

MATINS

At the beginning:

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 Reader continues the Trisagion Prayers: “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 7, then the Troparia:

Tone 7 Troparion of Saint Thomas Sunday Green Book page 84

Glory ...

Tone 2 Troparion of Saint John the Evangelist Sheet

Both now ...

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The **Kathismata** are read for Saint Thomas Sunday and for Saint John as follows:

First Kathisma

As the disciples were gathered in the upper chamber in Zion, for fear of the Jews, Thou didst come to them, O good One. Thou didst stand in their midst, the doors being shut, and didst fill them with joy. Thou didst show them the wounds of Thy hands and Thine immaculate side, saying unto the doubting disciple: “Put out thy hand and examine me; for it is I, Who did suffer for thy sake.”

Glory ... Both now ...

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Second Kathisma

O Apostle, while leaning on Jesus’ breast as His honoured disciple, thou didst ask Him: “Lord, who is it that will betray Thee?” And with the bread He clearly revealed him to thee; for He loved thee, O glorious, great theologian John. Wherefore, since thou art an initiate of ineffable mysteries, thou hast taught the Incarnation of the Word to the ends of the earth. Intercede with Christ our God that He grant forgiveness of transgressions to them that with longing keep thy holy memory.

Glory ... Both now ...

The doors being shut, Thou didst stand in the midst of Thy Disciples, O Christ, the Life of all. Thou didst show them Thy wounded side, Thy hands and feet, thus confirming Thy Resurrection from the tomb. But Thomas was absent; hence he said to them: “If I see not with mine own eyes, I will not believe your words.”

Third Kathisma

Come, ye faithful, let us honour today the Apostle whose memory hath gone forth to the utmost parts of the earth, and shineth its light on all. For it was truly shown in the Gospel that he was indeed the Lord's friend and a true theologian. Therefore he now poureth out healings for them that honour him.

Glory ... Both now ...

When the Lord rose from the tomb and appeared ineffably to the Disciples, He said: "O Thomas, since thou hast seen My side and the prints of the nails, no longer disbelieve in My Rising." Then the twin believed, and cried out to the Creator: "Truly Thou art my Lord and my God!"

Polielely (Matins booklet page 33) is sung, followed by the **Magnification**:

Priest: We magnify, we magnify Thee, O Christ the Giver of Life, who for our sakes descended into Hades, and hast with Thyself raised up all things!

Choir: We magnify ...

Reader: The Lord is King; he is robed in majesty! *We magnify ...*

Reader: The Lord is King; he is girded with strength! *We magnify ...*

Reader: Glory ... Both now ... *We magnify ...*

Benedictions (Evlogetaria) are **OMITTED**

Anabathmoi in Tone 4

Sheet **OR** Matins Booklet page 140f

Prokeimenon

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem, * Praise thy God, O Zion.

v. For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates, he hath blessed thy children within thee.

The 1st Eothinon Gospel is read.

After the Gospel:

"Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ ..."

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Psalm 50

Troparia following Psalm 50

Matins booklet page 46

The **Intercession**

The **Great Doxology** with the **Troparion for Saint Thomas Sunday**: Green Book page 84.

DIVINE LITURGY

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Priest: Blessed is the Kingdom ...

Choir: Amen.

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

Sunday 8 May 2016 • 2nd Sunday of Pascha • St Thomas Sunday • St John the Evangelist

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!

TROPARION & KONTAKIA

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Tone 2 Troparion of Saint John the Evangelist Sheet
Glory ...

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Both now ...

Tone 8 Kontakion of Pascha Green Book page 75

The **TRISAGION** is sung as usual

PROKEIMENON Tone 3

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power! * His understanding is beyond measure!
v: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God!

PROKEIMENON Tone 8

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

EPISTLE: Acts 5:12-20 (Begins “In those days ...”) & 1 John 1:1-7 (“Ye brethren ...”)

ALLELUIA

v: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Saviour!

v: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King over all the earth.

v: The heavens are telling the Glory of God, and the firmament proclaimeth His handiwork.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31 & John 19:25-27; 21:24-25

MEGALYNARION

Instead of “It is truly meet ...”: “The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace ...” Green Book page 78 or 79

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion! Their proclamation hath 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 ...” (once, instead of “We have seen the True Light ...”)

Priest: “Always, now and ever ...”

Choir: “Let our mouths be filled ...” as usual