



4TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA - Tone 3 16/29 April 2018

Sunday of the Healing of the Paralytic

According to the Patristic Orthodox Eortologion...

Epistle: Acts 9:32-42 (§23)

Gospel: John 5:1-15 (§14)

Virgin-martyrs Agape, Irene, and Chiona in Illyria. Martyr Leonidas and with him Chariessa, Nika, Galina, Callista (Calisa), Nunechia, Basilissa, and Theodora. Martyr Irene of Corinth. New-Martyr Michael Vurliot. Venerable Theodora Princess Bassa in the world) of NizhniNovborod. Blessed John of Verkhoturye, fool-for-Christ. Monk-Martyr Christopher of Adrianopole. "Tambov" and "St. Elias Monastery of Chernigov" Icons of the Mother of God.

Moveable feasts on the Sunday of the Paralytic: Righteous Tabitha of Joppa; Martyr Abraham the Bulgar, Wonder-worker of Vladimir.

HOURS

At all Hours:

Resurrectional Troparion

Glory... Both now...

Theotokion from the Horologion

Kontakion of the Paralytic

#### DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

At the beginning of the Liturgy, the Priest sings "Christ is risen..."

2½ times, and the Choir finishes the last half.

Third Antiphon (Beatitudes)

4 of the Resurrection, 4 from Ode 6 of the Pentecostarion

In Thy kingdom remember us, O Lord, \* when Thou comest in Thy kingdom.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, \* for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn, \* for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, \* for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness, \* for they shall be filled.

1. Blessed are the merciful, \* for they shall obtain mercy.

From paradise didst Thou drive our forefather Adam, who had broken Thy commandment, O Christ; but, O Compassionate One, Thou didst cause to dwell therein the thief who confessed Thee on the cross, crying out:

Remember me, O Savior, in Thy kingdom!

2. Blessed are the pure in heart, \* for they shall see God.

In rising from the dead, Thou hast raised us up from the passions with Thyself through Thy resurrection, O Lord; and all the power of death hast Thou destroyed, O Savior. Wherefore, with faith we cry out to Thee: Remember us also in Thy kingdom!

3. Blessed are the peacemakers, \* for they shall be called the sons of God.

O Thou who as God grantest life, by Thy three days in the tomb Thou didst raise up with Thyself the dead in hell, and as One Who is good Thou hast poured forth incorruption upon all of us who with faith ever cry out: Remember us also in Thy kingdom!

4. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake, \* for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

With the curse of death didst Thou condemn us who had sinned, O Lord, Bestower of life; yet having suffered in Thy flesh, O sinless Master, Thou hast granted life unto mortals who cry out: Remember us also in Thy kingdom!

5. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, \* and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Of Thine own will Thou wast lifted up upon the Tree, and laid as one dead in the sepulchre, and having quickened together all of them that were dead in Hades, O Christ, Thou didst raise them by Thy divine

power.

6. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad, \* for great is your reward in the heavens.

When Hades met Thee below, O Compassionate One, it was embittered, and in haste it gave up them that it held in bonds, who with unceasing voices praise Thine awesome Resurrection, O Savior.

7. Glory to the Father, \* and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

When he that aforesaid lay for many years upon a bed of affliction was made whole by Thy command, O Christ, he glorified and praised Thy compassion, O Giver of life.

8. Both now and ever, \* and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

He that sustaineth all things by His divine command is held in thine arms, O Virgin Theotokos, and since He is compassionate He doth rescue us from the enslaving hand of the evil one.

#### TROPARIA AND KONTAKIA

Resurrectional Troparion, Tone 3: Let the heavens be glad, / let earthly things rejoice; / for the Lord hath wrought might with His arm, / He hath trampled down death by death; / the firstborn of the dead hath He become. / From the belly of hades / hath He delivered us, // and hath granted to the world great mercy.

Glory...

Kontakion of the Paralytic, Tone 3: As of old Thou didst raise the paralytic, O Lord, / by Thy Divine presence, / raise my soul which is paralyzed grievously / by all manner of sins and unseemly deeds, / that being saved I may cry out: // O compassionate Christ, glory be to Thy power.

Both now...

Kontakion of the Resurrection, Tone 8: Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal One. / Thou didst destroy the power of death. / In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, / proclaiming "Rejoice!" to the myrrh-bearing women; / granting peace to Thine apostles, // and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

EPISTLE

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the 1st Tone: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we have hoped in Thee.

Choir: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we have hoped in Thee.

Reader: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; praise is meet for the upright..

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

[Acts 9:32-42 (§23)]: In those days, as Peter passed throughout all quarters, he came down also to the saints which dwelt at Lydda. \* And there he found a certain man named Aeneas, which had kept his bed eight years, and was sick of the palsy. \* And Peter said unto him, Aeneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise, and make thy bed. And he arose immediately. \* And all that dwelt at Lydda and Saron saw him, and turned to the Lord. \* Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did. \* And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber. \* And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring him that he would not delay to come to them. \* Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and showing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them. \* But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up. \* And he gave her his hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive. \* And it was known throughout all Joppa; and many believed in the Lord.

ALLELUIA (PAUSE before first verse)

Reader: Alleluia in the 5th Tone.

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Reader: Of Thy mercies, O Lord, will I sing forever, unto generation and generation.

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Reader: For Thou hast said: Mercy shall be built up forever.

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

[John 5:1-15 (§14)]: At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. \* Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches. \* In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. \* For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had. \* And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. \* When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole? \* The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. \* Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. \* And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the Sabbath. \* The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed. \* He answered

them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk. \* Then asked they him, What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk? \* And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in that place. \* Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee. \* The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made him whole.

#### ZADOSTOINIK

Instead of "It is truly meet...", we chant the Irmos of the 9th Ode of the Canon of the feast, first Tone (Melody: "Thy victorious right hand..."):

Refrain: The angel cried unto her that is full of grace:/ Rejoice, O pure Virgin!/ And again I say, rejoice! / For thy Son is risen from the grave on the third day,/ and hath raised the dead, O ye people, be joyful!

Irmos: Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem,/ for the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee;/ dance now and be glad, O Sion,/ and do thou exult, O pure Theotokos,/ in the arising of Him Whom thou didst bear.

#### COMMUNION VERSE

Communion Verse: Receive ye the Body of Christ, taste ye of the



fountain of immortality. Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

#### POST-COMMUNION

We sing "Christ is risen..." instead of "We have seen the true light..."

#### DISMISSAL

At the dismissal, when the priest says: "Glory to Thee, O Christ God..." the Choir sings, "Christ is risen..." x3, instead of "Glory..." Both now... Father bless!" Then the priest gives the dismissal.