Matins Propers
Bright Friday


On each day of Bright Week, Matins is celebrated as on the Sunday of Pascha except that:

- The Paschal procession is omitted. The opening Paschal troparion and its verses are sung as the celebrant stands at the holy table.

- Small Litanies are not intoned after every Ode of the canon, but only after the third, sixth and ninth Odes.

At the Praises

On Friday, the opening verses of Psalm 148, and the four stichera of the Resurrection, are sung in Tone 6.

**Psalm 140 - Tone 6 samohlasen**

> Let ev 'rything that lives and that breathes give praise to the Lord.

> Praise the Lord from the heav - ens, praise him in the heights.

> To you is due a hymn, O God! Praise him, all his an-gels,

> praise him, all his host. To you is due a hymn, O God!

The recited verses are on pages 35-36. Then:
Cantor: (Tone 6) Praise him for his powerful deeds, praise his surpassing greatness.

Stichera of the Resurrection - Tone 6 samohlasen

Your cross, O Lord, is life and resurrection to your people and we place our hope in it. We praise you, our God, risen from the dead.

Have mercy on us!

Cantor: O praise him with sound of trumpet, praise him with lute and harp.

Your grave, O Master, has opened Paradise to the human race.

Freed from corruption, we praise you, our God, risen from the dead.

Have mercy on us.

Cantor: Praise him with timbrel and dance, praise him with strings and pipes.

Let us praise Christ, risen from the dead, together with the Father and the Spirit,

and let us cry out to him: You are our life and resurrection;
Cantor: O praise him with resounding cymbals, praise him with clashing of cymbals, let everything that lives and that breathes give praise to the Lord.

You rose from the grave on the third day, O Christ, according to the Scriptures.

You raised up our first father along with you; The human race, therefore, glorifies you and sings the praises of your resurrection.

The service continues with the Paschal Stichera on page 38.