

Sunday of the Man Born Blind
Acts 16: 16 – 34 John 9: 1 – 38

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 for Resurrection and 4 from Ode 6 from the Pentecostarion

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.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted!
Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth!
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled!
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy!

Reader: O Christ, believing You to be God, the robber on the cross confessed You in a pure manner, crying out from the depths of his heart: O Lord, remember me in Your Kingdom!

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

Reader: Together let us praise as Savior and Creator, He who on the Cross budded forth life for our race and caused the condemnation which originated from the tree to wither up.

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

Reader: O Christ, when You were crucified between two condemned robbers, one of them blasphemed You and was justly damned, while the other confessed You and now lives in paradise.

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

Reader: When the honorable women had come to the choir of the apostles, they cried out: Christ is risen! Let us worship Him as Master and Creator.

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

Reader: O Christ, after Your arising, You said to Your friends: Wait in the city of Jerusalem until you are clothed with power from on high. (Luke 24: 39)

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

Reader: O Word, You made clay and anointed the eyes of the man who had been blind from his birth. You granted him his sight, and he praised Your immaculate power, by which You have saved the world.

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

Reader: O Unity of three Hypostases: Unbegotten Father, Begotten Son, and Spirit who proceeds, O thrice-holy Lord, one essence and might, save all Your people.

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

Reader: O pure Lady, who can tell of your mighty deeds? For in a manner surpassing nature, you gave birth in the flesh to God, who through you delivers the world from all sin, O all-blameless Virgin.

Troparia & Kontakia

Resurrection Troparion Tone 5

People:
Let us the faithful praise and worship the Word, /
Who with the Father and the Spirit is without beginning, /
And was born from the Virgin for our salvation, /
For He was pleased to ascend upon the Cross in the flesh, /
And to endure death, /
And to raise the dead //
by His glorious Resurrection.

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

**Troparion of the Man Born Blind
Tone 4**

People:

Blinded in the eyes of my soul, /
I draw near to You, O Christ, like the man blind from his birth, /
and in repentance I cry to You: /
You are the exceedingly radiant Light //
of those in darkness.

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

**Kontakion of the Resurrection
Tone 8**

People:

Even though You descended into the tomb, O Immortal One, /
You overthrew the power of Hades. /
You arose as a victor O Christ our God, /
proclaiming: "Rejoice!" to the myrrh-bearing women, /
giving peace to Your apostles /
and You also grant resurrection to the fallen.

Prokeimenon Tone 8

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: Peace be to all.

Reader: And to your spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the 8th Tone: Make your vows to the Lord Your God and keep them.

People: Make your vows to the Lord Your God and keep them.

Reader: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

People: Make your vows to the Lord Your God and keep them.

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People: And keep them.

Deacon: Wisdom!

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

Deacon: Let us attend.

Epistle
Acts 16: 16 – 34

Reader: In those days, as we were going to prayer, it happened that we encountered a certain girl who had a spirit of divination and who produced much profit to her masters by fortune telling. As she followed Paul and Silas, she cried out, “These men are bondservants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation!” And she did this for many days. But Paul, becoming greatly annoyed, turned back and said to the spirit, “In the Name of Jesus Christ, I order you to come out of her!” And the spirit came out that very moment. When her masters saw that the hope of their gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas, and dragged them into the marketplace to face the authorities. Having brought them to the magistrates, they said, “These Jewish men are causing unrest in our city! They teach customs which are not lawful for us Romans to accept or observe!” When the crowd also rose up against them, the magistrates had them stripped and flogged. After giving them a severe flogging, the magistrates had them thrown into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them securely. Having received such a command, he threw them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. But when it was about midnight, Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly, there was a great earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once, all the doors were opened, and everyone’s bonds were loosened. The jailer, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, began to draw his sword and he was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here!” Having asked for lights, the jailer rushed in and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. He brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” They answered, “Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved, you and your household!” Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all those who were in his household. Late as it was, the jailer washed their wounds and was immediately baptized, he and his entire household. He took them into his house and set food before them. He was filled with joy for believing in God, along with his entire household.

Priest: Peace be to you the reader.

Reader: And to your spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Alleluarion
Tone 8
(Psalm 118: 132, 133)

Reader: Alleluia in the 8th Tone.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Reader: Look upon me and have mercy on me.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Reader: Direct my steps according to Your teaching.

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 the Theologian.

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

Priest: Let us attend.

Deacon: **John 9: 1 – 38**

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.