

## The Paschal Stichera - Fifth Tone

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a Pascha mystical,  
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a Pascha immaculate, a great Pascha;  
a Pascha of the faithful;  
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### So let sinners perish at the presence of God and let the righteous be glad!

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### This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad therein!

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### Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Both now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

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