Matins Propers  
Sunday of the Samaritan Woman  
Fifth Paschal Sunday

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After "Glory to the holy, consubstantial...Amen", the following is sung, once by the celebant and twice by the faithful:

**Troparion** - Special Tone 5

The joyful message of the Resurrection was heard by the women disciples from the angel, and being freed from the ancestral curse, they boasted to the apostles: Death is despoiled; Christ our God is risen, giving great mercy to the world.
In the middle of the feast, quench the thirst of my soul with streams of devotion. For you, O Savior, have exclaimed to all:

Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink.

O Christ our God, Fountain of Life, glory to you!

The myrrh-bearing women looked into the entrance of the tomb, and because they could not bear the brilliance of the angel, they trembled in astonishment and said: Has he who opened Paradise to the thief been stolen? or is he who proclaimed his Resurrection before his passion now risen?
Truly, Christ is risen, granting resurrection and life to those in Hades.

Cantor: Arise then, Lord, lift up your hand. O God, do not forget the poor!

You are risen, O immortal Savior, and have raised the whole world with you.

By your power, O Christ our God, you have crushed the dominion of Death.

You have shown your Resurrection to all, O God of mercy; for you love us and we glorify you.

Cantor: Glory...now and ever...

Theotokion

The mystery hidden from all ages and unknown to the angels has been made known to those on earth through you, O Theotokos.

God has taken flesh in a union without confusion, and willingly accepted...
the Cross for us; where-by he raised the first-formed Adam and saved
our souls from death.

Sessional Hymn 2 - Tone 4

De-scend-ing from his sanctua-ry in heav-en, Ga-bri-el came to the stone
where the Rock of life was bur-ied; clothed in a white gra-ment,
he cried out to the weep-ing wom-en: Put an end to your fu-ner-al hymns,
for he whom you love will al-ways be with you. Take cour-age, for
he is tru-ly ris-en, he whom you seek a-mid your tears. Go and
an-nounce to the a-pos-tles that the Lord is ris-en.

Cantor: I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart;
I will recount your mighty deeds.
You suffered crucifixion willingly, O Savior, and mortals placed you into a new tomb, even though you established the ends of the world with a word. Death, our enemy, was bound and defeated through your life-giving Resurrection. All those held captive in Hades cried out:

Christ is risen; and he shall reign forever as the Source of life.

Cantor: Glory...now and ever...

Theotokion

Your betrothed and guardian, O Theotokos, was amazed and perplexed when he beheld the mystery of your conception without seed.

But he recalled the rain falling on the fleece, and the bush burning with fire but not consumed, and the blossoming rod of
A Aaron; thus he testified before the priests and cried out:

A Virgin gives birth and still remains a virgin.

The service continues with Psalm 118 and "Hosts of Angels", p. 18.
Hypakoe and Gradual Hymns, Tone 4, p. 167.
Prokeimenon, Tone 4, p. 170.
"Let everything that lives", Tone 4, p. 171.
Hymn of the Resurrection, p. 26, sung once by the deacon and twice by the faithful
Psalm 50 and stichera, p.28.

**Canon**

Ode 1
Irmos

He who struck Egypt and its tyrant and drowned them in the sea has saved from the servitude of Pharaoh his people who sing the victorious song of Moses, for he is covered with glory.

Refrain

Glory to your holy Resurrection, O Lord.

The buried One is awakened, and he awakens the human race with him; all creation rejoices, and may the spiritual clouds rain down justice on this day. *Refrain*
O Lord, you willingly suffered crucifixion in the flesh, and on the third day you arose from the dead, emptying the prisons of Hades and delivering those held captive, for you are the Prince of life. *Refrain*

Having seen the resplendent angel, the myrrh-bearing women fearfully fled from the tomb; they hastened to the disciples to tell them of the resurrection of Christ. *Refrain*

O Lord, you are the living water who built your dwelling place above the waters; you gave the Samaritan woman the waters she asked for, as she acknowledged your infinite mercy.

Grant salvation to the faithful who sincerely glorify you, O Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; O Creator of the world, in your goodness grant us the forgiveness of our sins.

Rejoice, O throne of fire and golden candelabrum, shining cloud and palace of the Word. Rejoice, O mystical table who was worthy to bear Christ, our bread of life.

*Katavasia*  
*Tone 1 samopodoben*  

It is the day of Resurrection. O people, let us be enlightened by it.

The Passover is the Lord's Passover, since Christ, our God, has brought us from death to life and from earth to heaven. We therefore sing the
Ode 3
Irmos
Tone 6

You were raised on the Cross of your own will, O Word, and the rocks were rent asunder when they saw you. All creation trembled with fear, and the dead came forth from the tombs as from a dream. Refrain

Seeing your soul descend into Hades, O Word, the souls of the just escaped from the bonds which held them through the ages; and they praised your power which surpasses every spirit. Refrain

Why all this bother? Why do you come with myrrh, O women, seeking the Lord in the tomb? He is risen and the world is raised with him, said the resplendent angel to the myrrh-bearing women. Refrain

O Prince of Life and Fountain of immortality, you sat down at the well, and in your goodness filled the Samaritan woman with the waters of wisdom which she asked of you.

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to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-
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Now and ever and forever. Amen.

Having wondrously conceived the God of the universe in your womb, O Virgin Mother, you gave birth in a manner that surpasses understanding, and remained a virgin as before you gave birth.

Katavasia

Tone 1 samopodoben

Come, let us partake of a new drink, not miraculously produced from the barren rock, but from the fountain of immortality, springing up from the tomb of Christ. In him is our firm strength.

Kontakion of Mid-Pentecost - Tone 4

In the middle of the Feast of the Law, O Christ God, Creator and Lord of all, you told those present: Come and draw the water of immortality.

Therefore we adore you and cry out with faith: Grant us your mercies,
Sessional Hymn - Tone 4

Let heaven rejoice and let mortals dance, for Christ is born of the Virgin and appears in our flesh. By his death he has delivered the human race from the corruption of the grave. He asked the Samaritan woman for water, and in a striking miracle he in turn offered to her the fountain of grace and immortal life.

Cantor: Glory... now and ever...

O Prince of wisdom and Master of knowledge, in the middle of the Feast prescribed by the Law, you sat in the Temple and taught the crowds
gathered there: Whoever are thirsty, let them come to me; let them drink
the water that I now give; in it everyone shall taste joy and life divine.

Ode 4
Irmos

I heard your voice and I was afraid; I acknowledge your works worthy of
admiration, for the earth is filled with your praise, O Lord.

Refrain

Glory to your holy Resurrection, O Lord.

Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth exalt! The Lord is risen and has appeared to all
his apostles. Refrain

Your power, O Death, has been abolished by the death of Christ our God; and as the
spouses come forth from the bridal chamber, the dead arise from the tomb, following the
risen Lord. Refrain

Why are you crying, O women? Why do you come with myrrh looking for the immortal
One? He is risen as he promised, said the angel to the myrrh-bearing women. Refrain

O Lord, to the woman of Samaria who asked you for water, you gave the water of divine
knowledge; she no longer thirsts, but she praises you always.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
O Trinity and supreme God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, sharing the same power and the same eternity, save all who praise your name.

Moses, the giver of the Law, formerly saw you in the burning bush, and Daniel recognized you in the holy mountain, O only Virgin who gave birth to God.

Katavasia

Let Ha-bak-kuk, speak-ing in be-half of God, stand with us at the di-vine watch;

let him show us the brilliant an-gel who pro-claims: To-day, sal-va-tion comes to the world; for Christ, be-ing al-might-y is ris-en.

Ode 5

Irmos

O Lord, let the light of your command-ments shine on me, for my spir-it keeps watch before you, O Christ, and sings: You are my God; I take ref-uage in you, O di-vine King of peace.
Glorify to your holy Resurrection, O Lord.

Arriving at your holy grave early in the morning, the myrrh-bearing women saw a resplendent angel; they were seized with fear, O Christ, as they learned of your holy Resurrection. *Refrain*

Death is trampled down, Hades is imprisoned, and the captives are delivered by the Resurrection of Christ. Let us exalt with joy and clap our hands; let us celebrate with gladness. *Refrain*

O Apostles, be jubilant together with the angels in heaven; dance for joy, all you mortals. Death has vanished before the risen Christ, and Adam exalts, banishing all sadness. *Refrain*

O Lord and Giver of life, you gave the Samaritan woman streams of knowledge and forgiveness; we also praise your infinite mercy.

Tri-personal unity and consubstantial Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, indivisible by nature, we praise you as the one and only God, the Master, Creator, and Lord of the universe.

O impassable door and untilled earth, O ark of the covenant in which the Manna was kept, O chalice and candelabrum, O censer of the Divinity; such are the names by which we know you, O Virgin.

Let us rise at early dawn and bring to our Master a hymn instead of myrrh,
and we shall see Christ, the Sun of righteousness, who enlightens the life of all.

Ode 6
Irmos

May the storm not drown me, and may the abyss not swallow me in the ocean of my passions. For behold, I am thrown into the deep sea, and as Jonah I cry out to you: From the depths raise me up to you, O my God.

Refrain

Glory to your holy Resurrection, O Lord.

The impious ones nailed you to the Cross, and a sword pierced your side; the noble Joseph buried you in a new tomb, O Jesus Christ. You resurrected in glory and raised with you all creation, who now praises your power, O Savior. Refrain

O Lord, in your power you crushed the gates and bolts of Hades; you resurrected as God and told the myrrh-bearing women to rejoice. They in turn announced to the disciples: The living God is risen and has appeared to enlighten the world. Refrain
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Now and ever and forever. Amen.

You have descended into the realm of Death, O Christ, and have broken ancient bonds which held the captive. You arose from the tomb on the third day like Jonah from the whale.

Katavasia

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Kontakion of the Samaritan Woman - Tone 8

When the Samaritan woman came to the well with faith, she beheld you, O Water of Wisdom. She is famed in song, for she drank deeply and inherited the kingdom from on high.

Ikonos Let us worthily listen to the Gospel in which St. John clearly teaches us about the sacred mysteries which took place one time in Samaria. Speaking to a woman, the Lord asked her for water, he who formerly gathered the waters in one place, the Word of God who shares the same throne with the Father and the Spirit. For he has come to seek his fallen image, and his memory is glorified forever.

Ode 7

Irmos

Tone 6

Do not reject us until the end because of your holy name; do not break your eternal covenant; do not keep your love far away from us;

O Lord, God of our fathers, who is glorified forever.
At the moment of your divine Passion, O God of mercy, according to your will you were placed among the ranks of criminals; and when you bowed your head, O Creator, the rocks were split in two and the earth trembled, and the dead, who were asleep through the ages, woke up. 

*Refrain*

Why do you seek among the dead the One who lives in eternity? He is risen as he said; see the empty tomb, the clothes and the shroud. Hasten and tell this to the apostles, said the one who appeared as a young man to the holy women. 

*Refrain*

You are the Fountain of life, said the woman of Samaria to Christ. My soul is always thirsty, O Word; quench me with the grace of God that the dryness of ignorance does not hold me in its power, but that I may proclaim your wonders, O Lord.

We sing to the indivisible Trinity, consubstantial in the unity of three Persons that we perceive: The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the eternal Creator of the universe, God who is praised by the powers of heaven.

After your wondrous birth-giving, O holy Theotokos, you preserved your virginity without blemish. Thus angels and people everywhere sing to you with an incessant voice, O tabernacle most pure in which the infinite God dwelt.

**Katavasia**

*Tone 1 samopodoben*

God, who saved the three youths from the furnace, has become man
and suffered as any mortal; but his passion clothed his mortality with the splendor of incorruption. He is the only blessed One, God of our fathers, and is worthy of all praise.

In your wisdom, O Lord, you gather together the universe and the foundations of the earth; you establish these foundations again and set them over the great waters. That is why we sing to you in joy:

Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord.

Refrain

Glory to your holy Resurrection, O Lord.
You willingly suffered death, O immortal One; and you crushed the bronze gates; you took Hades captive, O heavenly King, and freed those who had been held there through the ages so that they may unceasingly praise the power of your goodness.  Refrain

O long-suffering One, you were raised on the Cross; the rocks were split open and the sun hid itself; the curtain of the Temple was torn in two; the earth shook and Hades was humiliated, trembling because it had to give up its prisoners. Refrain

You appeared to those lying in darkness, O unsetting Light and Life of the world; when the just people saw you, they were jubilant and cried out: You have come to deliver the captives by your power which we now praise. Refrain

Seated at the well at the sixth hour of the day, you gave living water to the Samaritan woman, O Savior God, and in your goodness, you granted her streams of knowledge. For this reason, we also sing to you: Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord.

Let us bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Lord.

We praise the Father who is from all eternity, the co-eternal Son, and the Spirit of holiness, tri-personal and unique Divinity, having neither confusion nor division, the Creator of the world and sovereign majesty for whom we now sing: Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord.

Now and ever and forever. Amen.

With lips purified by a burning coal, Isaiah foretold the Fire of the Divinity who was incarnate of you, O Virgin, in a wondrous fashion. He burned away the sins of mortals to divinize our nature in his love, O all-pure Virgin.

Let us praise, bless, and worship the Lord, singing and highly exalting him above all forever.
This is that chosen and holy day, Feast of feasts, most solemn day,
only king and lord of all Sab-baths, on which we ever praise Christ.

The Canticle of the Theotokos is not sung.

Ode 9
Irmos

The Lord works wonders with the strength of his arm; he overthrows the powerful from their thrones; he raises up the humble.

He is the God of Israel, the rising Sun, and the Light from on high.

He protects us and directs our paths on the way of peace.

Refrain

Glory to your holy Resurrection, O Lord.

Behold Christ, the Life of all, who of his own will is seen hanging on the Cross. Seeing this, both the earth and the prisons of Hades trembled, and many of the just were raised up in their bodies. Refrain
You came forth from the tomb, resplendent in beauty, as a bridegroom coming forth from his bridal chamber. O Christ, you have conquered Death; and by your divine power you broke the tyranny and the bolts of Hades, illuminating the world by your holy Resurrection. Refrain

Let us all together form a spiritual choir to sing praises to the risen Lord. Let the earth exalt and let heaven rejoice; let the clouds rain down justice like the dew upon those who keep this feast of Christ; and let us celebrate in joy! Refrain

The Source of every good thing, who give life to all the living, and who pours out his teachings in abundance, says to the woman of Samaria: Give me water to drink, that I may in turn give you the water which will dry up the stream of your sins.

O unique Light having no division, such is the triple Sun of the one Divinity: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, unique Life and Creator of the universe. Together with the angels let us, the faithful, sing to him with a thrice-holy and sacred song.

O pure Virgin and tabernacle of the Light, enlighten the eyes of my heart which have been blinded by the deceits of the Enemy; and make me worthy to contemplate with a pure heart the marvelous brightness of the brilliant Sun who is born of your womb.

Katavasia

Tone 1 samopodoben
"Holy is the Lord", Tone 4, p. 183.

Hymns of Light

You, O King and Lord, have fallen asleep in the flesh as a mortal man, but on the third day you arose. You have raised Adam from his corruption and made Death powerless. You are the Pasch of incorruption. You are the salvation of the world.

Glory...

Meeting a woman in a village of Samaria, O almighty Savior, you asked her for water to drink, even though in ancient times in the desert you brought forth from the most hard rock the stream from which Israel drank in abundance. O Giver of life, you awakened faith in the heart of the Samaritan woman, and she now tastes both joy and living water in heaven forever.

Now and ever...

O Lord and Lover of us all, you appeared in the Temple in the middle of the Feast and said: All who thirst, come to me and draw the living water; in it you will find joy and you shall enjoy both grace and eternal life.

The Psalms of Praise are sung in Tone 4 through stich 1 (pp. 184-188).

Cantor: ( Tone 3) Ride on in triumph for the cause of truth and goodness and right

(on A)
in clouds, he asks a woman for water to drink, Therefore, let us, the faithful,
worship him. In his good will he voluntarily emptied himself for us.

Cantor:  (Tone 6) Your love is for justice; your hatred for evil.
(on B) Therefore, God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness.

The Lord spoke thus to the Samaritan woman: If you knew the gift of God
and who it is who asks you: Give me water to drink, you would have asked him,
and he would have given you living water that you may never

thirst again.

Cantor:  Glory…

Doxastikon

Jesus our Savior, the Fountain of life, came to the well of Jacob the Patriarch.

He asked a Samaritan woman for water to drink. She told him that Jews
have no dealings with Samari-tans; but the wise Creator incited her curiosity with
the sweetness of his words, and she asked him for the water of everlasting life. She received his gift and announced to all: Come and see him who knows all secrets as God. He has come in the flesh for the salvation of
the human race.

Theotokion for normal Sundays, p. 40.
Great Doxology, p. 41.
Troparion "You came forth from death...", p. 45.
Litany of Supplication, p. 45.
Prayer over Bowed Heads, p. 47.

Paschal Dismissal

Deacon: Wisdom!

Response: Give the blessing.

Celebrant: Blessed is Christ our God, the One-Who-Is, always, now and ever and forever.
O God, strengthen the true faith, forever and ever.

Shine in splendor, O new Jerusalem; for the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. O Zion, now dance and be glad; and you, pure Mother of God, rejoice in the resurrection of your Son.

Christ is risen from the dead! By death he trampled death; and to those in the tombs he granted life. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Give the blessing.
Celebrant: May Christ our true God, risen from the dead, have mercy on us and save us through the prayers of his most pure Mother, through the might of the precious and life-creating Cross, through the prayers of the holy, glorious and praiseworthy apostles, of the holy ______ (patron of this Church), and of the holy ______ (commemorated this day), and through the prayers of all the saints; for he is gracious and loves us all.

Response: A - - - - - - - men.

After the Dismissal, the celebrant says three times: “Christ is risen!” and the faithful respond each time: “Indeed he is risen!” The celebrant then sings once: “Christ is risen from the dead! By death . . . ,” and the faithful sing:

Christ is risen from the dead! By death he trampled death;

and to those in the tombs he granted life. And to us he granted life eternal.

Let us bow before his resurrection on the third day.

After the Dismissal, the seventh Gospel Stanza is sung, p. 62.