Apolytikia of the Resurrection

Adapted from Traditional Melodies

First Mode

When the stone was sealed by the Jews and the soldiers
were guarding Thine immaculate body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Saviour, granting life unto the world. For which cause the powers of heaven cried out to Thee, O Life-giver: Glory to Thy resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Thy dominion.

Glory to Thy dispensation, O only Friend of man.
Second Mode

When Thou didst descend unto death, O Life Immortal,
then didst Thou slay Hades with the lightning of Thy Divinity. And
when Thou also raise the dead out of the nether world, all
the powers of the heavens were crying out: O Giver of life,
Christ our God, glory be to Thee.
Third Mode

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Let the heavens rejoice, and let things on earth be glad,

for the Lord hath wrought might with His arm; He hath triumphed

upon death by death; He hath become the first-born of the dead.

From the bowels of Hades hath He delivered us, and hath granted

- ed great mercy to the world.

There is nothing upon earth holier, higher, grander, more solemn, more life-giving than the Liturgy. The temple, at this particular time, becomes an earthly heaven; those who officiate represent Christ Himself, the angels, the cherubim, seraphim and apostles.

—St. John of Kronstadt
Fourth Mode

"Ἡ χορὸς Διὸς ἁμαρτία ἀφθαρσίαν ἐπέτρεπεν

Having learned the joyful proclamation of the Resurrection from the angel, and having cast off the ancestral condemnation, the women disciples spoke to the Apostles triumphantly: Death is destroyed and Christ God is risen, granting great mercy unto the world.
Let us worship the Word, Who is unique with the Father and the Spirit, and from a virgin was born for our salvation, O believers, and let us sing His praise. For in His goodness He was pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, and to undergo death, and to raise up those who had died, by His glorious Resurrection.
Plagal Second Mode

When the angelic powers were at Thy tomb, then they that guard-ed Thee be-came as dead. And Mary stood be-side the grave_

seek-ing Thine im-mac-u-late bod- y. Thou hast de-spoiled Hades and wast not tried there-by. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst grant life to us.

O Thou Who art risen from the dead, Lord, glory be to Thee._

Resurrectional Apolytikia
Wherever there are spiritual melodies,
there does the grace of the Spirit come,
sanctifying the mouth and the soul.

St. Nicodemus
of the Holy Mountain
From the heights didst Thou come down, O Compassionate One. And Thou didst submit to three-day burial that from the passions Thou might deliver us. O our Life and Resurrection, O Lord, glory be to Thee.