Matins Propers
Sunday of the Man Born Blind
Sixth Paschal Sunday

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

Troparion - Special Tone 5

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

and to those in the tombs he granted life.

The service continues with the Hexapsalmos, and the Litany of Peace.

"The Lord is God" Tone 5, p. 191.

Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 5 (sung twice)

O faithful, let us praise and adore the Word eternal with the Father and the Spirit, and born of the Virgin for our salvation.

For he chose to ascend the cross in the flesh and to suffer death,

and to raise the dead by his glorious resurrection.
Cantor: Glory... now and ever...

Theotokion - Tone 5

Re-joice, Vir-gin, im-pas-sa-ble Gate-way of the Lord! Re-joice,
pro-tec-tive Wall of those who take refuge in you! Re-joice, peace-ful
Ha-ven un-troubled by storms! Re-joice, O Vir-gin who has not
known wed-lock, and yet has giv-en birth in the flesh to your
Cre-a-tor and God! O The-o-to-kos, nev-er cease to in-ter-cede
for all those who praise and wor-ship your Son.

Sessional Hymn 1

Let us praise the hon-ored Cross of the Lord; let us ven-er-ate
his ho-ly bur-i-al with hymns; let us glo-ri-fy his
Holy Resurrection. For he raised the dead from the graves
because he is God. He de spoiled the might of Death and broke the pow er
of Sa - tan, and he shed light on those who are in Ha des.

You were count ed a - mong the dead, O Lord, e - ven though you
put to death the Prince of death You were placed in a grave, al - though
you emp tied the graves. On earth, the sol - diers guad ed the tomb,
but be - low, you raised the dead who from all eter ni - ty had fall - en a - sleep.

Therefore, O Lord, the almighty and incom-pre-hen-si - ble One, glo - ry to you!

Cantor:     Glory…now and ever…
Rejoice, O holy mountain which the Lord ascended! Rejoice,

O living bush unconsumed by the fire! Rejoice, only bridge reaching from the world to God and leading the dead to eternal life!

Rejoice, O pure one, free of corruption; you gave birth without the aid of man to the Savior of the world!

The transgressors of the Law, O merciful Lord, nailed you between two thieves and pierced your side with a spear. You submitted to burial and you shattered the gates of Hades, and you rose again on the third day. Therefore, the women hastened to behold you
and told the good news of your Resurrection to the apostles.

O God most high, you are praised by the angels in heaven.

You are blessed, O Lord, glory to you!

Cantor: I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart;
I will recount all your wonders.

O Lord, your mystery beyond understanding is salvation for the world;

risen from the dead in a divine manner, O God,

you have raised all mortals with you. O Lord and

Giver of Life, glory to you!

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

Theotokion

O unwedded Spouse and Theotokos, you changed the
The service continues with Psalm 118 and "Hosts of Angels", p. 18.
Hypakoe and Gradual Hymns, Tone 5, p. 196.
Prokeimenon, Tone 5, p. 200.
"Let everything that lives", Tone 5, p. 200.
Hymn of the Resurrection, p. 26, sung once by the deacon and twice by the faithful
Psalm 50 and stichera, p.28.

Canon
with Katavasiai of Ascension

Ode 1
Irmos

Is - ra - el was able to cross as if on dry land, the ground on which the sun has
never shone, the abyss which has never seen the sky open ly.

And you, O Lord, have led them to your mountain of ho - li - ness
as they sang a hymn of victory.

Refrain

Glory to your holy Resurrection, O Lord.

You bore your Cross in your flesh willingly, and you poured out life and blessings to the world, O Lord, the only blessed One and Creator of the universe. We praise you, we bless you, and we glorify you, as we sing a hymn of victory. Refrain

The noble Joseph placed your most pure body in a sepulcher, O long-suffering Lord, and rolled a stone before the entrance of the tomb. But you resurrected in glory and raised the world with you, and they sing a hymn of victory. Refrain

Why do you mix your tears with the myrrh that you carry, said the resplendent angel to the women. Christ is risen! Go and tell the holy apostles, who are crying and lamenting bitterly, so that they may rejoice and exalt with joy. Refrain

The Redeemer has worked marvelous wonders, for he healed the man born blind by making mud and saying: Go and wash in the pool of Siloam so that you may come to know your God who is walking on this earth; through his goodness he now bears our flesh.

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

O faithful, let us venerate the unity of three Persons; let us glorify the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Creator and Redeemer of the world. We praise the only uncreated God, and with the angels we sing: Holy, holy, holy are you, O Lord our God.

Now and ever and forever. Amen.

In his goodness, the Lord wished to save the human race which had fallen through the deceit of the Enemy; he dwelt in your virginal womb, O holy Lady. Implore him to save the Christian people from the threat that endangers them.
Our Savior and our God led the people across the sea as if on dry land and drowned Pharaoh and his whole army. To him alone will we sing, for he is covered with glory.

In your power, O Lord, strengthen my heart which has been troubled by the surges of this life, and lead it into the harbor of peace.

Glory to your holy Resurrection, O Lord.

You strengthened our shipwrecked hearts, O long-suffering Lord, when the whole earth was shaken by the crucifixion you suffered in the flesh. Refrain

The noble Joseph placed you in a new tomb, O God of tenderness, and you renew us by your Resurrection from the dead on the third day. Refrain
The angel shining with divine splendor said to the women: Why do you seek the Lord among the dead? He is risen as he promised. *Refrain*

You healed the man blind from birth, O God of mercy, as he came to you and glorified your marvels and your work of salvation.

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We adore you as the only God of the universe, the three Persons whom no other has created: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

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From your womb, O most holy Lady, you gave birth as a virgin to God who is clothed in our flesh; beseech him to have pity on us.

**Katavasia**

*Tone 5 samopodoben*

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**Sessional Hymn**

*Tone 8*
sighed and said: I have never in my life seen the brilliance of the sun,
nor have I seen the brightness of the moon. That is why I cry out to you, O Lord born of the Virgin, to enlighten the whole world:
In your mercy give also to your servant so that I may bow before you and say: O Christ our God, grant me forgiveness of my sins, for you are the One who loves all in your goodness.

Ode 4
Irmos
Tone 6
I heard your voice, O Lord, and I was filled with fear; I meditated on your work of salvation, and I glory you, the only Lover of us all.
Refrain

Glo-ry to your ho-ly Re-sur-rec-tion, O Lord.

Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it.


We glo-ry your birth-giv-ing that sur-passes na-ture, O most pure Vir-gin; and we call you blessed, O Vir-gin Imma-cu-late, for you con-ceived the God of the univer-se.
Come to the aid of my torment ed soul which is con tin ual ly seized by the darkness of pas sions; en light en me with your rays, O Sun of Jus tice, so that your light may il lu mine my dark ness.

Refrain

Glo - ry to your ho - ly Re sur rec - tion, O Lord.

You are raised upon the Cross to lift up all mortals, O God of mercy. You crushed our enemy, the serpent, to give life to the work of your hands, for you are the only God of the universe. Refrain

You freely suffered death and were placed in the tomb; you emptied the kingdom of Hades, O Lord and immortal King, and by your holy Resurrection you raised the dead with you. Refrain

You accomplished great wonders on earth, O Lord, and you were put to death by the impious ones; but you, O Lord, the only all-powerful One, resurrected from the dead as you promised. Refrain

Giving light to the one who had no earthly eyes, you also enlightened the eyes of his heart; and when he recognized you as his Creator, you led him to glorify the God of love who is seen in the flesh.
O faithful, with one heart let us glorify the triple Unity and the unique Trinity; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God and the Creator of the universe.

O Virgin and most pure Mother, how did you conceive without knowing man? How did you feed the One who feeds the world? God alone understands this, for he is the One who caused it to be

Katavasia  

Tone 5 samopodoben

Waking at dawn, we cry out to you, O Lord, save us, for you are truly our God, and we know none other beside you.

Ode 6

Irmos  

Tone 6

O Lord, you saved the prophet from the sea monster; also rescue me, I beseech you, from the pit of my furious passions so that my eyes may behold your holy Temple.
Glo - ry to your ho - ly Re - sur - rec - tion, O Lord.

O Lord, you were crucified between two thieves; now deliver from the plunder of passions those who with one voice praise your Crucifixion and holy Resurrection. *Refrain*

Your body was placed in the tomb, O Christ, the Giver of life to all the dead; but you resurrected, O Lord and Word, and by your divine power you emptied all the graves. *Refrain*

After your Resurrection, O Christ, you said to your friends: Remain in Jerusalem until you are clothed with power from on high with an invisible protection. *Refrain*

You made mud and smeared it on the eyes of the man born blind; and you let him contemplate, O Word of God, the ineffable power by whom the world was saved.

O unity of three Persons, the unbegotten Father, the only Son, and the Spirit who proceeds eternally, O unique Power of the thrice-holy Lord, save the people who are your own.

Who can explain your wonders, O Virgin immaculate? For you gave birth according to the flesh in a marvelous manner, O pure Virgin, to the One who saves the world from all iniquity.

*Katavasia*  
*Tone 5 samopodoben*  
The a - byss sur - round-ed me; the sea mon - ster held me as in a tomb;
I cried out to you, O Lover of us all, and your right hand saved me, O Lord.

With eyes that are spiritually blind I come to you, O Christ; and, like the man who was blind since birth, I cry out to you with repentance:

You are a shining light to those in darkness.

Kontakion

With eyes that are spiritually blind I come to you, O Christ; and, like the man who was blind since birth, I cry out to you with repentance:

You are a shining light to those in darkness.

Ikos  Give me to drink of your boundless wisdom and of heavenly knowledge, O Christ, for you are the light of those in darkness and the guide of those who have lost their way. Thus I will clearly recount what the Holy Book teaches in the Gospel of peace, about the miracle you performed for the blind man. He had been in darkness from his birth, and he received from you both physical and spiritual sight, and cried out in faith:

You are a shining light to those in darkness.
The blazing flames were overcome by the pray'r of the youths, and the furnace covered with dew was the witness of this; for it neither burned nor consumed those who praised the God of our fathers.

Refrain

Glo•ry to your ho•ly Re•sur•rec•tion, O Lord.

When you were raised upon the Cross, O Lord, the sun was darkened, the earth, trembled, all creation was shaken, and the dead were raised from their tombs. Refrain

O King, when you were raised from the dead, you also awakened the souls who were asleep; they glorified your sovereign power with which you broke the chains of Death. Refrain

The myrrh-bearing women hastened together early in the morning, but when they learned of your Resurrection, O Lord, they rejoiced with the divine apostles; through their prayers grant us the forgiveness of our sins. Refrain

You smeared the eyes of the blind man with some mud, and you ordered him to go to Siloam; having washed, he recovered his sight, and he glorified you, O Christ, the supreme King of the universe.

Refrain

Glo•ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho•ly Spir•it.
Let us praise the Father without beginning, the co-eternal Son, and the Spirit of truth: Holy, holy, holy are you, o our God, Creator and King of the universe.


You remained both virgin and holy after giving birth; for you brought our God into the world, and his power renews all. Implore him unceasingly for our salvation.

Katavasia

O you who saved the youths who sang to you in the fur - nace,

bless - ed are you, O God of our fa - thers.

O Choir of angels and all the hu - man race, bless the King and

Cre - a - tor of the world; praise him, you priests, and let the whole na - tion

ex - alt him for ev - er.

Refrain

Glo - ry to your ho - ly Re - sur - rec - tion, O Lord.
Let us bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Lord.

Now and ever and for ever. Amen.

Let us praise, bless, and worship the Lord, singing and highly exalting him above all for ever.
The Son of God, born of the Father before all ages,
has taken flesh from the Virgin Mother in these last days.
Praise him, you priests, and let the whole nation exalt him forever.

The Canticle of the Theotokos is not sung.

Ode 9
Irmos

The almighty One has done wonders for you, for you remained a virgin even after giving birth; you gave birth without seed to your Creator. For this reason, O Theotokos, we exalt you.

Glory to your holy Resurrection, O Lord.
You were nailed to the Cross, O Christ our God; you conquered the powers of the enemies; you wiped out the ancient curse. For this reason, O Lord, we extol you. Refrain

O Word, when Hades saw you descend to its depths, it was seized with fright, and it set free all the dead who recognized the strength of your divine power; and joining with them, we extol you. Refrain

Seeing him perform miracles and wondrous signs, the people were filled with jealousy and put to death the One who despoiled Hades by his Resurrection and who raised all the dead by his power. Refrain

You resurrected from the dead according to your word, and you appeared to your disciples after your Resurrection, O Giver of life; you performed miracles and gave sight to the blind. With them we extol you through the ages.

Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.


The Father is Light, the Son also is Light, and the Spirit of truth is Light; O indivisible Light in which three flames are united, I praise and glorify the divine King of all creation.

O holy Virgin, you have appeared as more spacious than the heavens; you bore the God whom no flesh could contain; and you gave birth to him for the redemption of all the faithful who extol you.

Katavasia

Tone 5 samopodoben

We the faith - ful with one ac - cord pro - claim your great - ness,

O Moth - er of God, for be-yond understanding or ex-pres - sion,
you gave birth in time to the Timeless One.

"Holy is the Lord", Tone 5, p. 214.

**Hymn of Light**

You, O King and Lord, have fallen asleep in the flesh as a mortal man, but on the third day you arose again. 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...*

Enlighten the eyes of my soul, blinded by the gloom of sin, O Lord. Anoint them with humility, O compassionate One, and wash me with tears of repentance.

*Now and ever...*

As he went on his way, Jesus the Lord who saves us met a man struck with blindness from his birth. Moistening the dust of the earth with his saliva, Christ made some mud to anoint the eyes of the Blind Man. The he sent him to Siloam to wash in the pool; when he had washed, the Blind Man returned, and he saw the brightness of your light, O Christ.

**The Psalms of Praise are sung in Tone 5 through sticheron A (pp. 214-219).**

_Cantor:_ (Tone 8) Turn and show me your mercy;  
(on B) show justice to your friends.

**Sticheron of the Sunday of the Man Born Blind**

Tone 8

In your merciful loving-kindness you took flesh for us, O Christ our God. You gave light to a man who, from his mother's womb, lived in darkness. How boundless is your compassion! You anointed...
his eyes with the mud your fingers had molded and made him worthy
to be flooded with light divine. So now enlighten us, O Giver of light;
il lumine our spiritual perceptions, for you alone are the
Fountain of grace.

Cantor: Glory...

Doxastikon of the Sunday of the Man Born Blind

Who can describe your power, O Christ; who can count the multitude
of your wonders? You appeared on earth in two natures, O compassionate One,
and thus you granted double healing to the sick. Not only did you open the
bodily eyes of the man born blind, but you gave sight to those of his soul
as well. Therefore, he confessed you, the hidden God who grants
Cantor: (Tone 2) Now and ever...

Theotokion for normal Sundays, p. 40.

Great Doxology, p. 41.
Troparion "Today salvation has come to the world..." p. 44.
Litany of Supplication, p. 45.
Prayer over Bowed Heads, p. 47.

Paschal Dismissal

Deacon: Wisdom!

Cantor: (Tone 2)

Response: Give the bles-sing.

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

Response:

A - men. O God, strengthen the true faith, for - ev - er and ev - er.

Celebrant: O most holy Theotokos, save us!

Response:

Shine in splendor, O new Je - ru - sa - lem; for the glory of the Lord is risen up - on you. O Zi - on, now dance and be glad; and you, pure Mother of God, rejoice in the
re-sur-rec-tion of your Son.

Celebrant: Glory to you, O Christ our God, our hope; glory to you!

Response:

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

Celebrate: 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.