

MYRRHBEARING WOMEN

Kontakion - Tone 2

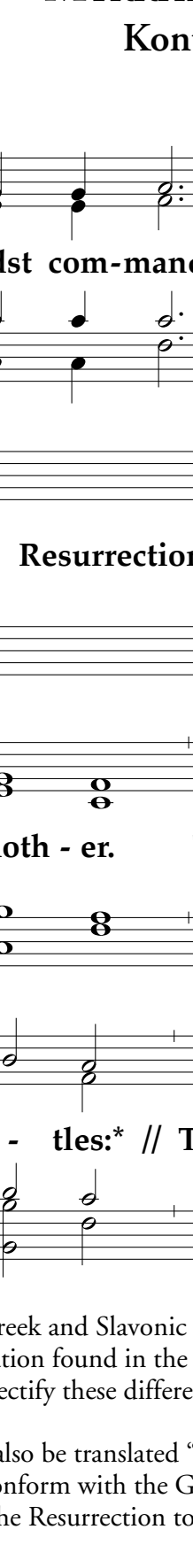
Russian Imperial Court Chant
arr. from L'vov/Bakhmetev

Soprano
Alto



Tenor
Bass


Thou didst com-mand the myrrhbearers to rejoice, O Christ_



God. By Thy Resurrection, Thou didst stop the lamentation of



Eve, the first moth - er. Thou didst com-mand them to preach to



Thine a - pos - tles:* // The Sav - ior is ris - en from the tomb.

N.B. While reviewing the Greek and Slavonic texts of this kontakion, discrepancies were discovered between them and the English translation found in the appendix of the 1967 Liturgy Book (Second Edition, 1977). The text above attempts to rectify these differences.

* Although this passage can also be translated "You commanded Your apostles to preach:" it has been rendered in this manner in order to conform with the Gospel accounts and with the liturgical texts of this feast wherein the Myrrhbearers proclaim the Resurrection to the Apostles, thus earning them the honor of being called the "Apostles to the Apostles."