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Eothinon 8.

**Pentecostarion - Sunday of the Blindman
at Matins**

Menaion - May 17

Katavasias of Sunday of the Blindman

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Pentecostarion

Sunday of the Blindman

Menaion - May 17

MATINS

CHOIR

Mode pl. 1.

God is the Lord, and He revealed Himself to us. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. [SAAS]

Verse 1: *Give thanks to the Lord and call upon His holy name.*

Verse 2: *All the nations surrounded me, but in the name of the Lord I defended myself against them.*

Verse 3: *And this came about from the Lord, and it is wonderful in our eyes.*

From Octoechos - - -

Resurrectional Apolytikion.

Mode pl. 1. Automelon.

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον.

As the Father and Spirit are unoriginate, * so the Word, who was born from the Virgin for us. * Let us praise Him, O believers, and let us worship Him. * For our salvation He was pleased * to be crucified in the flesh, * and to undergo death, * and to resurrect the dead, by His glorious resurrection. [GOASD]

Glory. **Repeat.**

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undergo death, * and to resurrect the dead, by His glorious resurrection. [GOASD]

Both now. **Theotokion.**

From Octoechos - - -

Mode pl. 1. As the Father and Spirit.

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον.

Hail, gate of the Lord, through which no man has passed! * Wall and shelter of all who rely on you, rejoice! * Port and haven undisturbed by any tempest, rejoice! * You gave birth to your Creator and God in the flesh, * ever remaining a virgin. * Never cease interceding for us who worship and extol your Son. [GOASD]

PRIEST

Again and again in peace let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

Remembering our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

CHOIR: To You, O Lord.

PRIEST

For Yours is the dominion, and Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

CHOIR: Amen.

Kathisma I.

From Octoechos - - -

Mode pl. 1. As the Father and Spirit.

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον.

Let us honor the Cross of the Lord with solemn praise. * Let us sing hymns extolling His holy burial. * Let us highly glorify His resurrection from the dead. * For, being God, He raised the dead from the graves with himself. * He shined light on those in Hades, annihilating the power of death and the devil's might. [GOASD]

Glory.

Lord, You who deadened death were described as being dead. You who emptied tombs had been buried in a tomb. Above, soldiers guarded the sepulcher; below, You resurrected the dead of all ages. Lord almighty and incomprehensible, glory to You! [GOASD]

Both now. **Theotokion.**

Mode pl. 1. As the Father and Spirit.

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον.

Holy Mountain, like that on which God once walked, rejoice! * Metaphorical bush that was not consumed, rejoice! * Only bridge connecting the world to God * and conveying mortal humans to everlasting life, * rejoice, immaculate Lady! * Ever remaining a virgin, you gave birth to Him who saves our souls.

[GOASD]

Kathisma II.

From Pentecostarion - - -

Mode pl. 1.

The villains had You crucified between the convicts. And they pierced Your side with a spear, O merciful Master. You accepted burial.

You destroyed the gates of Hades, and You rose on the third day. The Women ran to see You, and they announced Your resurrection to the Apostles. Supremely exalted Savior, whom the Angels extol, O blessed Lord, glory to You!

[GOASD]

Glory.

Mode pl. 1.

O my Savior, Your strange mystery has become the salvation of the world. For when You rose from the sepulcher in a way befitting Your divinity, as God You resurrected corrupted humanity. Lord, the life of all, glory to You. [SD]

Both now. **Theotokion.**

Mode pl. 1. As the Father and Spirit.

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον.

Bride unwedded and Mother of God, you are the one * who turned Eve's pain and sorrow into exultant joy. * We the faithful sing your praises and we honor you; * for you have lifted us up from the ancient curse. * All-lauded, all-holy Virgin, * never cease interceding with your Son and God to save our souls. [GOASD]

Resurrectional Evlogetaria.

Mode pl. 1.

Blessed are You, O Lord, teach me Your statutes.

When the hosts of the Angels saw how You were accounted among the dead, they all marveled. You, O Savior, are the One who destroyed the might of death; and when You

arose You raised Adam with yourself and from Hades liberated everyone. ^(SD)

Blessed are You, O Lord, teach me Your statutes.

“Why do you mingle the ointments with your tears full of pity, O women disciples?” Thus the Angel who was shining in the tomb cried to the myrrh-bearing women. “See for yourselves the empty tomb and understand, that the Savior has risen from the sepulcher.”

Blessed are You, O Lord, teach me Your statutes.

Very early in the morning, the myrrh-bearing women were hastening to Your tomb lamenting. But the Angel appeared to them and uttered, “The time for lamentation has ended; weep no more. Go announce the Resurrection to the Apostles.”

Blessed are You, O Lord, teach me Your statutes.

When the myrrh-bearing women had come with their spices to Your sepulcher, O Savior, they heard the voice of an Angel clearly speaking to them, “Why do you account among the dead the One who lives? For as God, He has risen from the sepulcher.”

Glory.

We bow down in worship to the Father and His Son and the Holy Spirit, the Holy Trinity, one in essence; and we cry aloud with the Seraphim: Holy, Holy, Holy are You, O Lord.

Both now.

Giving birth to the Giver of life, O Virgin, you delivered Adam from sin, and to Eve you have rendered joy in place of sorrow. He who from you became incarnate, God and man, has directed to life him who fell from it.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Glory to You, O God. (3)

PRIEST

Again and again in peace let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

Remembering our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

CHOIR: To You, O Lord.

PRIEST

For blessed is Your name, and glorified is Your kingdom, of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

CHOIR: Amen.

READER

From Octoechos - - -

Hypakoe. Mode pl. 1.

Mentally amazed by the angelic apparition, inwardly illumined by the divine resurrection,

the Myrrh-bearing Women brought good tidings to the Apostles. “Proclaim the resurrection of the Lord among the Gentiles, as He works with you by signs and miracles, and He grants to us the great mercy.” [GOASD]

CHOIR

Anavathmoi.

Antiphon 1. Mode pl. 1.

In my affliction, like David, I sing to You, my Savior. Deliver my soul from a deceitful tongue. [GOASD]

Blessed is the life of those who dwell in the desert, as they mount up with wings of the intense love of God. [GOASD]

Glory. Both now.

By the Holy Spirit are all things maintained, both seen and unseen; for He is inseparably one of the Trinity with full authority. [GOASD]

Antiphon 2.

O my soul, let us be lifted to the mountains. Come to the One, from whom help comes. [GOASD]

O Christ, let Your soaring right hand keep me from every kind of mischief. [GOASD]

Glory. Both now.

To the Holy Spirit we say, theologizing, “You are God, life and intense love, light and mind. You are goodness, and You reign forever.” [GOASD]

Antiphon 3.

When they say to me, “Let us go into the courts of the Lord,” I am filled with great joy, and I send up my prayers. [GOASD]

Over the house of David fearful things will be accomplished; a fire will be there, burning every shameful thought. [GOASD]

Glory. Both now.

In the Holy Spirit, as in the Father and the Logos, is the principle of life; and by Him every living being is animated. [GOASD]

Prokeimenon.

Arise, O Lord my God, for You reign unto the ages. (2)

Verse: *I will give thanks to You, O Lord, with my whole heart.*

Arise, O Lord my God, for You reign unto the ages. [SAAS]

PRIEST

Again and again in peace let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

Remembering our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

CHOIR: To You, O Lord.

PRIEST

For You are the King of peace and the savior of our souls, and to You we offer up glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

CHOIR: Amen.

READER

Kontakion.

From Pentecostarion - - -

Mode 4. You revealed yourself today.

In the eyes of soul have I * become unseeing. * Unto You I come, O Christ, * as did of old the man born blind, * and in repentance I cry to You. * For those in darkness You are the most resplendent light. [SD]

Oikos.

Grant me a stream of ineffable wisdom and knowledge from on high, O Christ, the light for those in darkness and guide for those who are lost, and I will relate what the holy book of the Gospel of peace has taught, namely the miracle You performed on the Blindman: a man, who was blind from his birth, obtained the use of his physical eyes, and also the eyes of his soul, and he believed in You and cried out, “For those in darkness You are the most resplendent light.”

[GOASD]

Stand for the reading of the Synaxarion.

Synaxarion

From the Menaion.

On May 17 we commemorate the holy Apostles Andronicus and Junia.

On this day we also commemorate the holy Martyr Solochon and those with him, Pamphamer and Pamphylon.

On this day we also commemorate Saints Theophanis and Nektarios, founders of the holy Varlaam Monastery at Meteora.

From the Pentecostarion.

On this day, the sixth Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the miracle that our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ performed on the man born blind.

Verses

Light from Light and Giver of Light,
You give eyes to the man born blind, O Logos.

In Your infinite mercy, O Christ our God and Giver of light, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.

CHOIR

**Katavasia of Sunday of the Blindman
Ode i. Mode pl. 1.**

To our Savior and God, who led His people of old * across the Red Sea, and they walked on dry ground, * and under water covered Pharaoh and his forces all, * to Him only let us sing, for He is glorified. [GOASD]

Ode iii.

O Christ, I pray You strengthen my mind * and heart, O Savior, by Your Cross's might, * that I may praise You and glorify * Your Ascension that has saved us all. [GOASD]

Ode iv.

I have heard the report about the power of Your Cross, * that the Garden of Eden was

opened by it, O Christ, * and I cried aloud: *
Glory to Your strength, O Lord my God. [GOASD]

Ode v.

Arising very early, we cry aloud to You,
O Lord. * Save us, for You are our God. * We
know no other, except for You. [GOASD]

Ode vi.

The deep abyss encompassed me; the great
fish became like a tomb for me. * But I cried
aloud to You, benevolent Lord my God. *
Then with Your right hand, You raised me and
delivered me. [GOASD]

Ode vii.

Inside the furnace You saved the three
young men who sang Your praises. * You are
the God of our fathers, Lord, and blessed are
You. [GOASD]

Ode viii.

*We praise and we bless and we worship the
Lord.*

Before the ages begotten from the Father,
He is Son and God. * He was incarnate and
born of a Virgin Mother in latter times. * Praise
Him, priests and people, exalt Him beyond
measure, unto all the ages. [GOASD]

Stand for the Gospel reading.

DEACON: Let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

For You, our God, are holy, and You rest
among the holy ones, and to You we offer up
glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy
Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

CHOIR: Amen.

Mode 2.

Let everything that breathes praise the
Lord. (2) Let everything that breathes praise
the Lord. [SAAS]

DEACON

Let us pray to the Lord our God that we
may be made worthy to hear the holy Gospel.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy. (3)

DEACON

Wisdom. Arise. Let us hear the holy
Gospel.

PRIEST: Peace be with all.

CHOIR: And with your spirit.

PRIEST

The reading is from the holy Gospel
according to John.

DEACON: Let us be attentive.

CHOIR

Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.

PRIEST (from the altar table)

*Eothinon 8
Jn. 20:11 – 18*

At that time, Mary stood weeping outside
the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look
into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white,
sitting where the body of Jesus has lain, one
at the head and one at the feet. They said to
her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said
to them, “Because they have taken away my
Lord, and I do not know where they have laid
him.” Saying this, she turned round and saw
Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was
Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you

weeping? Whom do you seek?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabboni,” which means Teacher. Jesus said to her, “Do not touch me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.” Mary Magdalene went and said to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and she told them that he had said these things to her. [RSV]

CHOIR

Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.

READER

Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ, let us worship the holy Lord Jesus, the only sinless one. Your Cross, O Christ, we venerate, and Your holy Resurrection we praise and glorify. For You are our God; apart from You we know no other; we call upon Your name. Come, all faithful, let us venerate the holy Resurrection of Christ; for behold, through the Cross, joy has come to the whole world. Ever blessing the Lord, let us praise His Resurrection; for having endured the Cross for us, He destroyed death by death. [GOA]

CHOIR

Psalm 50 (51).

Mode 2. (or the Mode of the week)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your great mercy; and according to the

abundance of Your compassion, blot out my transgression.

Wash me thoroughly from my lawlessness and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my lawlessness, and my sin is always before me.

Against You only have I sinned and done evil in Your sight; that You may be justified in Your words, and overcome when You are judged.

For behold, I was conceived in transgressions, and in sins my mother bore me.

Behold, You love truth; You showed me the unknown and secret things of Your wisdom.

You shall sprinkle me with hyssop, and I will be cleansed; You shall wash me, and I will be made whiter than snow.

You shall make me hear joy and gladness; my bones that were humbled shall greatly rejoice.

Turn Your face from my sins, and blot out all my transgressions.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your guiding Spirit.

I will teach transgressors Your ways, and the ungodly shall turn back to You.

Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, the God of my salvation, and my tongue shall greatly rejoice in Your righteousness.

O Lord, You shall open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise.

For if You desired sacrifice, I would give it; You will not be pleased with whole burnt offerings.

A sacrifice to God is a broken spirit, a broken and humbled heart God will not despise.

Do good, O Lord, in Your good pleasure to Zion, and let the walls of Jerusalem be built.

Then You will be pleased with a sacrifice of righteousness, with offerings and whole burnt offerings.

Then shall they offer young bulls on Your altar. And have mercy on me, O God. [SAAS]

Glory.

At the intercession of the Apostles, O Lord of mercy, blot out my many offenses. [SD]

Both now.

At the intercession of the Theotokos, O Lord of mercy, blot out my many offenses. [SD]

Verse: *Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your great mercy; and according*

to the abundance of Your compassion, blot out my transgression.

Jesus, having risen from the grave as He foretold, has granted us eternal life and great mercy. [SD]

PRIEST

O God, save Your people and bless Your inheritance. Look upon Your world with mercy and compassion. Raise the Orthodox Christians in glory, and send down upon us Your rich mercies:

through the intercessions of our all-immaculate Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, by the power of the precious and life-giving Cross, the protection of the honorable, heavenly, bodiless powers, the supplications of the honorable, glorious prophet and forerunner John the Baptist, the holy, glorious, and praiseworthy apostles, our fathers among the saints, the great hierarchs and ecumenical teachers Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom; Athanasius, Cyril, and John the Merciful, patriarchs of Alexandria, Nicholas, bishop of Myra, Spyridon, bishop of Trimythous, Nektarios of Pentapolis, the wonderworkers; the holy, glorious, great martyrs George the triumphant, Demetrios the myrrh-streamer, Theodore the soldier, and Theodore the general; Menas the wonderworker; Charalampus and Eleutherius, the hieromartyrs; the holy, glorious, and victorious martyrs; the glorious great Martyr and all-laudable Euphemia; the holy and glorious Martyrs Thecla, Barbara, Anastasia, Catherine, Kyriaki, Photini, Marina, Paraskevi and Irene; our venerable and God-bearing fathers; (local patron saint); the holy and

righteous ancestors of God Joachim and Anna; and all Your saints:

We beseech you, only merciful Lord, hear us sinners who pray to you and have mercy on us.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy. (12)

PRIEST

Through the mercy, compassion, and love for humankind of Your only-begotten Son, with whom You are blessed, and Your all-holy, good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

CHOIR: Amen.

Stand for the singing of Ode ix.

DEACON

Let us honor and magnify in song the Theotokos and the Mother of the light.

CHOIR

From Pentecostarion - - -

Canon of Pascha.

Ode ix. Heirmos. Mode 1.

O my soul, magnify Him who willingly suffered, was buried, and arose from the grave on the third day.

Arise, shine! Arise, shine, O new Jerusalem! Shine! * For the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. * Zion, exult and be glad now. * O pure Mother of God, rejoice, celebrating * the resurrection of Christ your Son! [SD]

O my soul, magnify Christ who is the Giver of life, and who rose from the grave on the third day.

Arise, shine! Arise, shine, O new Jerusalem! Shine! * For the glory of the Lord

has risen upon you. * Zion, exult and be glad now. * O pure Mother of God, rejoice, celebrating * the resurrection of Christ your Son! [SD]

Troparia.

Christ is the new Pascha, the sacrificial Victim, the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.

Divine and beloved and sweetest utterance of Yours! * For You really and truly pledged that You will be with us * unto the end of the age, O Christ. * And we the faithful, clinging to Your promise, * our anchor of hope, rejoice.

[SD]

Today creation all is exultant and rejoices, for Christ has arisen, and Hades was despoiled.

O Pascha, the great and most sacred Passover, O Christ, * You the wisdom and Logos and the power of God: * Grant that we may more distinctly partake of You * on that day that has no evening in Your kingly rule. [SD]

For the Theotokos.

Same Mode. Arise, shine.

Φωτίζου, φωτίζου.

Glory.

O my soul, magnify the power of the Godhead that is three hypostases and also undivided.

O Virgin, with one voice, all we believers call you blessed. * Metaphorical City and Gate of the Lord, rejoice! * Light of your Son's resurrection from the dead * shines on us today

through you, O Lady. * And therefore we salute you: Rejoice! [GOASD]

Both now.

Rejoice, blessed Virgin; rejoice, O glorified one. Rejoice, your Son has risen from the grave on the third day.

Be glad and exultant, divine gate of the light. * For your Son, namely Jesus, having set within the tomb, * rose and is shining more brightly than the sun, * and He has fully illumined all the faithful, * O Lady full of the grace of God. [SD]

Ode ix. Katavasia. Mode pl. 1.

You, transcending mind and reason are Mother of God; * you gave birth to the timeless One in time inexpressibly. * We the faithful with one accord magnify you. [GOASD]

PRIEST

Again and again in peace let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

PRIEST

Remembering our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

CHOIR: To You, O Lord.

PRIEST

For all the powers of heaven praise You, and to You they offer up glory, to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

CHOIR: Amen.

Mode 2.

Holy is the Lord our God. (2)

Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at the footstool of His feet.

For He is holy. [SAAS]

Exaposteilarion. Of Pascha.

From Pentecostarion - - -

Mode 2. Automelon.

When You had slumbered in the flesh as one mortal, O King and Lord, You rose again on the third day, and raised up Adam from decay and rendered death of no effect. Pascha of incorruption, salvation of the world. [SD]

For the Blindman.

From Pentecostarion - - -

Mode 2. When You had slumbered.

The eyes of my noetic soul * have become blind, O loving Lord, * because of dark and sinful deeds. * O Savior, lead me to the light; * implant in me humility, Master, and purify me * with tears of repentance. [SD]

Another.

Mode 2. O Women, hearken.

Our Savior once was passing by, * and found a man who was born blind. * He spat on the ground and made clay * of the saliva, anointing * his eyes with it and sent him to * the pool of Siloam to wash. * So he went and

washed and came back * seeing Your light, O Christ my God. [SD]

Lauds. Mode pl. 1.

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. It is fitting to sing a hymn to You, O God. [SAAS]

Praise Him, all you His angels; praise Him, all you His hosts. It is fitting to sing a hymn to You, O God. [SAAS]

Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you stars and light.

Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, and you waters above the heavens. Let them praise the Lord's name.

For He spoke, and they were made; He commanded, and they were created.

He established them forever and unto ages of ages; He set forth His ordinance, and it shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you dragons and all the deeps.

Fire and hail, snow and ice, stormy wind, which perform His word.

Mountains and all the hills, fruitful trees and all cedars.

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds.

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all judges of the earth.

Young men and maidens, elders with younger, let them praise the Lord's name, for His name alone is exalted.

His thanksgiving is in earth and heaven. And He shall exalt the horn of His people.

A hymn for all His saints, for the children of Israel, a people who draw near to Him.

Sing to the Lord a new song, His praise in the assembly of His holy ones.

Let Israel be glad in Him who made him, and let the children of Zion greatly rejoice in their King.

Let them praise His name with dance; with tambourine and harp let them sing to Him.

For the Lord is pleased with His people, and He shall exalt the gentle with salvation.

The holy ones shall boast in glory, and they shall greatly rejoice on their beds.

The high praise of God shall be in their mouth and a two-edged sword in their hand.

To deal retribution to the nations, reprovng among the peoples.

To shackle their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron.

To fulfill among them the written judgment: this glory have all His holy ones.

Praise God in His saints; praise Him in the firmament of His power.

From Pentecostarion - - -

Resurrectional Stichera.

Mode pl. 1.

Praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him according to the abundance of His greatness. [SAAS]

The sepulcher was firmly sealed by villains, O Lord. But You came forth from the tomb, much like You were born from the Theotokos. Your bodiless Angels did not know how You became incarnate, and the soldiers who were guarding You did not notice when You rose. Both of these miracles were confirmed to the prophets who inquired and revealed to them, who by faith revered the mystery. Which we now extol; and we pray

You restore to us the joy and the great mercy.

[GOASD]

Mode pl. 1.

*Praise Him with the sound of trumpet;
praise Him with the harp and lyre.* [SAAS]

When You had crushed the age-old bars
and broken the chains to pieces, You rose from
the tomb, O Lord. And You left the grave
clothes behind, as evidence that You were truly
buried for three days. And You proceeded to
Galilee, You who had been held in custody
in a rock-hewn tomb. Great is Your mercy,
incomprehensible Savior! Have mercy on us.

[GOASD]

Mode pl. 1.

*Praise Him with timbrel and dance; praise
Him with strings and flute.* [SAAS]

The women ran to the tomb, O Lord, to
see You, the Christ, who had suffered for us.
When they came, they found an Angel sitting
on the stone, which he had fearsomely rolled
back. And he said to the women, “The Lord
has risen! Go tell His disciples, ‘The Savior of
our souls has risen from the dead!’” [GOASD]

Mode pl. 1.

*Praise Him with resounding cymbals;
praise Him with triumphant cymbals; let
everything that breathes praise the Lord.* [SAAS]

O Lord, just like You exited the sepulcher,
although it was sealed, so You entered where
Your disciples were, the doors being shut. You
showed them the injuries You suffered on Your
body, which You accepted and bore with long-

suffering, O Savior. As the progeny of David,
You endured the wounds; as the Son of God,
You freed the world. Great is Your mercy,
incomprehensible Savior! Have mercy on us.

[GOASD]

From Pentecostarion - - -

Stichera of Pascha.

Mode pl. 1.

Verse 1: *Let God arise, and let His
enemies be scattered, and let those who hate
Him flee from before His face.*

Today a sacred Pascha has been revealed
to us; a Pascha new and holy, a Pascha
mystical, a Pascha all-venerable, Pascha, the
Redeemer Christ himself; a Pascha that is
blameless, a Pascha that is great, a Pascha
of believers, a Pascha that has opened for us
the gates of Paradise, a Pascha that sanctifies
believers all. [SD]

Verse 2: *As smoke vanishes, so let them
vanish, as wax melts before the fire.*

Come now from that sight, O you women
and heralds of good news, and say to Zion,
“Receive from us the joyful tidings of the
Resurrection of Christ. O Jerusalem, be
exultant, dance and leap for joy, for you have
witnessed Christ the King coming forth as a
Bridegroom from the sepulcher.” [SD]

Verse 3: *So shall the sinners perish from
the face of God. And let the righteous be glad.*

The myrrh-bearing women at dawn very
early, standing outside the tomb of the Giver-
of-Life, found an Angel who was seated upon
the stone. And the Angel addressed them, and

this is what he said, “Why do you seek among the dead the One who is alive? Why do you grieve as though corruptible the Incorrupt? So go back and proclaim it to His Disciples.” ^[SD]

Verse 4: *This is the day the Lord made; let us greatly rejoice and be glad therein.*

Pascha of delight! Pascha, the Lord’s Pascha! A Pascha all venerable has risen for us. Pascha! With joy let us embrace one another. Pascha, the ransom from sorrow! Today from the sepulcher Christ emerged resplendently as from a bridal chamber, and the women He filled with joy, saying, “Proclaim this to the Apostles.” ^[SD]

Glory.

From Pentecostarion - - -

Mode pl. 4.

Who can speak of Your mighty works, O Christ, or enumerate Your many miracles? You appeared on earth in two natures, in Your goodness; and You likewise granted twofold cures to the sick. For example, You opened not only the bodily eyes of the man born blind, but also the eyes of his soul. And for this he confessed You to be God, though concealed, who grants to all the great mercy. ^[SD]

Both now. **Of Pascha.**

From Pentecostarion - - -

Mode pl. 1.

It is the day of the Resurrection. Let us shine brightly for the festival, and also embrace one another. Brethren, let us say even to those who hate us, “Let us forgive everything for the Resurrection.” And thus let us cry aloud, “Christ is risen from the dead, by death

trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.” ^[GOASD]

Stand for the Great Doxology.

Great Doxology

Glory be to You who showed the light. Glory in the highest to God. His peace is on earth, His good pleasure in mankind. ^[SD]

We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You for Your great glory.

Lord King, heavenly God, Father, Ruler over all; Lord, only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; and You, O Holy Spirit.

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us, You who take away the sins of the world.

Accept our supplication, You who sit at the right hand of the Father, and have mercy on us.

For You alone are holy, You alone are Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Every day I will bless You, and Your name will I praise to eternity, and to the ages of ages.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, this day, that we be kept without sin.

Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name to the ages. Amen.

Let Your mercy be on us, O Lord, as we have set our hope on You.

Blessed are You, O Lord. Teach me Your statutes.

For, destroying death by death, He gave us the victory and the great mercy. [SD]

Blessed are You, O Lord. Teach me Your statutes.

Blessed are You, O Lord. Teach me Your statutes.

Lord, You have been our refuge from generation to generation. I said: Lord, have mercy on me. Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You.

Lord, I have fled to You. Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God.

For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we shall see light.

Continue Your mercy to those who know You.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3)

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

After the Doxology, sing the following Resurrectional Troparion.

Mode 4. (or the Mode of the week)

Today has salvation come to pass in the world. Let us sing to Him who resurrected from the tomb and is the Author of our life.