by Thy Resurrection, O **Christ**
God. / *And **Thou*** didst bid Thine **apostles** to preach: //
“The Savior is **ris_en from** the grave.”*