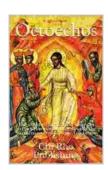
The Eight Resurrection Tones In Part Harmony According To The Ruthenian Tradition

The Resurrection Tones are a set of eight melodic formulas used in the Eastern Orthodox Church to chant the Paschal Troparion, "Christ is Risen from the Dead, Trampling Down Death by Death, and Upon Those in the Tombs Bestowing Life." These tones are used throughout the Paschal season, from Easter Sunday until the feast of Pentecost.

The Resurrection Tones are named after the eight modes of Byzantine chant. Each tone has its own unique melodic contour and rhythmic pattern. The tones are also associated with specific liturgical texts and themes. For example, the First Tone is used for the Paschal Troparion, while the Second Tone is used for the Kontakion of the Resurrection.



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The Resurrection Tones are typically chanted in part harmony. This means that the melody is divided between two or more voices. The following is an

example of the First Tone chanted in part harmony:



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The following is a brief description of each of the eight Resurrection Tones:

- 1. **First Tone:** The First Tone is a joyful and triumphant tone. It is characterized by its wide range and its use of melismas (groups of notes sung on a single syllable). The First Tone is used for the Paschal Troparion, the Kontakion of the Resurrection, and other texts related to the Resurrection.
- Second Tone: The Second Tone is a more subdued and reflective tone. It is characterized by its use of stepwise motion and its avoidance of melismas. The Second Tone is used for the Kontakion of the Myrrh-Bearing Women, the Kontakion of the Raising of Lazarus, and other texts related to the Passion and Resurrection.

- 3. **Third Tone:** The Third Tone is a bright and energetic tone. It is characterized by its use of leaps and its frequent use of the tritone interval. The Third Tone is used for the Kontakion of the Holy Cross, the Kontakion of the Descent into Hades, and other texts related to the Crucifixion and Resurrection.
- 4. **Fourth Tone:** The Fourth Tone is a somber and meditative tone. It is characterized by its use of descending melodic lines and its avoidance of melismas. The Fourth Tone is used for the Kontakion of the Lamentation, the Kontakion of the Burial of Christ, and other texts related to the Passion and Resurrection.
- 5. Fifth Tone: The Fifth Tone is a joyful and triumphant tone. It is characterized by its use of wide leaps and its frequent use of the tritone interval. The Fifth Tone is used for the Kontakion of the Ascension, the Kontakion of Pentecost, and other texts related to the Ascension and Pentecost.
- 6. **Sixth Tone:** The Sixth Tone is a more subdued and reflective tone. It is characterized by its use of stepwise motion and its avoidance of melismas. The Sixth Tone is used for the Kontakion of the Transfiguration, the Kontakion of the Dormition of the Theotokos, and other texts related to the Transfiguration and Dormition.
- 7. **Seventh Tone:** The Seventh Tone is a bright and energetic tone. It is characterized by its use of leaps and its frequent use of the tritone interval. The Seventh Tone is used for the Kontakion of the Nativity, the Kontakion of the Baptism of Christ, and other texts related to the Nativity and Baptism.
- 8. **Eighth Tone:** The Eighth Tone is a somber and meditative tone. It is characterized by its use of descending melodic lines and its avoidance

of melismas. The Eighth Tone is used for the Kontakion of the Last Judgement, the Kontakion of the Parable of the Prodigal Son, and other texts related to the Last Judgement and the Parable of the Prodigal Son.

The Resurrection Tones are an important part of the Eastern Orthodox liturgical tradition. They are used to express the joy and triumph of the Resurrection, as well as the sorrow and reflection of the Passion. The Resurrection Tones are a beautiful and evocative way to celebrate the Paschal mystery.



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