

SUNDAY, MAY 17
6th Sunday after Pascha, Blind Man

TONE 5

"Lord I Call..." Tone 5

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!
Hear me, O Lord!
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Receive the voice of my prayer,
when I call upon You!//
Hear me, O Lord!

Let my prayer arise
in Your sight as incense,
and let the lifting up of my hands
be an evening sacrifice!//
Hear me, O Lord!

- v. (10) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your Name!*
v. (9) The righteous will surround me, for You will deal bountifully with me.

Tone 5 *(for the Resurrection)*

By Your precious Cross, O Christ,
You have put the devil to shame.
By Your Resurrection, You have blunted the sting of sin
and saved us from the gates of death.//
We glorify You, O only begotten One.

- v. (8) Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!*

Christ was led as a sheep to the slaughter
in order to grant Resurrection to the human race.
The princes of hell were frightened by this,
for the gates of sorrow were lifted.
Christ the King of glory had entered,
saying to those in chains: "Go forth!"//
And to those in darkness: "Come to the light!"

- v. (7) Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!*

O great wonder!

The Creator of the invisible suffered in the flesh in His love for man
and rose again immortal.

Come, O sons of nations,

let us worship Him,

for delivered from error by His compassion,//

we have learned to sing of one God in three Persons!

v. (6) If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.

(Resurrection stichera by Anatolius)

We offer You our evening worship,

O never setting Light,

Who came in these last days to the world in the flesh;

Who even descended to hell to dispel its darkness.

Who has revealed the light of Resurrection to the nations.//

Glory to You, O Lord and Giver of light!

v. (5) For Your Name's sake I wait for You, O Lord. My soul has waited for Your word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.

We glorify the Leader of our salvation;

by His Resurrection from the dead,

the world was saved from deceit.

The assembly of Angels rejoices

as the deceit of demons is overthrown.//

Fallen Adam rises as the devil falls.

v. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!

The guards were instructed by the lawless ones:

"Hide the rising of Christ, take money and say:

'The body was stolen from the tomb while we were asleep.'"

But who has heard of a body being stolen,

a body embalmed and naked,

with its grave clothes left behind in the tomb?

Do not be deceived, O Jews,

study the words of the Prophets and understand://

Christ is the Redeemer of the world and all powerful!

v. (3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

O Lord, Who has captured hell
and trampled on death,
You have enlightened the world by Your precious Cross.//
O Savior, have mercy on us!

v. (2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!

Tone 2 *Idiomela* *(from the Pentecostarion)*

The man blind from birth asked himself:
“Was I born blind because of my parents’ sins?
Or am I a living sign of the people’s faithlessness?
I am not content to continue asking whether it is night or day.
My feet can no longer endure tripping on the stones.
I have seen nothing: neither the sun shining, nor the image of my Maker.//
But I entreat You, O Christ God, look upon me and have mercy on me!”

v. (1) For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

Jesus, passing by the Temple, met a man blind from birth.
He had compassion on him and put spittle on his eyes,
saying: “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam!”
He washed himself and then gave glory to God.
His neighbors asked him:
“Who opened your eyes, which no one could heal before?”
He cried out: “A man called Jesus said to me:
‘Wash in Siloam!’ and now I see;
He is truly the Christ, the Messiah Whom Moses foretold in the Law.//
He is the Savior of our souls!”

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Tone 5 *(from the Pentecostarion)*

Passing by the way, O Lord,
You met a man blind from birth.
Your Disciples were puzzled and asked:
“Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”
Jesus answered: “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents,
but that the works of God might be revealed in him.
I must work the works of Him Who sent me, which no one else can do.”
As He said this, He spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle,
and anointed the man's eyes with the clay and said to him:
“Go, wash in the pool of Siloam!”
He went and washed, and was made whole, crying: “Lord, I believe!” //
He worshipped You, and we cry: “Have mercy on us!”

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 5 *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

In the Red Sea of old,
a type of the Virgin Bride was prefigured.
There Moses divided the waters;
here Gabriel assisted in the miracle.
There Israel crossed the sea without getting wet,
here the Virgin gave birth to Christ without seed.
After Israel's passage, the sea remained impassable;
after Emmanuel's birth, the Virgin remained a Virgin.
O ever-existing God Who appeared as Man, //
O Lord, have mercy on us!

Aposticha

Tone 5 *(for the Resurrection)*

We magnify You in songs of praise,
O incarnate Christ and Savior.
By accepting the Cross and death for our sake,
as the Lord and Lover of man,
You overthrew the gates of hell, //
and arose on the third day, saving our souls.

(Then the Paschal Stichera with their verses from Psalm 67)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Tone 8 *(from the Pentecostarion)*

O Christ God, Sun of Righteousness,
by Your touch You enlightened all.
Give sight now to our spiritual eyes,
and show us to be sons of the day!
Great is Your ineffable goodness towards us!//
O Lover of man, glory to You!

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

(Then the remainder of the Paschal Stichera, Christ is Risen, 1x)

(at Great Vespers)

Tone 5 **Troparion** *(Resurrection)*

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born for our salvation from the Virgin;
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
to endure death,
and to raise the dead//
by His glorious Resurrection.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Tone 5 **Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion**

Rejoice, Impassable Gate of the Lord!
Rejoice, Wall and Protection of those who run to you!
Rejoice, Unshakable Refuge!
Rejoice, you who knew not wedlock,
who gave birth in the flesh to your Creator and God!//
Do not cease praying for those who praise and worship your Son!

(at the Divine Liturgy)

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Tone 4 Kontakion *(Pentecostarion)*

I come to You, O Christ, blind from birth in my spiritual eyes,
and call to You in repentance//
“You are the most radiant Light of those in darkness.”

Tone 8 Kontakion *(Pascha)*

You descended into the tomb, O Immortal,
You destroyed the power of death.
In victory You arose, O Christ God,
proclaiming: “Rejoice!” to the Myrrhbearing Women//
granting peace to Your Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.

Tone 8 Prokeimenon *(Pentecostarion)*

Pray and make your vows / before the Lord, our God! *(Ps. 75:10a)*

V. In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel. (Ps. 75:1)

Epistle

(38) Acts 16:16-34

Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. Look upon me and have mercy on me! (Ps.118:132a)

V. Guide my steps according to Your word! (Ps. 118:133a)

Gospel
(34) John 9:1-38

(Instead of "It is truly meet...", we sing:)

The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace:
"Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again, I say: Rejoice,
your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb!
With Himself He has raised all the dead."
Rejoice, O ye people!

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem!
The glory of the Lord has shone on you.
Exult now, and be glad, O Zion!
Be radiant, O pure Theotokos,
in the Resurrection of your Son!

Communion Hymn

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality!
Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*At the Dismissal, the Priest says: "Glory to You, O Christ..." and the choir sings
"Christ is risen from the dead..." (thrice).*

And unto us He has given eternal life.
Let us worship His Resurrection on the third day!

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