

Sunday of the Paralytic Tone 3
Acts 9: 32 – 42 John 5: 1 – 15

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 from Ode 6

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, You drove our forefather Adam from paradise when he broke Your commandment; but, O Compassionate One, You allowed the Robber to live there when he confessed You on the cross, crying out: "O Savior, remember me in Your kingdom!"

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

Reader: O Lord, bestower of life, You condemned us who had sinned with the curse of death; and yet O sinless Master, by having suffered in Your flesh, You have granted life to mortals who cry out: "Remember us also in Your kingdom!"

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

Reader: O Lord, by rising from the dead, You have also raised us up from the passions through Your resurrection; and You have destroyed all the power of death, O Savior. Therefore, with faith we cry out to You: “Remember us also in Your kingdom!”

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

Reader: As God You grant life by Your three days in the tomb, and You raised up the dead from Hades, and as You are good, You have poured out incorruption upon all of us who with faith always cry out: “Remember us also in Your kingdom!”

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, of Your own will You were lifted up on the Tree, and laid as one dead in the tomb, and You enlivened all of those who were dead in Hades, by raising them through Your divine power.

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

Reader: O Compassionate Lord, when Hades met You below, it was embittered, and in haste it gave up those whom it held in bonds, who with unceasing voices praise Your awesome Resurrection, O Savior.

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

Reader: O Christ, when the paralytic who had lain for many years upon a bed of affliction was made whole by Your command, he glorified and praised Your compassion, O Giver of life.

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

Reader: O Virgin Theotokos, He who sustains all things by His divine command is held in your arms, and since He is compassionate He rescues us from the enslaving hand of the evil one.

Troparia & Kontakia

Resurrection Troparion Tone 3

People:

Let the heavens rejoice,
let everything on earth be glad,
For the Lord established great power with His mighty arm.
He has trampled down death by death,
He has become the first-born of the dead,
He has rescued us from the depths of Hades,
And has granted the world
His Great Mercy.

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

Kontakion of the Paralytic Tone 3

People:

O Lord, as You raised the paralytic, /
by Your Divine presence, /
so also raise my soul which is grievously paralyzed /
by all kinds of sins and improper deeds, /
so that being saved I may cry out: //
O compassionate Christ, glory to Your power.

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

Kontakion of Pascha 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.

Resurrection Prokeimenon Tone 1

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: Peace be to all.

Reader: And to your spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the 1st Tone: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, just as we hope in You.

People: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, just as we hope in You.

Reader: Rejoice greatly in the Lord, O righteous ones; praise is fitting for the upright.

People: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, just as we hope in You.

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Deacon: Wisdom!

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

Deacon: Let us attend.

Epistle
Acts 9: 32 – 42

Reader: In those days, as Peter was traveling through all those regions, he also came down to visit the saints who lived in Lydda. There, he found a certain man named Aeneas, who was paralyzed and who had been bedridden for eight years. Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you! Get up and make your bed!" And immediately, he arose. All who lived in Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord. Now there lived in Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, (which, when translated means Gazelle). This woman was full of good works and acts of mercy. But it happened that at this time, she became ill and died. She was washed and placed in an upper room. As Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to help them. So Peter arose and went with them. When he arrived, the disciples led him into the upper room. All the widows stood by him weeping, showing Peter the coats and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them. But having put everyone out of the room, Peter knelt down and began to pray. Turning toward the body, he said, "Tabitha, get up!" She opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up. Then Peter gave her his hand and raised her up. Calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive. This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord.

Priest: Peace be to you the reader.

Reader: And to your spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Alleluiarion Tone 5

Reader: Alleluia in the 5th Tone.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Reader: O Lord, I will sing of Your mercies forever; I will proclaim Your truth with my mouth from generation to generation.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Reader: For You said, "Mercy shall be built up forever; Your truth shall be prepared in the heavens.

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 5: 1 – 15**

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.