

Priest: "Blessed is our God ... "

Choir: "Amen."

Priest: "Christ is risen ... " (2 ½ times)

Choir: "and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!"

**"Lord I Call..." (Tone 3)**

Reader: In the Third Tone, Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

Lord, I call upon You, hear me.

Hear me, O Lord.

Lord, I call upon You, hear me.

Receive the voice of my prayer,

when I call upon You.

Hear me, O Lord.

Let my prayer arise

in Your sight as incense,

and let the lifting up of my hands

be an evening sacrifice.

Hear me, O Lord.

Reader: (Reads text from service book)

v. (10) *Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your name!*

By Your Cross, O Christ our Savior,  
death's dominion has been shattered;

the devil's delusion destroyed.

The human race, being saved by faith,//

always offers You a song.

v. (9) *The righteous will surround me; for You will deal bountifully with me.*

All has been enlightened by Your Resurrection, O Lord.

Paradise has been opened again.//

All creation, praising You, always offers You a song.

v. (8) *Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!*

I glorify the power of the Father and the Son.

I praise the authority of the Holy Spirit:

the undivided, uncreated Godhead,//

the consubstantial Trinity which reigns forever.

v. (7) *In the First Tone, Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!*

With Your pure hand, You created man;

You came to heal the sick, O compassionate Christ.

By Your word You raised the paralytic at the Sheep's Pool,

You cured the pain of the woman with the issue of blood.

You had mercy on the Canaanite woman's daughter.

You did not reject the request of the centurion.

Therefore we cry to You://

"Glory to You, O Almighty Lord!"

v. (6) *If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.*

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v. (5) *For Your name's sake I have waited for You, O Lord, my soul has waited for Your word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.*

The Paralytic was like an unburied corpse.

He saw You and shouted: "Lord, have mercy on me!

My bed has become my grave! Why should I live?

What use is the Sheep's Pool to me?

I have no one to put me into the pool when the waters are stirred.

I come to You, O Fountain of healing.

Raise me up, that with all I may cry to You://

'Glory to You, O Almighty Lord!'"

*v. (4) In the Sixth Tone, From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch,  
let Israel hope on the Lord!*

Come, all who love the saints,  
let us honor the new Man of God,  
a fruitful branch of Christ, the True Vine,  
a defender of the Orthodox Church,  
the thrice-blessed Priest Alexis,//  
our father and teacher!

*v. (3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He  
will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.*

Zealous for the Law of God,  
King Josiah taught Israel to serve only the Lord.  
Our divinely-wise Father Alexis  
guided his people to the Orthodox Faith,  
teaching them to cry aloud://  
"O Lord, have mercy on us!"

*v. (2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!*

Our holy Father Alexis,  
guided by the Spirit of Truth,  
exposed the error of ignorance  
and led his people to the True Faith.  
In humility concealing his virtues from others,//  
he thereby received a heavenly crown.

*v. (1) For His mercy is abundant towards us; and the truth of the Lord endures forever.*

Today the Church celebrates a feast of great joy,  
for the holy Priest Alexis guides his sheep back to the knowledge of the Truth,  
watering them with the ever-flowing fountain of his teachings,  
and instructing them to sing://  
"Glory to God for His great mercy!"

*In the Fifth Tone, Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

Jesus went up to Jerusalem.  
He came to the Sheep's Pool, called in Hebrew "Bethesda."  
It had five porches, each filled with a multitude of the sick,  
for at certain times an Angel of the Lord stirred up the water,  
and granted strength to those who approached in faith.  
There the Lord saw a man who for many years had been afflicted.  
He said: "Do you want to be whole?"

The sick man replied to the Lord:

"I have no man to lower me into the pool when the water is stirred.

I have spent all my wealth on physicians,

but have not been granted mercy!"

The Physician of souls and bodies said to him:

"Take up your bed and walk!//

Proclaim My power and great mercy to the ends of the earth!"

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

How can we not wonder

at your mystical childbearing, O exalted Mother?  
For without receiving the touch of man,  
you gave birth to a Son in the flesh, immaculate Virgin.  
The Son born of the Father before eternity  
was born of you at the fullness of time, O honored Lady.  
He underwent no mingling, no change, no division,  
but preserved the fullness of each nature.  
Entreat Him to save the souls, O Lady and Virgin, and Mother,  
of those who, confess you in the Orthodox manner //  
to be the Theotokos.

*Priest:* Wisdom! Let us attend!

*Choir:* O Gladsome Light ...

*Prokeimenon of the Day, three readings*

### **Aposticha – Tone 3**

The sun was darkened by your Passion, O Christ,  
but all creation was enlightened by the light of Your Resurrection!!  
Accept our evening song, O Lover of mankind!

*v: Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from  
before His face!*

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 to us the gates of Paradise,  
a Pascha which sanctifies all the faithful.

*v: As smoke vanishes so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire!*

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!”

*v: 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!”

*v: 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 honor has dawned for us.  
Oh, Pascha!

Let us embrace each other joyously!  
Pascha, ransom from affliction!  
For today, as from a bridal chamber,  
Christ has shown forth from the tomb,  
and filled the women with joy saying:  
“Proclaim the glad tidings to the Apostles!”

*In the Sixth Tone, Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*  
Fleeing the harm that comes from vanity and pride,  
you strove to hide your virtues from the eyes of others  
and patiently endured trials and afflictions.  
Therefore the Lord, Who sees all things, //  
has glorified you, O our Father Alexis.

*In the Eighth Tone, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*  
Solomon's porch was filled with the sick.  
In the middle of the feast,  
Christ found a man who had been paralyzed thirty-eight years.  
He shouted to him in a commanding voice: “Do you want to be healed?”  
The sick man replied: “Lord, when the water is stirred,  
I have no man to lower me into the pool.”  
The Lord said to him:  
“Pick up your bed!  
Now that you are healed, see that you sin no more!”  
Show to us Your great mercy, O Lord, //  
through the prayers of the Theotokos!

*St. Simeon's Prayer*

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*Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 3*  
Let the heavens rejoice!  
Let the earth be glad!  
For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.  
He has trampled down death by death.  
He has become the first born of the dead.  
He has delivered us from the depths of hell,  
and has granted to the world //  
great mercy.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*  
*Troparion for St. Alexis – Tone 4*  
O righteous Father Alexis,  
our heavenly intercessor and teacher,  
divine adornment of the Church of Christ,  
entreat the Master of All  
to strengthen the Orthodox Faith in America,  
to grant peace to the world //  
and to our souls great mercy!

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*  
*Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion – Tone 4*  
The mystery of all eternity,  
unknown even by Angels,  
through you, Theotokos, is revealed to those on earth:  
God incarnate by union without confusion.  
He voluntarily accepted the Cross for us,  
by which He resurrected the first-created man, //  
saving our souls from death.