

Sunday of the Holy Apostle Thomas
Anti-Pascha (Sunday after Pascha)
Acts 5: 12 – 20 John 20: 19 – 31

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 Ode 3 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, by Your Cross You made us new instead of old, and incorruptible instead of corruptible; and You commanded us to live worthily in newness of life.

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

Reader: O Christ, by Your Cross You made us new instead of old, and incorruptible instead of corruptible; and You commanded us to live worthily in newness of life.

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

Reader: O Christ, though You were enclosed within a tomb in Your circumscribable flesh, yet You arose, You who are uncircumscribable; and while the doors were shut, You came to Your disciples, O Almighty One.

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

Reader: O Christ, having preserved Your wounds intact, which You endured willingly for us, You showed them to Your disciples, as a witness of Your glorious Resurrection.

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

Reader: O Master, You did not leave Thomas immersed in the depth of disbelief, when he stretched out his hands to examine You.

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

Reader: O Master, You did not leave Thomas immersed in the depth of disbelief, when he stretched out his hands to examine You.

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

Reader: Our Savior said: Touch Me and see that I have bones and flesh; I am not subject to change.

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

Reader: O our Savior, Thomas felt Your side; and believing, he recognized You, though he was not present when You first came.

Troparia & Kontakia

Troparion of St Thomas Sunday Tone 7

People:
O Christ God, while the tomb was sealed, /
You, O Life, shone forth from the grave, /
and while the doors were shut, /
You came to Your disciples, /
O Resurrection of all, /
renewing through them an upright Spirit in us //
according to Your Great Mercy.

People: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Kontakion of St Thomas Sunday
Tone 8

People:

With his searching right hand, Thomas probed Your life-giving side, O Christ our God; /
for when You entered while the doors were shut, /
he cried out to You with the rest of the disciples: //
You are my Lord and my God.

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: Great is our Lord, and great is His strength; His understanding exceeds every measure.

People: Great is our Lord, and great is His strength; His understanding exceeds every measure.

Reader: Praise the Lord, for a psalm is a good thing; let praise be sweet to our God.

People: Great is our Lord, and great is His strength; His understanding exceeds every measure.

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People: His understanding exceeds every measure.

Deacon: Wisdom!

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

Deacon: Let us attend.

Epistle
Acts 5: 12 – 20

Reader: In those days, many signs and wonders were accomplished among the people by the hands of the apostles, and they were all gathered with one accord in

Solomon's porch. No one else dared to join them, even though they were honored by the people. More believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women. People even carried out the sick into the streets, placing them on cots and mattresses, so that as Peter came by, at least his shadow might fall on some of them. Crowds also formed from the cities around Jerusalem; they brought sick people, as well as those tormented by unclean spirits, and all were healed. However, the high priest took action, along with all his associates (which is the sect of the Sadducees). Filled with jealousy, they laid their hands on the apostles and placed them in the public jail. But an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors by night and brought them out, saying, "Go, stand in the temple, and speak to the people the whole message about this life."

Priest: Peace be to you the reader.

Reader: And to your spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Alleluiarion Tone 8

(Psalm 94: 1, 3)

Reader: Alleluia in the 8th Tone.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Reader: Come, let us greatly rejoice in the Lord; let us shout aloud to God our Savior.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Reader: For the Lord is a great God, a great King over all the gods.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

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

Priest: May God, through the intercessions of the holy, glorious, all praised Apostle and Evangelist Mark, 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 Mark.

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

Priest: Let us attend.

Deacon: **John 20: 19 – 31**

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:

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion! 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 - Byzantine)

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.