

**SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 2021**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA**  
**THE BLIND MAN**

**GREAT VESPERS**

**LORD I CALL** *Seven stikhera of the Resurrection in tone 5, followed by two stikhera for the Blind Man*

***Resurrection, tone 5:***

By Your precious Cross, O Christ,  
You have put the devil to shame.  
By Your Resurrection, You have blunted the sting of sin  
and saved us from the gates of death.//  
We glorify You, the only begotten One.

Christ was led as a sheep to the slaughter  
in order to grant Resurrection to the human race.  
The princes of hell were frightened by this,  
for the gates of sorrow were lifted.  
Christ the King of glory had entered,  
saying to those in chains: “Go forth!”//  
And to those in darkness: “Come to the light!”

Oh, great wonder!  
The Creator of the invisible suffered in the flesh in His love for mankind  
and rose again immortal.  
Come, O sons of nations,  
let us worship Him,  
for delivered from error by His compassion.//  
we have learned to sing of one God in three Persons!

We offer You our evening worship,  
O never setting Light,  
Who came in these last days to the world in the flesh;  
Who even descended to hell to dispel its darkness.  
You have revealed the light of Resurrection to the nations.//  
Glory to You, O Lord and Giver of light!

We glorify the Leader of our salvation;  
by His Resurrection from the dead,  
the world was saved from deceit.  
The assembly of Angels rejoices  
as the deceit of demons is overthrown.//

Fallen Adam rises as the devil falls.

***tone 2 (Blind Man):***

The man blind from birth asked himself:

“Was I born blind because of my parents' sins?

Or am I a living sign of the people's faithlessness?

I am not content to continue asking whether it is night or day.

My feet can no longer endure tripping on the stones.

I have seen nothing: neither the sun shining, nor the image of my Maker.//

But I entreat You, O Christ God, look upon me and have mercy on me!”

Jesus, passing by the Temple, met a man blind from birth.

He had compassion on him and put spittle on his eyes,

saying: “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam!”

He washed himself and then gave glory to God.

His neighbors asked him: “Who opened your eyes, which no one could heal before?”

He cried out: “A man called Jesus said to me:

‘Wash in Siloam!’ and now I see;

He is truly the Christ, the Messiah Whom Moses foretold in the Law.//

He is the Saviour of our souls!”

***GLORY... tone 5 (Blind Man):***

Passing by the way, O Lord,

You met a man blind from birth.

Your Disciples were puzzled and asked:

“Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind? “

Jesus answered: “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents,

but that the works of God might be revealed in him.

I must work the works of Him Who sent me, which no one else can do. “

As He said this, He spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle,

and anointed the man's eyes with the clay and said to him:

“Go, wash in the pool of Siloam! “

He went and washed, and was made whole, crying: “Lord, I believe!”//

He worshipped You, and we cry: “Have mercy on us!”

***NOW AND EVER... the Dogmatikon in tone 5:***

In the Red Sea of old,

a type of the Virgin Bride was prefigured.

There Moses divided the waters;

here Gabriel assisted in the miracles.

There Israel crossed the sea without getting wet,

here the Virgin gave birth to Christ without seed.

After Israel's passage, the sea remained impassable;

after Emmanuel's birth, the Virgin remained a Virgin.  
O ever-existing God, Who appeared as Man, //  
O Lord, have mercy on us!

***APOSTIKHA: We sing the first stikeron of the Resurrection in tone 5. Then we sing LET GOD ARISE... and the Paschal Verses, until the Glory...***

***Resurrection, tone 5:***

We magnify You in songs of praise,  
O incarnate Christ and Savior.  
By accepting the Cross and death for our sake,  
as the Lord and Lover of mankind,  
You overthrew the gates of hell, //  
and arose on the third day, saving our souls.

***GLORY... for the Blind Man, tone 8:***

O Christ God, Sun of Righteousness,  
by Your touch You enlightened all.  
Give sight now to our spiritual eyes,  
and show us to be sons of the day!  
Great is Your ineffable goodness towards us! //  
O Lover of mankind, glory to You!

***NOW AND EVER... the rest of the Paschal Verses: THIS IS THE DAY OF RESURRECTION...***

***TROPARIA***

***Resurrection, tone 5***

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,  
Coeternal with the Father and the Spirit,  
Born for our salvation from the Virgin;  
For He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,  
To endure death,  
And to raise the dead  
By His glorious Resurrection.

***Resurrection Dismissal Theotokion, tone 5***

Rejoice, Impassable Gate of the Lord!  
Rejoice, Wall and Protection of those who run to you!  
Rejoice, Unshakable Refuge!  
Rejoice, you who knew not wedlock,  
who gave birth in the flesh to your Creator and God! //  
Do not cease praying for those who praise and worship your Son!