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**Typicon of the Divine Liturgy  
For Sundays and Main Feasts**

**April, 2010**

**Abbreviations & References:**

Gospel Book, English: Bishop Joseph Raya, Alleluia Press, 1978

Gospel Book, Arabic: Paulist Fathers, Harissa, 1960

Epistle Book, English (Apostolos): Bishop Joseph Raya, Alleluia Press, 1980

Epistle Book, Arabic: Paulist Fathers, Harissa, 1967

BDW: Byzantine Daily Worship: Bishop Joseph Raya, Alleluia Press, 1980

CT: CyberTypicon - Version 4, Fr. Peter Boutros, Phoenix, AZ

ED: Prayer Book, Arabic: Bishop N. Edelby of Aleppo, 1962

PLC: Patriarchal Liturgical Commission : *Holy and Divine Liturgies*, Arabic, 2006 - Prayers translated by Rev. Alam Alam

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*Thursday, April 1, 2010*  
*Great and Holy Thursday*

**Liturgy of St. Basil the Great combined with Vespers**

**Epistle** 1 Cor 11:23-32, Page 94 **Prokimenon p. 369 and Alleluia verses p. 370** (English)  
Page 421 (Arabic)

**Gospel** Matthew 26:1-20, John 13:3-18, Matthew 26:21-39, Luke 22:43-44 and Matthew 26:40-27:2  
Page 236 (English) – Page 152 (Arabic)

**Instead of the Cherubic Hymn** *“Receive me now...”*, (BDW p. 293), (PLC p. 156), (ED p. 385)

**Hymn to the Theotokos** *“In you, O Full of grace...”* (BDW p. 331, ED p. 421)

**Kinonikon** *“Receive me now...”*, (BDW p. 293), (PLC p. 156), (ED p. 385)

**Post-communion** *“Receive me now...”*, (BDW p. 293), (PLC p. 156), (ED p. 385)

**Apolysis** *“May Christ our true God, who in the greatness of his goodness showed us that humility is the best way of life and, in his love and humility, washed the feet of his disciples and delivered Himself up to be crucified and buried for our salvation. ...”* (BDW p. 824), (ED p. 643)

*Friday, April 2, 2010*  
*Great and Holy Friday*

The **Royal Hours** are recited in the morning  
The **Descent from the Cross** is celebrated in the afternoon  
The **Burial of Christ** (Ginnaaz al-Maseeh), in the evening

*Saturday, April 3, 2010*  
*Great and Holy Saturday*

**Blessing of the Light** *(Before St. Basil Liturgy)* (BDW p. 835), (ED p. 706)

**Liturgy of St. Basil the Great combined with Vespers (Before Noon)** (BDW p. 838), (PLC p. 456), (ED p. 713)

**Instead of the Trisagion** *“All of you who have been baptized...”*

**Epistle** Romans 6: 3-11, Page 376 (English) – Page 429 (Arabic)

**At the end of the Epistle , no Alleluia is chanted. The priest starts “Arise of God ...” and scatters flowers and laurel leaves and the choir follows with Psalm 81.** (BDW p. 841), (PLC p. 456), (ED p. 730)

**Gospel** Matthew 28: 1-20, Page 266 (English) – Page 173 (Arabic)

**Instead of the Cherubic Hymn** *“Let all mortal flesh be silent...”* (BDW p. 842), (ED p. 733)

**Hymn to the Theotokos** *“In you, O Full of grace...”* (BDW p. 331, ED p. 421)

**Kinonikon** *“The Lord arose as one coming out of sleep. Our Savior raised us up. Alleluia!”* (BDW p. 842, (PLC p. 458), ED p. 733)

**Post-communion** *“Remember us, O Merciful One, as You remembered the thief in your heavenly Kingdom.”* (BDW p. 842, (PLC p. 458), ED p. 733)

**Apolytis** *“...Who is risen from the dead...”*

*Sunday, April 4, 2010*  
*Glorious Resurrection of our Lord*

**Procession of Triumph (Rush Service or Hajmeh)** (BDW p. 845), (ED p. 740)  
**Orthros Gospel** of the Feast, Mark 16:1-8 - Page 11 (English) – Page 174 (Arabic)

**Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**

The Invocation to the Holy Spirit (“*Heavenly King...*”) and  
“*Glory to God in the highest ... Lord, I shall open my lips ...*” are replaced by  
“*Christ is risen ...*” (3 times). After Blessed is the Kingdom ... : “*Christ is risen ...*” (3 times)  
**This should be observed till Wednesday, May 12, 2010** (PLC p. 462)

**After Blessed is the Kingdom ...** : “*Christ is risen ...*” (3 times), “*Christ is risen ...*” is repeated after each of the four Psalm verses (BDW p. 861), (PLC p. 462), (ED p. 742) while the Holy Altar is censed.

“*Glory be ... Christ is risen ... Now and always ... Christ is risen ...*”

Finally, the celebrant chants: “*Christ is risen from the dead and by his death He has trampled upon death ...*” The People pick-up: ... “*and has given life to those who are in the tombs.*”

**Special petitions:**

After the 5th petition of the Great Synapte, the following special petitions are said (PLC p. 462):

“6. *That our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, may grant us triumph over the conspiracies of our visible and invisible enemies, let us pray to the Lord.*

7. *That He may enable us to crush under our feet the Prince of Darkness and his powers, let us pray to the Lord.*

8. *That He may fill our hearts with the joyful glory of his Resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.*

9. *That we may enter the Chamber of his Divine Wedding Feast and rejoice with the Angels and the Saints in the Church Triumphant, let us pray to the Lord.*”

10. *For our deliverance from all affliction, ... etc...*

**Antiphon Prayer** (PLC p. 463)

**The Celebrant recites one of the following prayers:**

1. Almighty Word of God, Who rose from the tomb and appeared to your beloved ones, show us the prints of the nails and the wound of your side. Strengthen our faith so that we may confess before the world that by your suffering, You healed the sufferings of our souls and by your glorious Resurrection, you granted mankind a pledge of their own resurrection.

For You are our Light and our Resurrection, O Christ God, and to You we render glory and to your Eternal Father and your All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

2. O Christ God, the Conqueror of death, bestow upon us your peace and fill our hearts with your Holy Spirit. Grant us to anticipate strength from On High in faith, hope and love, in order to confess that You are the God of those who trust in You and to proclaim to the whole world your glorious Resurrection.

For You are our Resurrection, O Christ God, and to You we render glory and to your Eternal Father and your All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

3. O Christ, the Great and All-holy Passover, Wisdom, Word and Power of God, You died in the flesh and You rose on the third day, raising Adam from corruption and destroying death. O Passover of incorruption and Salvation of the world, grant us to partake of You more perfectly in the Everlasting Day of your Kingdom.

For You are our Holiness and our Resurrection, O Christ God, and to You is due Honor and Glory and to your Eternal Father and your All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

**Antiphons of the Pascha** (BDW p. 861), (PLC p. 464), (ED p. 764)

**Entrance Hymn** *“In the assemblies bless God, the Lord, from Israel’s wellsprings. O Son of God, Who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!”*

**Hymns** Troparion of Pascha, *“Christ is risen ...”* (3 times)  
 Hipacoi of Pascha (BDW p. 863), (PLC p. 466), (ED p. 766)  
 Kondakion of Pascha (BDW p. 864), (PLC p. 466), (ED p. 766)

**Instead of the Trisagion** *“All of you who have been baptized...”*

**Epistle** Acts 1: 1-19, Page 15 (English) – Page 13 (Arabic)

**Gospel** John 1: 1-17, Page 11 (English) – Page 1 (Arabic)

**Hymn to the Theotokos** *“The Angel cried out...”* (BDW p. 864), (PLC p. 467), (ED p. 769)

**Kinonikon** *“Receive the Body of Christ and taste the Source of Immortality. Alleluia!”* (BDW p. 864), (PLC p. 467), (ED p. 770)

**Instead of** *“Receive me now...”* **we sing** *“Receive the Body of Christ and taste the Source of Immortality. Alleluia!”* (BDW p. 864), (PLC p. 467), (ED p. 770)

N.B. The Resurrection homily of St. John Chrysostom may also be chanted during the Communion of the faithful. (BDW p. 859), (PLC p. 468), (ED p. 761)

**Post-Communion Hymn** *“Christ is risen ...”* (once)

**Instead of** *“Blessed be the name of the Lord...”* **we sing** *“Christ is risen...”* (3 times)

**Apolysis** *“...Who is risen from the dead...”*

**After the Apolysis** the Celebrant, holding the paschal candle and facing the People says: *“Christ is risen!”* The People respond *“He is truly risen!”*

Celebrant looking slightly to the left *“Almaseeh qaam!”* People *“Haqqan qaam!”*

Celebrant looking slightly to the right *“Christos anesti!”* People: *“Alithos anesti!”*

Celebrant facing the People *“Glory to His Resurrection on the third day!”* People *“We worship His Holy Resurrection on the third day!”*

**This should be observed till the Saturday of Bright week with the exception of the readings**  
 (PLC 473)

**Instead of** *“Through the prayers of our holy fathers...”* **We pray** *“Christ is risen...”*

**This should be observed till Wednesday, May 12, 2010**

1. The Iconostasis Holy Doors remain open until the end of the Ascension Liturgy.
2. Services, such as Baptisms, Funerals, Memorials etc. celebrated between Monday, April 5, and Wednesday, May 12, start as follows: "*Blessed is our God...*" Then "*Christ is risen from the dead...*" (3 times).

### **Blessing of the Eggs**

(PLC p. 530)

**Deacon:** let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord have mercy

**Priest:** O Lord, Our God, Creator of the Universe, bless these eggs, symbol of the Resurrection of your Christ. In your bounty bless those who offered them, those who prepared them and those who partake of them. Preserve the faithful from evil. Fill them with your magnificent gifts and your bounty which is beyond measure.

For yours is the dominion and yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, no and always and forever and ever.

**People:** Amen

*Sunday, April 11, 2010*  
*Sunday of Saint Thomas*

**Tone 1 - Orthros Gospel 1** - Page 267 (English) – Page 174 (Arabic)

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**Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**

**Antiphons of the Pascha** (BDW p. 861), (PLC p. 464), (ED p. 764)

**Antiphon Prayer** (PLC p. 479)

O Christ God, You showed Thomas your side from which gushed blood and water, symbol of Baptism. You invited him to touch the wound by which mankind was healed from its ancient deep wound. We ask You to strengthen our faith in your Divinity and Humanity so that we may become witnesses to your glorious Resurrection by our words, our deeds and our way of life.

For You are our Resurrection, O Christ, God, and to You we render glory and to your Eternal Father and your All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

**Entrance Hymn** *“In the assemblies bless God, the Lord, from Israel’s wellsprings. O Son of God, Who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!”*

**Hymns** Troparion of St. Thomas, (3 times) (BDW p. 872), (PLC p. 479), (ED p. 787)  
 Kondakion of Pascha, (BDW p. 864), (PLC p. 466), (ED p. 766)

**Trisagion or Instead of the Trisagion** *“All of you who have been baptized...”* (PLC p. 478)

**Epistle** Acts of the Apostle, 5:12-20, Page 25 (English) – Page 24 (Arabic)

**Gospel** John 20:19-31, Page 17 (English) – Page 5 (Arabic)

**Hymn to the Theotokos** *“O shining light...”*, (BDW p. 873), (PLC p. 482), (ED p. 791)

**Kinonikon** *“Exalt the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, Zion! Alleluia!”*, (BDW p. 873), (PLC p. 482), (ED p. 791)

**Post-Communion Hymn** *“Christ is risen ...”* (once)

**Apolysis** *“...Who rose from the dead and confirmed Thomas in the faith for our salvation...”*

*Sunday, April 18, 2010*  
*Sunday of the Ointment Bearing Women*

**Tone 2 - Orthros Gospel 4** - Page 268 (English) – Page 175 (Arabic)

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**Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**

**Antiphons of the Pascha** (BDW p. 861), (PLC p. 464), (ED p. 764)

**Antiphon Prayer** (PLC p. 483)

O Christ God, You alone are the Light of the world. Enlighten our spirit as You enlightened the eyes of the Marys. Gladden our hearts with faith and peace; and as You raised us up from the grave of our sins and delivered us from the power of Darkness, make us also worthy, in your great mercy, to light the lamps of our souls from the resplendent Light of your Glorious Resurrection, for You are our Light, our Life and our Resurrection, O Christ God, and to You we render glory, thanksgiving and worship, and to your Eternal Father and your All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

**Entrance Hymn** *“In the assemblies bless God, the Lord, from Israel’s wellsprings. O Son of God, Who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!”*

**Hymns**

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 2

Troparion of Joseph of Arimathea, (BDW p. 874), (PLC p. 484), (ED p. 793)

Troparion of the Myrrh-bearers, (BDW p. 875), (PLC p. 484), (ED p. 793)

Troparion of the Patron of the Church

Kondakion of Pascha, (BDW p. 864), (PLC p. 466), (ED p. 766)

**Trisagion or Instead of the Trisagion** *“All of you who have been baptized...”* (PLC p. 478)

**Epistle** Acts of the Apostle, 6:1-7, Page 33 (English) – Page 32 (Arabic)

**Gospel** Mark 15:43-16:8, Page 22 (English) – Page 9 (Arabic)

**Hymn to the Theotokos** *“The Angel cried out...”* (BDW p. 864), (PLC p. 467), (ED p. 769)

**Kinonikon** *“Receive the Body of Christ and taste the Source of Immortality. Alleluia!”* (BDW p. 864), (PLC p. 467), (ED p. 770)

**Post-Communion Hymn** *“Christ is risen ...”* (once)

**Apolysis** *“...Who is risen from the dead...”*

*Friday, April 23, 2010*  
*Great Martyr Saint George*

**Orthros Gospel** – Luke 21:12-19 (October 26) - Page 289 (English) – Page 191 (Arabic)

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**Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**

**Antiphons of the Pascha** (BDW p. 861), (PLC p. 464), (ED p. 764)

**Entrance Hymn** *“In the assemblies bless God, the Lord, from Israel’s wellsprings. O Son of God, Who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!”*

**Hymns**      Troparion of Joseph of Arimathea, (BDW p. 874), (PLC p. 484), (ED p. 793)  
                  Troparion of the Myrrh-bearers, (BDW p. 875), (PLC p. 484), (ED p. 793)  
                  Troparion of St. George (BDW p. 670), (PLC p. 368), (ED p. 1388)  
                  Troparion of the Patron of the Church  
                  Kondakion of Myrrh-bearers, (BDW p. 875), (PLC p. 484), (ED p. 794)

**Trisagion or Instead of the Trisagion** *“All of you who have been baptized...”* (PLC p. 478)

**Epistle** Galatians, 3:23-4:5, Page 488 (English) – Page 557 (Arabic)

**Gospel** John 15:17-16:2, Page 290 (English) – Page 191 (Arabic)

**Hymn to the Theotokos** *“The Angel cried out...”* (BDW p. 864), (PLC p. 467), (ED p. 769)

**Kinonikon** *“Receive the Body of Christ and taste the Source of Immortality. Alleluia!”* (BDW p. 864), (PLC p. 467), (ED p. 770)

**Post-Communion Hymn** *“Christ is risen ...”* (once)

**Apolysis** *“...Who is risen from the dead...”*

*Sunday, April 25, 2010*  
*Sunday of the Paralytic and Holy Apostle Mark the Evangelist*

**Tone 3 - Orthros Gospel 5** - Page 269 (English) – Page 175 (Arabic)

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**Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**

**Antiphons of the Pascha** (BDW p. 861), (PLC p. 464), (ED p. 764)

**Antiphon Prayer** (PLC p. 485)

O Christ our God, Who participate with the Father and the Holy Spirit in the dominion over all, You have appeared in the flesh healing infirmities. You have dispelled suffering and restored light to the blind by your divine command. You raised the Paralytic and ordered him to walk at once.

Remember us in your compassion. Shine in our hearts your pure light. Open the eyes of our minds. Set in us the fear of your commandments, so that we may live according to the spirit, doing what pleases You.

For You are our Light, our Life and our Resurrection, O Christ God, and to You we render glory, thanksgiving and worship, and to your Eternal Father and your All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

**Entrance Hymn** *“In the assemblies bless God, the Lord, from Israel’s wellsprings. O Son of God, Who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!”*

**Hymns**        Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 3  
                     Troparion of St. Mark, (BDW p.673), (PLC p. 369), (ED p. 1392)  
                     Troparion of the Patron of the Church  
                     Kondakion of Pascha, (BDW p. 864), (PLC p. 466), (ED p. 766)

**Trisagion or Instead of the Trisagion** *“All of you who have been baptized...”* (PLC p. 478)

**Epistle** 1 Peter, 5:6-14, Page 489 (English) – Page 558 (Arabic)

**Gospel** John 5:1-15, Page 26 (English) – Page 11 (Arabic)

**Hymn to the Theotokos** *“The Angel cried out...”* (BDW p. 864), (PLC p. 467), (ED p. 769)

**Kinonikon** *“Receive the Body of Christ and taste the Source of Immortality. Alleluia!”* (BDW p. 864), (PLC p. 467), (ED p. 770)

**Post-Communion Hymn** *“Christ is risen ...”* (once)

**Apolysis** *“...Who is risen from the dead...”*

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