

SUNDAY 21 MAY 2017

Sunday of the Blind Man ♦ Saints Constantine and Helena

MATINS

Priest: Blessed is our God ...

Reader: Amen.

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead ... (2½ times)

Reader: ... and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

The Trisagion Prayers continue from “Glory to the Father ...”, “All Holy Trinity ...” etc.

Before the Six Psalms, instead of “Glory to God in the highest ...” and “O Lord, open Thou my lips ...” sing “Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.” (3 times)

“**God is the Lord...**” with its stichoi in Tone 5, then the **Troparia:**

Tone 5	Troparion of the Resurrection	Green Book page 98
	Glory ...	
Tone 8	Troparion of Saints Constantine and Helena	Sheet
	Both now ...	
Tone 8	Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion	Folder / Sheet

The Kathismata are read as follows:

First Kathisma

Let us laud the honoured Cross of the Lord; let us honour with song His holy Burial; let us glorify His divine Resurrection. For He hath raised the dead from the graves, since He is God, and hath led captive the might of death and the power of the devil, and hath shed light on those in Hades.

Glory ...

Thou didst become a new David, receiving the oil of the kingdom as an honour from heaven upon thy head. The Lord and Word of God, transcending all essences, anointed thee with the Spirit, O glorious one. Therefore thou didst receive the sceptre to rule as one most wise. And thou dost entreat that we obtain the great mercy.

Both now ...

Rejoice, impassable gate of the Lord! Rejoice, rampart and protection of those who have recourse unto thee! Rejoice, haven untouched by storms, thou that knowest not wedlock, who gavest birth in the flesh to thy Creator and God! Fail not in thy supplications for those who hymn and venerate thy birthgiving!

Second Kathisma

The transgressors of the law, O merciful Lord, nailed Thee between two thieves and pierced Thy side with a spear. Thou didst submit to burial, Thou didst destroy the gates of Hades, and Thou didst rise on the third day. The women hastened to behold Thee, and told the good tidings of Thy Resurrection to the Apostles. O Saviour, exalted above all things and praised of angels, O blessed Lord, glory to Thee!

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Glory ...

The Creator of the sun and of all creation was led once to the Cross. And now by stars from heaven He leadeth thee to Himself, since thou art thyself a shining star. He entrusted the royal dominion to thee first of all. Therefore, O most pious emperor Constantine, we extol thee and thy mother Helena the godly-minded.

Both now ...

Rejoice, Holy Mountain on which God Himself has trod! Rejoice, living bush that burned and was not consumed! Rejoice, the only bridge that joins the world to God, and leads the mortal human race to everlasting life! Rejoice, immaculate Maiden, who without knowing man truly gave birth to Him who saves our souls!

Third Kathisma

Thy fair and auspicious memory hath shone brightly on us, O God-inspired Constantine, enlightening the whole world with the light of the knowledge of God; for among all kings thou wast shown forth as most pious, for thou didst obey the laws of the King of the Heavens. Therefore by thy entreaties deliver us from trials.

Glory ... Both now ...

O bride unwedded who gave birth to God, so changing Eve's pain and sorrow into exultant joy, we the faithful now extol thee and we honour thee; for thou hast lifted us up from the primal curse. And now we entreat thee unceasingly, all-lauded and all-holy one, that we may be saved.

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Troparia of the Resurrection / Evlogetaria are sung

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The **Hypakoë**, **Anabathmoi** and the **Prokeimenon** with its accompanying stichos are all from the Octoechos, Tone 5.

The 8th Eothinon Gospel is read from the Holy Table

After the Gospel:

“Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ ...”

Matins booklet page 44

Psalm 50

Troparia following Psalm 50

Matins booklet page 46

The Intercession

The **Great Doxology** with the Troparion “Today is salvation come unto the world ...”

DIVINE LITURGY

Priest: Blessed is the Kingdom ...

Choir: Amen.

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead ... (2½ times)

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

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FESTAL ANTIPHONS as at Pascha

Green Book Page 66ff

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 & KONTAKIA

Tone 5 Troparion of the Resurrection Green Book page 98

Tone 8 Troparion of Saints Constantine and Helena Sheet

Tone 3 Kontakion of Saints Constantine and Helena Sheet

Glory ...

Tone 4 Kontakion of the Blind Man Green Book page 98

Both now ...

Tone 8 Kontakion of Pascha Green Book page 75

TRISAGION is sung as usual

PROKEIMENON Tone 8

Pray and make your vows * before the Lord our God!
v: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel!

PROKEIMENON Tone 8

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth * and their words to the ends of the universe!

EPISTLE: Acts 16:16-34 & Acts 26:1-5, 12-20 (Begins “In those days” instead of “Ye brethren”)

ALLELUIA

v: Look upon me and have mercy on me.
v: Direct my steps according to Thy word.
v: I have raised up one chosen out of my peoples.

GOSPEL: John 9:1-38 & John 10:1-9

MEGALYNARION

Instead of “It is truly meet ...”: “The Angel cried ...” Sheet **OR** Green Book page 78 or 79

COMMUNION HYMN

Receive the Body of Christ, taste the fountain of immortality. Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

AFTER COMMUNION

Priest: “O God, save thy people ...”
Choir: “Christ is risen from the dead ...” (x1 instead of “We have seen the True Light ...”)
Priest: “Always, now and ever ...”
Choir: “Let our mouths be filled ...” as usual