

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023
FIFTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT
SAINT MARY OF EGYPT

GREAT VESPERS

LORD I CALL: Six stikhera of the Resurrection in tone 1 (spiral bound Vespers book), followed by three stikhera for Saint Mary

SAINT MARY, tone 6:

You stood before the doors of the church,
Polluted with evil and unable to enter.
Accused by your own conscience, O wise one of God,
You converted to a better way of life.
Looking upon the icon of the blessed Mother of God,
You condemned all your past sins, O Mother Mary,//
And went to bow before the precious Cross.

Having worshipped at the holy places with great joy,
You received saving grace for your journey of virtue.
You set out in haste to follow the narrow path.
You crossed the River Jordan
And went to live where the Baptist had dwelt.
Through self-denial you tamed the savagery of the passions;
Through violence you broke the rebellion of your flesh,//
Taking the kingdom of God by force!

You lived alone in the wilderness.
As you erased the images of sin from your soul.
God marked it with the imprint of holiness.
Filled with the Spirit, O blessed Mother,
You walked on the surface of the waters;
By your prayers you ascended from earth to heaven.
Since you stand before Christ, O glorious Mary,//
Entreat Him with boldness to save our souls.

GLORY... Triodion, tone 4:

The power of Your Cross has worked a wonder, O Christ!
Through it a harlot became a champion of the ascetic life.
She cast aside her weakness and bravely fought the devil,
And having won the prize of victory,//
She ceaselessly prays for our souls.

NOW AND EVER... the Dogmatikon in tone 1 (spiral bound Vespers book)

APOSTIKHA: All stikhera of the Resurrection in tone 1 (spiral bound Vespers book)

GLORY... Triodion, tone 2:

With the sword of abstinence,
You cut down the corrupt desires of your souls and the passions of
your flesh.
With the silence of the wilderness you strangled your sinful words
and thoughts.
You watered the desert with the streams of your tears.
You made the fruits of repentance grow for us.//
We celebrate your memory O holy one.

NOW AND EVER...Resurrectional Theotokion, tone 2:

A new miracle surpasses all ancient miracles!
Who knows of a Mother who gave birth without a man,
who carried in her arms her Creator?
This birth is the will of God!
Since you carried Him as an infant in your arms, O most pure one,
and since you possess motherly boldness before Him,
do not cease praying for us who honor you,//
that He may be bountiful and save our souls!

TROPARIA

Resurrection, tone 1

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,
while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body,
You rose on the third day, O Savior,
granting life to the world.

The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life:
“Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ!

Glory to Your Kingdom!//

Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!”

St. Mary of Egypt, tone 8

The image of God was truly preserved in you, O Mother,
for you took up the Cross and followed Christ.

By so doing, you taught us to disregard the flesh for it passes away;
but to care instead for the soul, for it is immortal!//

Therefore your spirit, O holy Mother Mary, rejoices with the
angels.

Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion, tone 8

For our sake You were born of the Virgin
and endured crucifixion, O Good One, destroying death by death.
Revealing the Resurrection as God, do not despise the work of
Your hand!

Reveal Your love for man, O Merciful One, and accept the
Theotokos praying for us,//
and save the despairing people, O our Savior!

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