When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal,

then didst Thou destroy Hadès by the dazzling brightness of Thy Divinity;

and Thou hadst raised up the dead from the depths.
Then all the Powers of Heaven cried:

"O Christ, Thou art the Giver of Life, glory to Thee, O our God!"
When these Apolytikia are sung during the Liturgy, do not sing the "Glory . . ." and "Both now . . ." in between.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Pious Joseph, having brought down Thy pure body from the tree, and wrapped it in pure linen,

em-balmed it with ointment, prepared it and
laid it in a new tomb, but Thou didst verily rise after three days, O Lord, granting the world the great mercy. Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Verily the angel came to the tomb and said to the
ointment-bearing women: "The ointment is meet for the

dead, but Christ hath been shown to be remote from corruption, so cry ye: 'The Lord is risen, granting the world the great mercy!'"
O Christ our God, though Thou didst descend in to the grave, yet didst Thou overthrow the pow'r of Hades and rise as an Immortal Conqueror.

Thou didst greet with joy the myrrh-bearing women,
and to Thine Apostles hast sent Thy peace, and

to the fallen, O Lord, didst bring resurrection.
SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN

Alleluia

*Verse 1*

**Chanters**: The Lord hear thee in the day of affliction; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee.

*Ps. 19:1*

*Verse 2*

**Chanters**: O Lord, save the king, and hearken unto us in the day when we call upon Thee.

*Ps. 19:9*
Magnification

The Angel said to Her, who is full of grace, saying:

"Rejoice, O Thou pure Virgin; again I say, rejoice;"

for Thy Son is risen from the tomb on the third day!"

O shine, O shine, O New Jerusalem,

( NOTE: This Paschal Hymn to the Theotokos is to be sung on Pascha, the Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women, and the Sunday of the Blind Man.)
for the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee!

Rejoice and exult now, O Zion!

Rejoice and exult, Thou, O Theotokos,

at the resurrection of Thy Son!
**Verses:**

(1) Great is the mystery of Thy Resurrection, O Christ!
    *(from the Pentecostarion)*

(2) From the supper the Immortal One willingly comes to the passion.
    *(Sticheron Idiomelon for Holy Monday)*

(3) Then was Hades, who accounted and demanded of souls, embittered at the encounter.
    *(Catechetical Sermon on the Resurrection of St. John Chrysostom)*

(4) Then was Mary, who anointed and worshipped God before the tomb, made glad.
    *(Based on John 14-18, 20)*

(5) Tell Peter and the other apostles that the Immortal One hath risen from the dead.
    *(Based on Mark 16:7)*