

## Sunday of the Paralytic – Great Vespers Propers

**Lord I call Tone 1:**

3. For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption; and He shall deliver Israel out of all his iniquities.

O compassionate Christ,  
who didst fashion man with thine immaculate hand,  
thou didst come to heal the sick.  
Thou didst raise the paralytic at the sheep pool through thy word;  
thou didst cure the pain of the woman with the issue of blood;  
thou didst have pity on the daughter of the Canaanite woman, who was possessed;  
and thou didst not despise the request of the Centurion.

Therefore we all cry aloud:  
All-powerful Lord, glory to thee.

2. O praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise Him, all ye peoples.

O compassionate Christ,  
who didst fashion man with thine immaculate hand,  
thou didst come to heal the sick.  
Thou didst raise the paralytic at the sheep pool through thy word;  
Thou didst cure the pain of the woman with the issue of blood;  
you hadst pity on the possessed daughter of the woman of Canaan;  
and thou didst not despise the request of the Centurion.

Therefore we all cry aloud:  
All-powerful Lord, glory to thee.

1. For He hath made His mercy to prevail over us, and the truth of the Lord remaineth forever.

The paralytic, as an unburied corpse, seeing thee, cried out,  
“Have mercy on me, O Lord,  
for my bed has become for me a tomb.  
What holdeth now life for me?  
How can I long for the Sheep Pool?  
I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool.  
But I come to thee, the source of healing, that I may cry with all:  
All-powerful Lord, glory to thee.”

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

Jesus went up to Jerusalem,  
to the Sheep Pool, called by the Jews Bethesda, having five porches.  
In these lay a great multitude of the sick.  
For an Angel of God would at certain times stir up the waters,  
and granted healing to those who approached with faith.  
There the Lord, seeing a man who for many years had been afflicted,  
and he said unto him, 'Wilt thou be made whole?'  
The sick man answered the Lord,  
"Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool.  
I have spent all my livelihood on physicians,  
and have not found mercy."  
The physician of souls and bodies said to him,  
"Take up thy bed and walk.  
Proclaim my power and my great mercy to the ends of the earth."

**Apostikha Tone 8:**

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

In Solomon's Porch a great crowd of sick was lying,  
and in the middle of the feast,  
Christ, finding a paralytic who had been lying there for thirty-eight years,  
said to him with the voice of the Master,  
"Dost thou will to be made whole?"  
The sick man answered him,  
"Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool."  
But he said to him, "Take up thy bed.  
Thou hast been made whole.  
See that thou sin no more."  
Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Lord,  
send down upon us thy great mercy.