

Let no one be fearful of Death, for the death of the Saviour hath set us free.

He hath quenched Death by being subdued by Death.

He Who came down into Hades, despoiled Hades;

and Hades was embittered when he tasted of Christ's Flesh.

Esaias, anticipating this, cried out and said:

Hades was embittered when below he met Thee face to face.

He was embittered, for he was brought to nought.

He was embittered, for he was mocked.

He was embittered, for he was slain.

He was embittered, for he was cast down.

He was embittered, for he was put in bonds.

He received a body, and encountered God.

He received earth, and met Heaven face to face.

He received what he saw, and fell because of what he saw not.

O Death, where is thy sting? O Hades, where is thy victory?

Risen is Christ, and thou art overthrown.

Risen is Christ, and the demons are fallen.

Risen is Christ, and the Angels rejoice.

Risen is Christ, and life doth reign.

Risen is Christ, and there is none dead in the tomb.

For Christ is raised from the dead, & is become the first-fruits of them that slept.

To Him be glory and dominion unto the ages of ages. Amen.

It is the day of Resurrection,
let us be radiant, O ye peoples;
Pascha, the Lord's **Pascha**;
for Christ God hath brought us
from death unto life,
and from earth unto Heaven
as we sing the triumphal hymn.

Pentecostarion
Canon of Pascha,
Heirmos of Ode 1