

Hymns and Readings for Sunday 18th May 2025

Fifth Sunday of Pascha ♦ Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

THE HOURS

At the beginning:

Priest: Blessed is our God, always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Reader: Amen.

Reader: Christ is risen from the dead ... *(intoned three times)*

The Reader continues the Trisagion Prayers: "Glory to the Father ..." "All Holy Trinity ..." etc.

TROPARIA AND KONTAKION AT THE THIRD HOUR

Troparia: The Resurrection; Glory ... Midfeast; Both now ... From the Horologion

Kontakion: The Samaritan Woman

TROPARIA AND KONTAKION AT THE SIXTH HOUR

Troparia: The Resurrection; Glory ... Midfeast; Both now ... From the Horologion

Kontakion: Midfeast

THE DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

At the beginning:

Priest: Blessed is the Kingdom ...

Choir: Amen.

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead ... *(3½ times: English, Greek, Church Slavonic, Romanian)*

Choir: ... Și celor din morminte viață dăruindu-le!

The Liturgy continues as usual from the Great Litany.

FIRST ANTIPHON

[Music on website / Green Book page 66]

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His Name, give glory to His praise!

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us!

Say to God: How awesome are Thy deeds! So great is Thy power that Thine enemies cringe before Thee!

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us!

Let all the earth worship Thee and praise Thee! Let it praise Thy Name, O Most High!

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us!

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

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us!

SECOND ANTIPHON

[Music on website / Green Book page 67]

God be bountiful and bless us! Show the light of Thy countenance upon us and have mercy on us!

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

That we may know Thy way upon the earth, and Thy salvation among all nations.

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

Let the people give thanks to Thee, O God! Let all the people give thanks to Thee!

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

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

O only-begotten Son and Word of God. O Thou Who art Immortal, yet for our salvation didst deign to be incarnate of the holy Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary; and without change wast made man; Who also wast crucified for us; and by death didst overcome death: save us, O Christ, our God; one Person of the Holy Trinity, glorified together with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

THIRD ANTIPHON

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

All: Christ is risen from the dead ... [\[Music on website / Green Book page 71\]](#)

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

All: Χριστὸς ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν ...

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

All: Христос воскрес из мертвых ...

Reader: This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

All: Hristos a înviat din morți ...

ENTRANCE HYMN

In the Churches bless God the Lord, from the springs of Israel. O Son of God, Who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

TROPARIA AND KONTAKIA

Troparion of the Resurrection in Tone 4

[\[Music on website / Green Book page 8\]](#)

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel
the joyous message of Thy Resurrection,
they cast away the ancestral curse
and elatedly told the apostles:
"Death is overthrown!
Christ our God is risen, //
granting the world great mercy!"

Troparion of the Midfeast of Pentecost in Tone 8

[\[Music on website / Green Book page 93\]](#)

In the middle of the feast, O Saviour,
fill my thirsting soul with the waters of godliness, as Thou didst cry to all:
"If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink!" //
O Christ God, Fountain of our life, glory to Thee!

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

Kontakion of the Samaritan Woman in Tone 8

[\[Music on website / Green Book page 96\]](#)

The Samaritan Woman came to the well in faith;
she saw Thee, the Water of Wisdom and drank abundantly. //
She inherited the Kingdom on high, and is ever glorified!

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

Kontakion of the Midfeast of Pentecost in Tone 4

[\[Music on website / Green Book page 93\]](#)

Christ God, the Creator and Master of all,
cried to all in the midst of the Feast of the Law:
"Come and draw the water of immortality!"
We fall before Thee and faithfully cry: //
"Grant us Thy mercies, for Thou art the Fountain of our life!"

PROKEIMENON

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the Third Tone.

Reader: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

Choir: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

Reader: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

Choir: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

Reader: Sing praises to our God, sing praises!

Choir: Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

EPISTLE

The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles.

In those days: Those apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen travelled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea, and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul. [Acts 11:19-30]

ALLELUIA

Priest: Peace be to thee that readest, and to all the people.

Reader: And to thy spirit. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Reader: Go forth and prosper and reign, because of truth and meekness and righteousness.

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Reader: For Thou lovest righteousness and hatest iniquity.

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

At that time: Jesus arrived at a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the parcel of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph; and Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down by the well; it was about the sixth hour. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me something to drink." (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman then said to him, "How is it that you, being a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water!" The woman replied, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep! Where then do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank of it himself, as did his children, and his livestock?" Jesus replied, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again. But whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. Not only this; the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or come here to draw water!" Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered, "I have no husband." Jesus replied, "You said well, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this you have said truthfully." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet! Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain; and you Jews say that Jerusalem is the place where people should worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know. We worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Just then, his disciples arrived. They were astonished that he was speaking with a

woman, yet no one said, "What are you looking for?" or, "Why do you speak with her?" Then the woman left her water jar, went away into the city, and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me everything I have ever done! Could this be the Christ?" The people then went out of the city, and were coming to him. Meanwhile the disciples urged him, saying, "Rabbi, eat!" But he told them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." The disciples then said to one another, "Has anyone brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are still four months until the harvest comes?' Behold, I tell you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields! They are already white for the harvest! And the one who reaps is receiving his wages and gathering fruit to eternal life; so that both the one who sows and the one who reaps may rejoice together! For in this, the saying is true, 'One sows, and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you have not laboured. Others have laboured, and you have entered into the rewards of their labour." Many of the Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the word of the woman who had testified, "He told me everything that I did!" For this reason, when the Samaritans came to him, they begged him to stay with them. So, he stayed there two days, and many more believed because of his word. Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of what you said, but because we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Saviour of the world, the Christ." [John 4:5-42]

THE ZADOSTOYNIK

[Music on website / Green Book page 78 or 79 / Sheet]

The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace:

"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, O ye people!

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem!

The glory of the Lord has shone on thee.

Exult now, and be glad, O Zion!

Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection of thy Son!

COMMUNION HYMNS

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality! Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

AFTER COMMUNION

Priest: "O God, save thy people ..."

Choir: "Christ is risen ..." (*Once, instead of "We have seen the True Light ..."*)

Priest: "Always, now and ever ..."

Choir: "Let our mouths be filled ..."
