

Saint Mary Protectress Center

Reader Service

(service without a priest)

6th Sunday of Pascha, Sunday of the Blind Man, Tone 5

Reader: + Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

Choir: + Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! (3x)

Reader: + Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3x)

+ 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 out our sins. O Master, pardon our iniquities. O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy name's sake.

Lord have mercy. (3x)

+ 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. (12x)

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

Choir: + Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! (3x)

Paschal Antiphon 1 (Carpatho-Russian Melody)

Choir:

Stichos 1: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth,
Sing of His Name, give glory to His praise.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Stichos 2: Say to God, How awesome are Thy deeds,
So great is Thy power that Thy enemies cringe before Thee.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Stichos 3: Let all the earth worship Thee and praise Thee,
Let it praise Thy Name, O Most High.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

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

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Reader: Lord have mercy. (3x)

Paschal Antiphon 2 (Carpatho-Russian Melody)

Choir:

Stichos 1: God be bountiful to us and bless us,
Show the light of Thy countenance upon us and have mercy on us.

Refrain: O Son of God, who arose from the dead,
Save us who sing to Thee, Alleluia!

Stichos 2: That we may know Thy way upon the earth,

And Thy salvation among all nations.

Refrain: O Son of God, who arose from the dead,
Save us who sing to Thee, Alleluia!

Stichos 3: Let the people give thanks to Thee, O God,
Let all the people give thanks to Thee.

Refrain: O Son of God, who arose from the dead,
Save us who sing to Thee, 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.

Only-Begotten Son and Immortal Word of God.
Who for our salvation didst will to be incarnate
of the holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary;
Who without change didst become man and was crucified.
O Christ our God, trampling down death by death;
who art one of the Holy Trinity,
Glorified with the + Father and the Holy Spirit:
Save us!

Antiphon 3 **The Beatitudes**

Choir: (Tone 1)

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.

Reader: (12)

Choir: Blessed are they that mourn,
for they shall be comforted.

Reader: (11)

Choir: Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit the earth.

Reader: (10)

Choir: Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness,
for they shall be filled.

Reader: (9)

Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy.

Reader: (8) Believing Thee to be God, O Christ, the thief on the cross confessed Thee in a pure manner, crying out from the depths of his heart: Remember me in Thy kingdom, O Lord!

Choir: Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God.

Reader: (7) Together let us hymn as Saviour and Creator, Him Who on the Cross budded forth life for our race and caused the curse which originated from the tree to wither up.

Choir: Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called the sons of God.

Reader: (6) When Thou wast crucified between two condemned thieves, O Christ, one of them blasphemed Thee and was justly damned, while the other confessed Thee and dwelleth now in paradise.

Choir: Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Reader: (5) When they had come to the choir of the apostles, the honourable women cried out: Christ is risen! Let us worship Him as Master and Creator.

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

Reader: (4) After Thine arising, O Christ, Thou didst say unto Thy friends: Tarry ye in Jerusalem, until ye be endued with invincible power and sure assistance from on high.

Choir: Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in the heavens.

Reader: (3) Thou didst make clay and didst anoint the eyes of the man who had been blind from his birth. Thou didst grant him his sight, and he praised Thine immaculate might, whereby Thou hast saved the world, O Word.

Choir: + Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

Reader: (2) O Unity of three Hypostases, Unbegotten Father, Begotten Son, and Thou Spirit Who proceedest, thrice-holy Lord, one essence and might, save all Thy people.

Choir: Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Reader: (1) Who can tell of thy mighty deeds, O pure one? For, in a manner surpassing nature, thou didst give birth in the flesh unto God, Who through thee doth deliver the world from all sin, O all-blameless Virgin.

Troparia (Thematic Hymns)

Choir: (Resurrectional Troparion, Tone 5)

Let us, O faithful, praise and worship the Word / Who is co-unoriginate with the Father and the Spirit, / and Who was born of the Virgin for our salvation; / for He was pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh / and to endure death, // and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

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

(Resurrectional Theotokion, Tone 5)

Rejoice, rampart and protection of those who have recourse unto thee! / Rejoice, haven untouched by storms, / thou that knowest not wedlock, / who gavest birth

in the flesh to thy Creator and God! / Fail not in thy supplications // for those who hymn and venerate thy birthgiving!

Trisagion Hymn (Thrice-Holy)

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

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

Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

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

Prokeimenon (that which precedes)

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the 8th Tone: Make your vows and pay them to the Lord our God.

Choir: Make your vows and pay them to the Lord our God.

Reader: In Judea is God known, His name is great in Israel.

Choir: Make your vows and pay them to the Lord our God.

Reader: Make your vows

Choir: And pay them to the Lord our God.

Epistle Reading (Acts 16:16-34)

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

In those days, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying: * The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the

most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation. * And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour. * And when her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone, they caught Paul and Silas, and drew them into the marketplace unto the rulers, * And brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city, * And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans. * And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat them. * And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely: * Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks. * And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. * And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed. * And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled. * But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here. * Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, * And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? * And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. * And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. * And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway. * And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

Alleluia
(Praise ye the Lord)

Reader: Alleluia in the 8th Tone.

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Reader: Look upon me and have mercy on me.

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Reader: My steps do Thou direct according to Thy saying.

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Holy Gospel Reading
(John 9:1-38)

Reader: The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

Choir: Glory to Thee, O Lord, Glory to Thee!

Reader: At that time, as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. * And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? * Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. * I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. * As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. * When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, * And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing. * The neighbours therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged? * Some said, This is he: others said, He is like him: but he said, I am he. * Therefore said they unto him, How were thine eyes opened? * He answered and said, A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight. * Then said they unto him, Where is he? He said, I know not. * They brought to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind. * And it was the sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes. * Then again the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. He said unto them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and do see. * Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them. * They say unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes? He said, He is a prophet. * But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and received his sight, until they called the parents of him that had received his sight. * And they asked them, saying, Is this your son, who ye say was born blind? how then doth he now see? * His parents answered them and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind: * But by what means he now seeth, we know not; or who hath opened his eyes, we know not: he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself. * These words spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he

was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue. * Therefore said his parents, He is of age; ask him. * Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner. * He answered and said, Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see. * Then said they to him again, What did he to thee? how opened he thine eyes? * He answered them, I have told you already, and ye did not hear: wherefore would ye hear it again? will ye also be his disciples? * Then they reviled him, and said, Thou art his disciple; but we are Moses' disciples. * We know that God spake unto Moses: as for this fellow, we know not from whence he is. * The man answered and said unto them, Why herein is a marvellous thing, that ye know not from whence he is, and yet he hath opened mine eyes. * Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth. * Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind. * If this man were not of God, he could do nothing. * They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out. * Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? * He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? * And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee. * And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.

Glory to Thee, O Lord, Glory to Thee!

Choir: (Tone 6)

Remember us, O Lord, when Thou comest in Thy kingdom.

Remember us, O Master, when Thou comest in Thy kingdom.

Remember us, O Holy One, when Thou comest in Thy kingdom.

The heavenly choir praiseth Thee and saith:

Holy, Holy, Holy,

Lord of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

Reader: Come unto Him, and be enlightened & your faces shall not be ashamed.

Choir: The heavenly choir praiseth Thee and saith:

Holy, Holy, Holy,

Lord of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

Reader: + Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Choir: The choir of Holy angels and archangels,
With all the heavenly hosts praiseth Thee and saith:
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

Reader: Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Nicene Creed

Choir: + I believe / in one God, the Father Almighty, / Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. / And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, / the Only-begotten, begotten of the Father before all ages; / Light of Light, true God of true God; / begotten, not made; of one essence with the Father, by Whom all things were made; / Who for us men and for our salvation came down from the heavens, / and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man; / And was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, / and suffered and was buried; and arose again on the third day according to the Scriptures; / And ascended into the heavens, and sitteth at the right hand of the Father; / And shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. / And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life; Who proceedeth from the Father; / Who with the + Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the prophets. / In One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. / I confess one baptism for the remission of sins. / I look for the resurrection of the dead, / And the life of the age to come. Amen.

Reader: Remit, pardon, forgive, O God, our offenses, both voluntary and involuntary, in deed and word, in knowledge and ignorance, by day and by night, in mind and thought; forgive us all things, for Thou art good & the Lover of mankind.

Lord's Prayer

Choir: (Tone 4)

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.

Reader: O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us.

Choir: Amen.

Kontakia (Thematic Hymns)

Choir: (Kontakion of the Blind Man, Tone 4)

Blinded in the eyes of my soul, / I draw nigh unto Thee, O Christ, like the man blind from his birth, / and in repentance I cry to Thee: / Thou art the exceeding radiant Light // of those in darkness.

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

(Kontakion of Pascha, 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.

Reader: Lord, have mercy. (12x)

O All-Holy Trinity, the consubstantial dominion, the indivisible Kingdom, and cause of every Good: Show Thy good will even unto me a sinner; make steadfast my heart and grant it understanding, and take away mine every defilement; enlighten my mind that I may glorify, hymn, worship, and say:

Choir: One is Holy, One is Lord, Jesus Christ, to the Glory of God the Father. Amen.

Blessed by the name of the Lord, from henceforth and forever more. (3x)

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

Psalm 33

Choir: I will bless the Lord at all times,
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
In the Lord shall my soul be praised;
let the meek hear and be glad.
O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt His name together.
I sought the Lord, and He heard me,
and delivered me from all my tribulations.
Come unto Him, and be enlightened,
and your faces shall not be ashamed.
This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him,
and saved him out of all his tribulations.
The angel of the Lord will encamp round about them that fear Him,
and will deliver them.
O taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed is the man that hopeth in Him.
O fear the Lord, all ye His saints;
for there is no want to them that fear Him.
Rich men have turned poor and gone hungry;
but they that seek the Lord shall not be deprived of any good thing.

**Instead of “It is truly meet...” we chant the
Irmos of the 9th Ode of the Canon of the feast, Tone I:**

Choir: (Refrain)

The angel cried to the Lady full of grace:
Rejoice, Rejoice, O pure Virgin!
Again I say, rejoice!
Thy Son is risen from His three days in the tomb.
With Himself He has raised all the dead.
Rejoice, rejoice, O ye people!

(Irmos)

Shine, shine, shine O new Jerusalem,
the glory of the Lord has shown on thee;
exult now, exult and be glad O Zion.
Be radiant, O pure Theotokos,
in the resurrection, the resurrection of your Son!

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

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

O Lord, Bless.

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

Choir: Amen.

Paschal Hymn
(Verses from Psalm 67)

Choir:

Verse: Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered.

(Paschal Melody)

Today, a sacred Pascha is revealed to us:
a new and holy Pascha,
a mystical Pascha,
a Pascha worthy of veneration,
a Pascha which is Christ the Redeemer,
a blameless Pascha,
a great Pascha,
a Pascha of the faithful,
a Pascha which has opened for us the gates of Paradise,
a Pascha which sanctifies all the faithful.

Verse: As smoke vanishes so let them vanish.

Come from that scene, O women bearers of glad tidings,
and say to Zion:
“Receive from us the glad tidings of joy,
of Christ’s Resurrection!
Exult and be glad,
and rejoice, O Jerusalem,

seeing Christ the King, Who comes forth from the tomb
like a bridegroom in procession!”

Verse: So the sinners will perish before the face of God;
but let the righteous be glad!

The myrrh-bearing women,
at the break of dawn,
drew near to the tomb of the Life-giver.
There they found an angel
sitting upon the stone.
He greeted them with these words:
“Why do you seek the Living among the dead?
Why do you mourn the Incorrupt amid corruption?
Go, proclaim the glad tidings to His disciples!”

Verse: This is the day which the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Pascha of beauty,
the Pascha of the Lord,
A Pascha worthy of all honor has dawned for us.
Pascha!
Let us embrace each other joyously!
Pascha, ransom from affliction!
For today, as from a bridal chamber,
Christ has shone forth from the tomb,
and filled the women with joy saying:
“Proclaim the glad tidings to the Apostles!”

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

This is the day of resurrection!
Let us be illuminated by the feast!
Let us embrace each other!
Let us call Brothers even those that hate us,
and forgive all by the resurrection,
and so let us cry:

+ Christ is risen from the dead,

trampling down death by death,
and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! (3x)

Reader: Christ is risen!

People: Indeed He is risen!

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Reader: Christ is risen!

People: Indeed He is risen!

Choir: + Christ is risen from the dead,
trampling down death by death,
and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! (3x)

(Tone 8) And unto us he has given eternal life.
Let us worship His resurrection on the third day.

Reader: Christ is risen!

People: Indeed He is risen!

Reader: Christ is risen!

People: Indeed He is risen!

Reader: Christ is risen!

People: Indeed He is risen!