

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026

TONE 4

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pascha / Samaritan Woman

After *Blessed is our God...* the priest sings *Christ is risen* once from the altar. Then the chanters sing *Christ is risen* two times. Immediately after this we chant Psalm 103 (without *Come, let us worship...*)

"Lord I Call..." Tone 4

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 the rest of Ps 140 and Ps 141 on pgs 31 & 32 in the pew book, then STICHERA:

**v. (10)** *Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your name!* Tone 4

We glorify Your Resurrection on the third day, O Christ God, / by always honoring Your life-creating Cross; / by it, You have renewed the corrupted nature of man, / O almighty One. / By it, You have renewed our entrance to heaven,//for You are good and the Lover of man.

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

You loosed the Tree's verdict of disobedience, O Savior, / by being voluntarily nailed to the tree of the Cross. / By descending to hell, O almighty God, / You broke the bonds of death. / Therefore, we adore Your Resurrection from the dead, singing in joy:// "Glory to You, O all powerful Lord!"

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

You smashed the gates of hell, O Lord, / and by Your death You demolished the kingdom of death./ You delivered the race of men from corruption,//granting the world life, incorruption and great mercy.

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

Come, O people,/ let us sing of the Savior's Resurrection on the third day! / By it, we have been freed from the unbreakable bonds of hell. / By it, we have received life and incorruption. / Save us by Your Resurrection!// O Life-creating and almighty Savior, glory to You!

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

**Tone 4** *(from the Pentecostarion, for Midfeast) (You ascended the Cross)*

The middle of the days has come,/ beginning with the Savior's Resurrection, / and sealed by the holy Pentecost. / The first and the last glisten with splendor. / We rejoice in the union of both feasts, / as we draw near to the Lord's Ascension://the sign of our coming glorification.

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

Be glad, O Sion! / Hear the announcement of Christ's Resurrection! / Let her faithful sons rejoice! / The filth of the daughter of Zion is washed away. / Jerusalem, stained with the blood of God's murder, is cleansed by the Spirit.// With songs of joy she celebrates the middle of the feast.

**v. (4)** *From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!*  
As it is written, / the abundant outpouring of divine gifts is drawing near. / The chosen day of the Spirit is halfway come. / The true promise of Christ to the Disciples / after His death, burial, and Resurrection,// heralds the coming of the Comforter.

**v. (3)** *For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities. **Tone 1** (from the Pentecostarion, for the Samaritan Woman)*  
The Fountain of miracles came to the well at noon / to ensnare the daughter of Eve. / Once, Eve had been driven out of Paradise by the serpent's guile; / now a woman of Samaria came to draw water. / The Savior saw her and said to her: / "Give Me water to drink, / and I will fill you with the waters of eternal life!" / She ran to the town and proclaimed to the crowd: / "Come and see Christ the Lord!// He is the Savior of our souls!"

**v. (2)** *Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!*  
**Tone 2** The Lord of compassion came to the well / and conversed with a woman of Samaria. / She said: "Give me Your water, that I may never thirst again! / I will drink from the fountain of joy and redemption." // O Life-giving Lord, glory to You!

**v. (1)** *For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.*  
The Word of the Father, / the co-eternal Son without beginning, / came and sat by the well, though He is the Fountain of healing. / A Samaritan woman came to draw water; / when the Savior saw her, He said to her: / "Give Me water to drink! / Go, call your husband!" / She thought she was speaking not to God, but to a man. / Trying to evade Him, she said: "I have no husband." / But the Teacher replied: "You speak the truth, / for you have had five husbands, / and the one living with you now is not your husband." She was amazed by His words and ran back to the town.// She said to the crowd: "Come and see Christ, Who grants the world great mercy!"

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; **Tone 6***

Jesus met the Samaritan woman by Jacob's well. / He wraps the earth in clouds, / yet He asks for water from her. / Oh, the wonder! / He Who rides on the cherubim speaks with an adulterous woman. / He Who suspended the earth on the waters asks for a drink. / He Who causes the lakes and springs to overflow is weary with thirst. / Truly He desires to set the woman free from the Enemy's snares, / drowning her sins in the waters of life, // for He alone is the compassionate Lover of man.

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. **Tone 4** (*Theotokion – Dogmatikon*)

The Prophet David was a father of the Lord / through you, O Virgin. / He foretold in songs the One Who worked wonder in you: / “At Your right hand stood the Queen,” / Your Mother, the mediatrix of life, / since God was freely born of her without a father. / He wanted to renew His fallen image, made corrupt in passion, / so He took the lost sheep upon His shoulder / and brought it to His Father, / joining it to the heavenly pow’rs. // Christ, Who has great and rich mercy, has saved the world, O Theotokos.

## APOSTICHA

**Tone 4** By ascending the Cross, O Lord, / You have annulled our ancestral curse. / By descending to hell, You have freed the eternal prisoners, / granting incorruption to the human race. // Therefore in songs we glorify Your life-creating and saving Resurrection.

*(Then the Paschal Stichera with their verses from Psalm 67)*

*V. Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; [let those who hate Him flee from before His face!] (Ps. 67:1)*

**Tone 5** 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.

*V. As smoke vanishes so let them vanish; [as wax melts before the fire!] (Ps. 67:2a)*

Come from that scene, O women bearers of glad tidings, / and say to Sion: / “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! (Ps. 67:2b-3a)*

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! (Ps. 117:24)*

Pascha of beauty, / the Pascha of the Lord, / A Pascha worthy of all honor has dawned for us. / O 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; Tone 8*

In Your inexpressible dispensation, / You appeared on earth, O Christ our God. / When the woman of Samaria heard Your words, O Lover of man, / she left her jar at the well and ran to the town. / She said: “Come and see Him Who knew every secret hidden in my heart! / Could He be the long-awaited Messiah, // Who will grant us great mercy?”

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*     **Tone 5**

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!” (*once*)

### **TROPARION**

**Tone 4** When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Your Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles:  
“Death is overthrown!  
Christ God is risen,//  
granting the world great mercy!”

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

**Tone 8** In the middle of the feast, O Savior, fill my thirsting soul with the waters of piety, as You cried to all:  
“If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink!” //  
O Christ God, Fountain of our life, glory to You!