Matins Propers
Bright Saturday


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 Saturday, the opening verses of Psalm 148, and the four stichera of the Resurrection are sung in Tone 8.

Psalm 140 - Tone 8 samohlasen

The recited verses are on pages 35-36. Then:
Lord, even though you stood before the judgment seat and were condemned by Pilate, you never left your throne where you are seated with the Father. You rose from the dead, and freed the world from slavery to the Evil One, for you are merciful and love us all.

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

Lord, even though you were treated like a mortal by those who placed you in a tomb, the soldiers kept watch over you like a "king asleep," sealed with a seal like a treasury of life; but you rose and granted incorruption to our souls.
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.

Lord, the angel who announced your Resurrection frightened the guards but said to the women: Why do you seek the living among the dead?

The "God Who Is," arose and has granted great mercy to the universe.

The service continues with the Paschal Stichera on page 38.