

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman Tone 4
After-feast of Mid-Pentecost
Acts 11: 19 – 26, 29 - 30 John 4: 5 – 42

During Paschaltide the clergy sing the Paschal Troparion 2^{1/2} times, with the people concluding the last half:

Clergy: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down Death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life. (Obikhod)

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People: ... and upon those in the tombs bestowing life. (Znamenny)

Beatitude Verses

4 from Octoechos for Resurrection
4 from Pentecostarion: Canon Ode 3 for Samaritan Woman
4 from Pentecostarion: Canon 6 for Mid-Pentecost

People: In Your kingdom remember us, O Lord, when You come into Your kingdom.
Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Reader: By the tree was Adam forced to depart from paradise; but by the Tree of the Cross was the Robber made to live in paradise. For the one by tasting, broke the commandment of the Creator; while the other, crucified with Him, confessed the hidden God, crying out: Remember me in Your kingdom!

People: Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted!

Reader: O You who alone are immortal, who was crucified and as Almighty arose from the tomb on the third day, and raised up Adam the first created: Grant that I also may turn to repentance with my whole heart, and may always cry out to You with fervent faith: O Savior, remember me in Your kingdom!

People: Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth!

Reader: Truly, Christ is risen! And the tomb bears witness to you, O violators of the Law; for leaving His grave-clothes behind, He arose on the third day, though the stone was sealed and guards stood before the tomb. Hades has been made captive; Death has been slain! Christ has not been stolen! Believe with us in the resurrection!

People: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled!

Reader: O faithful, let us entreat Him who has risen from the dead, has made captive the dominion of Hades, and was seen by the myrrh-bearing women and said to them: "Rejoice!" Let us entreat Him to rescue our souls from corruption so that we always cry out to Him with the voice of the noble Robber: Remember us also in Your kingdom!

People: Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy!

Reader: O Word, of Your own will You were lifted upon the Tree. The rocks were split at this sight, and all creation was agitated, and the dead arose from the tombs as though from sleep.

People: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God!

Reader: O Word, all the souls of the righteous were loosed from eternal bonds when they saw You coming to Hades with Your soul, and they praised Your sovereign power, which surpasses the mind.

People: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God!

Reader: An Angel shining like lightning spoke to the myrrh-bearers: "Why are you astonished? O women why do you bring myrrh and seek the Master in the grave? He is risen, and has raised up the world with Himself.

People: Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven!

Reader: O Compassionate Lord, as You are Life and the Fount of immortality, You sat down at the well, and filled the Samaritan Woman with Your supremely wise waters who had implored and praised You.

People: Blessed are you when people revile you, persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for my sake!

Reader: O Jesus, You take care for all the ends of the earth. As John cried, You went up to the Temple at the Mid-feast and taught the multitudes the word of truth.

People: Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven!

Reader: O Savior, You accomplished the work of the Father and confirmed Your words by Your deeds, for You performed healings and signs, raising the paralytic, cleansing lepers, and resurrecting the dead.

People: **Glory** to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Reader: The beginningless Son received a beginning and became man, taking upon Himself what is proper to our nature. And at the Mid-feast He taught and said: Hurry to the ever-flowing Spring, so that you may draw forth life.

People: **Now** and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Reader: We praise you who remained a virgin after giving birth; we glorify you alone as both Virgin and Mother, O pure Maiden, Bride of God; for from you God truly became incarnate and gave us life.

Troparia & Kontakia

Resurrection Troparion Tone 4

People:
When the women disciples of the Lord
learned from the Angel
the joyful proclamation of the Resurrection
And of the dismissal of the ancestral judgment
They boasted to the apostles
Death is overthrown, Christ our God has risen
Granting to the world His great mercy.

Troparion of Mid-Pentecost Tone 8

People:
O Savior, in the middle of the Feast, give my thirsty soul to drink from the waters of piety,
for You O Christ our God, cried out to all: /
Whoever is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. //
Therefore, O Well-spring of life, glory to You.

People: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion of the Samaritan Woman Tone 8

People:
Having come to the well in faith, /
the Samaritan woman saw You, the Water of Wisdom, /
and by drinking abundantly from You, //
she inherited the kingdom on high forever.

People: Now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

**Kontakion of Mid-Pentecost
Tone 4**

People:

O Christ God, Master and Creator of all, /
You said to those present, in the middle of the Jewish feast: /
Come and receive the water of immortality. /
Therefore we fall down before You, /
crying out in faith and saying: /
Grant us Your mercy and compassion; //
for You are the fount of our life.

**Prokeimenon
Tone 3**

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: Peace be to all.

Reader: And to your spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the 3rd Tone: Sing praises to God; sing praises; sing praises to our King; sing praises.

People: Sing praises to God; sing praises; sing praises to our King; sing praises.

Reader: Oh, clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with the voice of rejoicing.

People: Sing praises to God; sing praises; sing praises to our King; sing praises.

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Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading is from the Acts of the Holy Apostles.

Deacon: Let us attend.

Epistle
Acts 11: 19 – 26, 29 - 30

Reader: In those days, those who had been scattered abroad by the persecution that arose in connection with Stephen had traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they were only proclaiming the word to Jews. But some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, spoke to the Hellenists and preached the Lord Jesus when they arrived in Antioch. The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord. News of these things came to the ears of the Church which was in Jerusalem. So, they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch. When he arrived and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced. He encouraged them all to remain close to the Lord with a resolute heart. Indeed, Barnabas was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and many people were added to the Lord. Then Barnabas went out to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year, they assembled with the Church and taught many people. The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch. According to their ability, each one of the disciples determined to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea. This is indeed what they did, sending their gift to the presbyters through the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

Priest: Peace be to you the reader.

Reader: And to your spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Alleluarion
Tone 4

Reader: Alleluia in the 4th Tone.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Reader: Stretch Your bow, and grant prosperity, and reign, because of truth, gentleness, and righteousness.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Reader: You loved righteousness and hated lawlessness.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Deacon: Bless Master, him who proclaims the Holy Gospel of the Holy, Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian.

Priest: May God, through the intercessions of the holy, glorious, all praised Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian, enable you to proclaim the Good News with great power, for the fulfillment of the Gospel of His Beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Deacon: Amen.

Priest: Wisdom! Arise! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. Peace be to all.

People: And to your spirit.

Deacon: The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

People: Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.

Priest: Let us attend.

Deacon: **John 4: 5 – 42**

People: Glory to You, Lord, glory to You.

The Hymn to the Theotokos

Instead of "It is truly right..." we chant Irmos of the 9th Ode of the Canon of Pascha...

Tone 1

People:

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, all you 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 Verse (Koinonikon)

People:

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the Fount of Immortality. Praise the Lord in the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Communion of the Faithful

Deacon: With fear of God, with faith and love, draw near.

People: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. God is the Lord, and has revealed Himself to us.

While the priest is giving Holy Communion to the faithful the following hymn is repeated:

People: Receive the Body of Christ; taste the Fount of Immortality.

After the last person has received Holy Communion:

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Priest blesses the people, exclaiming:

Priest: O God, save Your people and bless Your inheritance.

The people chant instead of, "We have seen the True Light:"

People: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down Death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life. *(Once) (SLOWLY)*

Priest: Always, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

People: Amen. O Lord, let our mouths be filled with Your praise, that we may sing of Your glory. You have made us worthy to partake of Your holy, divine, immortal and life-creating Mysteries. Keep us in Your holiness, that we may learn of Your righteousness all the day long. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Litany of Thanksgiving

The Prayer Behind the Ambo

The people chant instead of, "Blessed is the name of the Lord:"

People: Amen. Christ is risen from the dead... *(x 3)(Fast)*

Priest: The blessing of the Lord be upon you...

People: Amen.

Priest: Glory to You, O Christ God, our hope, glory to You.

People: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down Death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life. *(x 3) (Fast)*

Dismissal

Priest: May Christ our true God, who rose from the dead, through the intercessions of His all pure Mother...

People: Amen.

Priest: Christ is risen!

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All: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down Death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life. *(x 3) (Fast)*

All: And to us He has granted eternal life; /
we venerate His Resurrection on the third day.