

Today the Polyeleos is sung instead of the Evlogitaria of the Resurrection.

MEGALYNARION (Tone 2)



More ho-nor-a-ble than the che-ru-bim and more glo-ri-



- ous be-yond com - pare than the se - ra - phim;



who with-out stain bore God the Word, you are



tru-ly The-o - to - kos, we mag-ni - fy you.

EXAPOSTILARIA (Tone 2)

~Brethren, let us sing together of the highest apostles, Peter and Paul, who have shed over the whole world the fire of their divine light, like suns. They are truly heralds of the Faith, teachers of doctrine, and trumpets proclaiming God; they are two columns upon which the Church rests, and they have cast down the temples of error. (Twice)

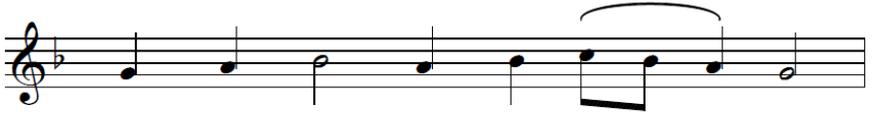
(Tone 3)

~The great and awesome mystery of your childbearing, O Virgin full of grace and Mother of God, was proclaimed by the prophets, taught by the apostles, confessed by the martyrs, praised by the angels in Heaven, and venerated by mankind on earth.

PRaises (Tone 2)



Let ev' - ry-thing that has breath praise the Lord.



Praise the Lord from the hea - vens,



praise Him in the heights: to You be - longs



praise, O God. Praise Him, all you His an - gels,



praise Him, all you His pow - ers: to You be - longs



praise, O God.

Stichera of the Resurrection

8. Everything that has breath and all creation glorify You, O Lord, for You have destroyed Death by Your Cross. You manifested Your Resurrection from among the dead to the whole world, for You are the true Lover of Mankind!
7. Let the Pharisees explain how the soldiers lost the King over whom they stood watch! Let them tell why the

stone could not hold back the Rock of Life! Let them either produce the body or worship the risen Lord with us and say: "O Savior who have filled us all with Your mercy, glory to You!"

6. Rejoice, O nations and be glad! An angel was seated on the stone that had once sealed the tomb, proclaiming Good News to us as he said: "Christ, the Savior of the world, has risen from the dead! His sweet scent has filled the universe! Rejoice, O nations and be glad!"
5. On the day of Your conception, Lord, an angel greeted the woman full of grace, saying, "Hail!" On the day of Your Resurrection, an angel rolls away the stone from Your glorious sepulcher. In place of sadness and death, the first angel brought us promises of joy, the second proclaimed the Lord as the Giver of Life! Thus we sing to You: "O Benefactor of all, glory to You!"

Stichera for Peter and Paul (Tone 4)

4. When the Savior asked the choir of the twelve Apostles the question, "Who do men say I am?", Peter, the foremost of the disciples was filled with grace from Heaven, and he clearly proclaimed the divinity of Christ as he said: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God!" Thus he was called blessed for having received that revelation from Heaven on high, and upon him was conferred the power to bind and loosen.
3. You were called by the Most High, not by men, when earthly darkness blinded the eyes of your body, thus denouncing the darkness of impiety; then the eyes of your soul were given vision by the light from Heaven, revealing to you the splendor of the Faith. In Christ our God, O Paul, you recognized the One who made light come forth from the darkness; intercede with Him for the salvation and enlightenment of our souls.

2. Peter, you were rightly called the Rock, for on that rock the Lord established the Faith of His Church, which cannot be shaken, as He made you the chief shepherd of His flock. Then, in His goodness, He entrusted you with the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven that you might open its gates to those who approach in faith. You were worthy to suffer your passion on the cross, as did your Master: intercede with Him for the salvation and enlightenment of our souls.
1. O Paul, preacher of Christ, you gloried in His Cross. You sincerely preferred the love of God to all things, since it binds those who love to the Beloved. Thus you were called a “captive for Christ,” choosing hardships and trials in preference to any pleasure. By your precious death, you were made worthy to be united to the Lord. Intercede with Him for the salvation and enlightenment of our souls.
- v. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

Doxastikon (Tone 6)

The venerable feast of the Apostles has come for the Church of Christ, bringing us salvation. Acclaiming them in spirit, let us say: “Hail, O luminaries who make the light of the mystic Sun shine upon those in darkness! Hail, Peter and Paul, friends of Christ and chosen vessels, unshakable foundations of the teachings about God! Be with us in spirit, obtaining spiritual blessings for those who celebrate your feast with hymns!”

- now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Theotokion

O Mother of God, you are the true vine laden with the Fruit of Life: wherefore we implore you, O Lady, to intercede together with the Apostles and all the Saints that we may obtain mercy for our souls.