

Paschal Hours _)

The Paschal Hours will not consist of the usual psalms, but with hymns glorifying the all joyful event of the resurrection of the Lord. Instead of "Come, let us worship", we sing "Christ is Risen!" 3 times; instead of 3 psalms we sing the stichera "Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ, 3 times; further, the Hypakoe "Before the dawn", the Kontakion "Thou didst descend into the tomb", the Troparia "In the tomb with the body", Glory, "Bearing life", Now and ever, the Theotokion: "O holy and divine abode of the most high"; then, "Lord, have mercy" 40 times, "Glory, Now and ever" "More honorable than the Cherubim" "In the Name of the Lord, Father, bless"; the Priest says "Through the prayers of our holy fathers", the Choir, "Amen", "Christ is Risen!" 3 times, "Glory, Now and ever", "Lord, have mercy" 3 times, "Father, Bless" and the Dismissal of the Hours. Such is the order for the 1st, 3rd, 6th and 9th Hours. This same order also replaces the Midnight Office and Compline.

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The Priest, who serves the liturgy with Matins on the day of Pascha, should do his entrance prayers (placed before the Liturgy) immediately after the Paschal Midnight Office before Matins. Then, vesting, he should read through all the prayers there, while putting on the various vestments and then begin doing Matins. Such is the way we read the entrance prayers and vestments on the day of Pascha. 1) It enables the priest to fulfill the requirement of the Ustav: to read the Entrance Prayers not only not in full vestments, but even without an epitachelion, that he should do the Paschal Liturgy in the same vestments that he used in Matins; 2) from his side, it removes the necessity to serve in vestments, over which the vesting prayers in the service books were not said; 3) it is practiced by bishops when they serve the liturgy with Matins on the day of Pascha; 4) for the similar order of the reading of the Entrance Prayers and vesting prayers there are similar instructions in the Ustav (Typikon) for example, on the eve of the Nativity of Christ when the liturgy is done with Vespers, and this Vespers, as Matins on the day of Pascha, will come between the entrance prayers and the vesting of the priest, the priest according to the order will do the Entrance Prayers and the vesting prayers before Vespers and the same vestments will be used until the end of the liturgy. (Rukovodstvo dlia seljskikh pastirej [Manual for Village Pastors] 1886, 4).

*S. V. Bulgakov, **Manual for Church Servers**, 2nd ed., 1274 pp. (Kharkov, 1900) p 0575a
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