SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN– FIFTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA

VESPERTINE

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, for the sake of the prayers of Thy most pure Mother, of our holy and God-bearing fathers, and all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for Thou art good and the Lover of mankind.

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life. Thrice.

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

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. O Lord, blot but our sins. O Master, pardon our iniquities. O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. Thrice.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, Who art in the heavens, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Lord, have mercy. 12 times. Glory ... Both now ... Amen.

O come let us worship God our King.
O come let us worship and fall down before Christ our King and God.
O come let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and God.

PSALM 103

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Blessed art Thou, O Lord. Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, Thou hast been magnified exceedingly.

Refrain: Blessed art Thou, O Lord.

Confession and majesty hast Thou put on.

Refrain: Blessed art Thou, O Lord.

Upon the mountains shall the waters stand.

Refrain: Wondrous are Thy works, O Lord.

Between the mountains will the waters run.

Refrain: Wondrous are Thy works, O Lord.

In wisdom hast Thou made them all, hast Thou made them all.

Refrain:: Glory to Thee, O Lord, Who hast made them all.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Glory to Thee, O God. Thrice.

Lord, have mercy. 12 times. Glory ... Both now ... Amen.
BLESSED IS THE MAN that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous, and the way of the ungodly shall perish. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Serve ye the Lord with fear, and rejoice in Him with trembling. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are all that have put their trust in Him. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Arise, O Lord, save me, O my God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Salvation is of the Lord, and they blessing is upon Thy people. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Lord, have mercy. Twelve times. Glory ... Both now ... Amen.

STIKHERA AT LORD I HAVE CRIED

Tone 4: Lord, I have cried unto Thee, hearken unto me.* Hearken unto me, O Lord.* Lord, I have cried unto Thee, hearken unto me; *attend to the voice of my supplication,* when I cry unto Thee.** Hearken unto me, O Lord.

Let my prayer be set forth* as incense before Thee,* the lifting up of my hands* as an evening sacrifice.** Hearken unto me, O Lord.

Resurrectional Stikhera of Tone 4:

Verse: Bring my soul out of prison * that I may confess Thy name.

Unceasingly worshiping Thy life-giving Cross, O Christ God, * we glorify Thy Resurrection on the third day,* for through it, O All-powerful one,* Thou hast renewed corrupted human nature * and shown us the way to heaven,** since Thou alone art good and the Lover of mankind.

Verse: The righteous shall wait patiently for me * until Thou shalt reward me.

By being willingly nailed to the tree of the Cross, O Savior,* Thou hast abolished the penalty of the tree of disobedience; * and by descending into Hades, O All-powerful one,* as God Thou hast torn asunder the bonds of death. * Wherefore we worship Thy Resurrection from the dead, and we cry out with joy: ** O All-powerful Lord, glory be to Thee!

Verse: Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord; * O Lord, hear my voice.

Thou hast shattered the gates of Hades, O Lord,* and by Thy death Thou hast destroyed the dominion of death; * delivering mankind from corruption,* granting the world life, incorruption,** and great mercy.

Verse: Let Thine ears be attentive * to the voice of my supplication.
Come O ye peoples, let us hymn the Savior's Rising on the third day, * whereby we were redeemed from the unbreakable bonds of Hades * obtaining incorruption and life, as we cry aloud: * 'Thou, who wast crucified and buried and rose again, ** save us by Thy Resurrection, O only Lover of mankind.'

Stichera of Mid-Pentecost, Tone 4:

Verse: If Thou shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand? * For with Thee there is forgiveness.

There is come now the middle of those days * which commence with the saving Arising * and which are sealed by the sacred Pentecost. * Illumined by both feasts and joining both, * we come to render glory and honor beforehand ** to the regal Ascension.

Verse: For Thy name's sake have I patiently waited for Thee, O Lord; my soul hath patiently waited for Thy word, * my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

Sion heard and rejoiced when it received the glad tidings * of Christ's Resurrection, * and all of her faithful offspring greatly rejoice upon beholding Him, * Who by the grace of the Spirit * doth Wash away the stain of the murder of Christ, * preparing to solemnly celebrate ** the joyous Mid-festival of both feasts.

Verse: From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch * let Israel hope in the Lord.

The bountiful pouring forth of the Spirit upon all, * is now at hand as the Scripture saith. * This is proclaimed by the mid-point of the blessed season * after Christ's death, burial and arising, * when He gave unto His disciples * His unfailling and true promise, ** which revealed most clearly the coming of the Comforter.

Stichera of the Samaritan Woman, Tone 1:

Verse: For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption; * and He shall redeem Israel out of all his iniquities.

At the sixth hour the Well-spring of miracles * came to the well to capture the fruit of Eve, * for Eve at this same hour departed from Paradise * through the deceit of the serpent. * The Samaritan woman, therefore, drew nigh to draw water, * and the Savior, upon seeing her, said to her: * Give Me water to drink, and I shall fill thee with living water. * And running to the city, that prudent woman at once announced to the multitudes: ** Come, behold Christ the Lord, the Savior of our souls.

(Samaritan Woman) Tone 2: Verse: O praise the Lord, all ye nations; * praise Him, all ye peoples.

When the compassionate Lord came unto the well, * the Samaritan woman entreated Him, saying: * Grant me the water of faith, * and I shall receive the waters of the font of baptism unto rejoicing and redemption. ** O Giver of life, Lord, glory be to Thee.

Verse: For He hath made His mercy to prevail over us, * and the truth of the Lord abideth forever.

The co-beginningless and co-eternal Son and Word of the Father, * the Well-spring of healings, came to the well, * and a woman of Samaria came to draw water. * And when the Savior saw her, He said: * Give Me water to drink, and go, call thy husband. * But
addressing Him as a man and not as God, * and being anxious to hide herself from Him, she said: I have no husband. * And the Teacher replied: Thou hast truly said, I have no husband; * for thou hast had five, and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband. * And she, amazed by these words, hastened to the city * and cried out unto the multitudes, saying: ** Come, behold Christ, Who granteth the world great mercy.

_Glory..., in Tone 6:_

By Jacob’s Well, Jesus found the Samaritan woman. * He that covereth the earth with clouds asked water of her. * O wonder! He that rideth on the Cherubim * speaketh with a harlot woman, asking for water, * He Who hath suspended the earth upon the waters. * He Who causeth springs and pools of waters to flow forth seeketh water, * for He wished to draw to Himself her who was truly ensnared by the contending enemy, * and to impart the water of life unto her * who was sorely inflamed with unseemly deeds, ** for He alone is tenderly compassionate and the Lover of mankind.

_Both now & ever... Dogmatic, in Tone 4:_

Prophet David, the ancestor of God, * spoke of thee in psalmody* unto Him who hath accomplished great things in thee. * For God was well pleased without father to become a man from thee, * the Queen who standeth at His right hand, * and He - the source of life - showed thee to be His mother, * that he might renew his own image, corrupted by the passions. * Having found the lost sheep wandering on the mountain * He hath laid it upon his shoulders, * that he may bring it to his Father; * and in accordance with his own will * unite it to the heavenly Powers * and thus, O Theotokos, save the world, ** Christ, who is richly and abundantly merciful.

_O GLADSOME LIGHT_ of the holy glory of the immortal, heavenly, holy, blessed Father, O Jesus Christ: Having come to the setting of the sun, having beheld the evening light, we praise the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: God. Meet it is for Thee at all times to be praised with reverent voices, O Son of God, Giver of life. Wherefore, the world doth glorify Thee.

_THE PROKIMENON IN THE 6th TONE:_

The Lord is King, He is clothed with majesty.

The Lord is clothed with strength and He hath girt Himself.

For He established the world which shall not be shaken.

Holiness becometh Thy house, O Lord, unto length of days.

VOUCHSAFE, O LORD, to keep us this evening without sin. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy name unto the ages of ages. Amen. Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we have hoped in Thee. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, teach me Thy statutes. Blessed art Thou, O Master, give me understanding of Thy statutes. Blessed art Thou, O Holy One, enlighten me by Thy statutes. O Lord, Thy mercy endureth forever; disdain not the works of Thy hands. To Thee is due praise, to Thee is due a song, to Thee glory is due, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.
Lord, have mercy. 12 times. Glory ... Both now ... Amen.

STIKHERA APOSTICHA.

Resurrection Stikheron, Tone 4:

O Lord, by ascending the Cross * Thou hast wiped out our ancestral curse, * and by descending into Hades * Thou hast set free those enchained therein from all ages, * granting incorruption to mankind; * wherefore with hymns we glorify ** Thy life-giving and saving Arising.

Paschal Stichera, in Tone 5:

A Pascha sacred today hath been shown unto us; * Pascha new and holy, * a Pascha mystical, * a Pascha all-venerable! * A Pascha that is Christ the Redeemer; * a Pascha immaculate, * a great Pascha; * a Pascha of the faithful; * a Pascha that hath opened the gates of Paradise to us; ** a Pascha that doth sanctify all the faithful.

Verse: As smoke vanisheth, * so let them vanish.

Come from the vision, O ye women, bearers of good tidings, * and say ye unto Zion: * Receive from us the good tidings * of the Resurrection of Christ; * adorn thyself, exult, * and rejoice, O Jerusalem, * for thou hast seen Christ the King, ** like a bridegroom come forth from the tomb.

Verse: So let sinners perish at the presence of God, * and let the righteous be glad.

The myrrh-bearing women * in the deep dawn * stood before the tomb of the Giver of life; * they found an angel sitting upon the stone, * and he, speaking to them, said thus: * Why seek ye the Living among the dead? * Why mourn ye the Incorruptible amid corruption? ** Go, proclaim unto His disciples.

Verse: This is the day which the Lord hath made, * let us rejoice and be glad therein.

Pascha the beautiful, * Pascha, the Lord's Pascha, * the Pascha all-venerable hath dawned upon us. * Pascha, with joy let us embrace one another, * O Pascha! * Ransom from sorrow, * for from the tomb today, * as from a bridal chamber, * hath Christ shone forth, * and hath filled the women with joy, saying: ** Proclaim unto the apostles.

Glory..., in Tone 8 (Samaritan Woman):

When by Thine unfathomable dispensation Thou didst appear on earth, O Christ God, * the Samaritan woman, on hearing Thy words O lover of mankind, * left the water jar at the well and hastened to those in the city and said: * Come, behold One Who knoweth men's hearts; ** mayhap He is the expected Christ, Who hath great mercy..

Now and ever ..., in Tone 5 (Pascha):

It is the Day of Resurrection, * let us be radiant for the feast, * and let us embrace one another. * Let us say, Brethren, even to them that hate us, * let us forgive all things on the Resurrection, * and thus let us cry out: * Christ is risen from the dead, * trampling down death by death,** and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.
LORD, NOW LETTEST THOU THY SERVANT DEPART IN PEACE, according to Thy word: For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, Which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, ... to Our Father (see p. 1).

Tone 4: O Theotokos and Virgin, rejoice, O Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, for thou hast borne the Savior of our souls.

Troparion of Mid-Pentecost, in Tone 8:

At Mid-feast give Thou my thirsty soul to drink of the waters of piety; * for Thou, O Savior, didst cry out to all: * Whosoever is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. ** Wherefore, O Well-spring of life, Christ our God, glory be to Thee.

Blessed be the name of the Lord from henceforth and forevermore. Thrice.

FROM MATINS

Resurrectional Troparion, Tone 4:

Having learned the joyful proclamation of the Resurrection from the angel, * and having cast off the ancestral condemnation, * the women disciples of the Lord spake exultantly to the apostles: * 'Death is despoiled and Christ God is risen, ** granting the world great mercy'.

Gospel: 7th Resurrectional Gospel: John:20 1-10
Then: Having beheld Thy resurrection... (thrice)

KONTAKIA

Kontakion of Mid-Pentecost, Tone 4:

Having come to the Mid-feast of the Judaic Law, * O Master and Creator of all things, * Thou didst cry unto those present, O Christ God: * Come hither and draw forth the water of immortality. * Wherefore, we fall down before Thee and faithfully cry aloud: * Grant unto us Thy compassions, ** for Thou art truly the Well-spring of our life.

Ikos: With the streams of Thy Blood do Thou Water my soul, which is grown dry and barren because of mine iniquities and offences, and show it forth to be fruitful in virtues. For Thou didst tell all to draw nigh Thee, O all-holy Word of God, and to draw forth the water of incorruption, which is living and which washeth away the sins of those who praise Thy glorious and divine arising. Unto them that know Thee as God, O Good One, grant from on high the strength of the Spirit, which verily was borne by Thy disciples, for Thou art truly the Wellspring of life for all.
Kontakion of the Samaritan Woman, in Tone 8:

Having come to the well in faith, * the Samaritan woman beheld Thee, the Water of Wisdom * whereof having drunk abundantly, she, the renowned one, ** inherited the Kingdom on high forever.

Ikos: Let us hear of the noble mysteries, as John teacheth us what cometh to pass in Samaria, how the Lord speaketh unto a woman, asking water of her, even He that gathered the waters into the places where they are gathered, and Who is of one throne with the Father and the Spirit; for He, the renowned One, came, seeking out His image forever.

Lord, have mercy. Thrice.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, for the sake of the prayers of Thy most pure Mother, of our holy and God-bearing fathers, and all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for Thou art good and the Lover of mankind.

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life. Thrice.

AT TYPICA

In the beginning: we sing “Christ is risen...” thrice.

Troparia and Kontakia:

Resurrectional Troparion: Having learned the joyful proclamation
Troparion of Mid-Pentecost: At Mid-feast give Thou my thirsty soul
Glory: Kontakion of the Samaritan Woman – Having come to the well
Both now: Kontakion of Mid-Pentecost – Having come to the Mid-feast

Instead of “It is Truly Meet“:

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!

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, * for the glory of the Lord hath arisen upon thee; * dance now and be glad, O Zion, * and do thou exult, O pure Theotokos, * in the arising of Him Whom thou didst bear.

At the end: we sing “Christ is risen...” thrice.