

May 24, 2025

St. Patrick Orthodox Mission

+ 6TH SUNDAY AFTER PASCHA + SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN + THIRD FINDING OF THE HONORABLE HEAD OF THE HOLY GLORIOUS PROPHET, FORERUNNER, AND BAPTIST JOHN +

At “Lord, I have cried...,” three stichera of the Resurrection in Tone 5 —

By Thy precious Cross didst Thou put the devil to shame, O Christ,/and by Thy Resurrection didst Thou break the sting of sin,/and hast saved us from the gates of death.//We glorify Thee, O Only-Begotten One.

He was led like a lamb to the slaughter/bestowing Resurrection upon the human race;/and the princes of hades were afraid of Him,/and the gates of weeping were seized,/for Christ the King of glory entered in,/saying to those in bonds: “Come forth!”//and to those in darkness: “Show yourselves!”

Great is the wonder!/The Immortal Creator of the invisible hosts,/suff’ring in the flesh in His love for man-kind, hath risen!/Come, ye kindreds of the nations, let us worship Him!/for, having been delivered from deception by His compassions,//we have learned to hymn the one God in three Hypostases!

then three stichera from the Pentecostarion in Tone 2 —

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 Thee, O Christ God, look upon me and have mercy on me!”

(Repeat: “The man blind from birth...”)

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 thine 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!”

then three stichera for the Forerunner in Tone 8 —

O blessed John the Forerunner,/thy head didst shine from the ground with rays brighter than the sun./It enlightens the faithful./We have it as a divine treasure/and draw rich grace from it,/sanctifying our souls, our bodies and thoughts.//As we celebrate, we call thee blessed.

Thy holy head, O blessed Forerunner,/poured out abundant grace./
It was shown without his foreknowledge to the priest who was wise in God./
He quickly went with faith and grace/and openly brought about its manifest
appearance,/which sanctified the emperor and the divinely wise people,//
who fervently maintain the Orthodox Faith.

We celebrate the third revelation of thy precious head,/crowned by the Holy Trinity,/
which was severed, O glorious one, because of thy godly zeal./The ranks of Angels, the
company of martyrs,/the Apostles of God and all the Prophets/rejoice in its
discovery.//Together with them, ever remember us, O Forerunner of the Lord!

then one stichera for the Forerunner in Tone 6 —

Thy head is a treasury of godly gifts, O Forerunner./Guarded safely by God, it came to
light from the hollows of the earth./With faith we gain possession of it, O glorious
Baptist of Christ./As we venerate it, we are enriched through thee/with the wonders of
miracles,//and in the forgiveness of transgressions.

Glory... from the Pentecostarion in Tone 5 —

Passing by the way, O Lord,/Thou didst meet a man blind from birth./Thy 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 Thee, and we cry: "Have mercy on us!"

Both now... the Dogmatic Theotokion in Tone 5 —

In the Red Sea/the image of the Bride who knew not wedlock was depicted of old./
There was Moses the divider of the waters;/here is Gabriel the minister of the miracle./
Then the deep was trodden dry-shod by Israel;/now is Christ born without seed of the
Virgin./The sea, after the traversal of Israel remained untraversed./The Immaculate
One, after the birth of Emmanuel, remained undefiled./Thou Who Art and ever hast
been,/and hast appeared as man://O God have mercy upon us!

Old Testament Readings from Isaiah, Malachi, and Wisdom of Solomon

Aposticha

The aposticha of the Resurrection in Tone 5 —

With sounds of hymnody do we magnify Thee, Christ the Savior,/Who hast not been separated from the heavens;/for Thou didst accept the Cross and death for our race,/as the Lord Who loveth mankind,/Who hath overthrown the gates of ha-des,// and hath risen on the third day, saving our souls.

Then the Paschal Stichera with their verses in Tone 5 (Byzantine)

Glory... for the Forerunner in Tone 2 —

O all-praiseworthy John,/thy head, the all-revered vessel of divine thoughts,/ which clearly gazed on the mystery of the Essence beyond words,/ today has come to light from the recesses of the earth, as from a mother's womb./ It makes the whole world fragrant,/pouring forth a myrrh of sanctification,/ preaching the way of repentance,// and interceding with the Savior of all in behalf of our souls.

Both Now... from the Pentecostarion in Tone 8 —

O Christ God, Thou Sun of Righteousness,/by Thy touch Thou didst enlighten all./ Give sight now to our spiritual eyes,/and show us to be sons of the day!/ Great is Thine ineffable goodness towards us!// O Lover of man, glory be to Thee!

“Christ is risen from the dead,
trampling down death by death,
and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!” (*once*)

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,

Tone 4 Troparion (*Forerunner*)

Thy head was revealed to us by Christ
as a divine treasure in the earth, O Prophet and Forerunner.
We gather in honor of this discovery
with inspired hymns of praise to the Savior,//
Who saves us from corruption through thy prayers.

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

Tone 4 Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion

The mystery of all eternity,
unknown even by Angels,
through thee, O Theotokos, is revealed to those on earth:
God incarnate by union without confusion.
He voluntarily accepted the Cross for us,
by which He resurrected the first-created man,//
saving our souls from death.