Matins Propers Sunday of the Paralytic

in the Third Tone with the Fourth Resurrection Gospel (the Fiftieth Sunday since last Pentecost)

After "Glory to the holy, consubstantial...Amen." (page 1) the following is sung once by the celebrant and then twice by the faithful:



Matins then continues with "Glory to God in the highest..." on page 1

Hexapsalmos

The reader chants only **Psalm 142** on page 6 followed by "Glory..." Matins then continues with the Litany of Peace on page 7.



Troparia (page 9)



you al-ways in-ter-cede for the salvation of the hu-man race. It is from you



Kathismata (page 10)

People:Lord, have mercy (three times)Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

Reader: Now and ever and forever. Amen.

from the 3rd Kathisma:

Psalm 18

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day unto day pours out the word and night unto night imparts knowledge. No speech, no word, no voice is heard yet through all the earth their voice resounds; their message reaches to the ends of the world. There he has placed a tent for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom coming from his tent, rejoices like a champion to run its course. At the end of the sky is the rising of the sun; to the furthest end of the sky is its course. There is nothing concealed from its burning heat. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted; it gives wisdom to the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding forever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. So in them your servant finds instruction; great reward is in their keeping. But who can detect all his errors? From hidden faults acquit me. From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me. Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin. May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, win favor in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock!

Reader: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

People:Now and ever and forever. Amen.Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to you, O God! (three times)

Matins continues with the Small Litany on page 10.

Sessional Hymn (page 11)

the Theotokion of the second set of Sessional Hymns (Tone 3 Kontakion):



Matins continues with Ps. 118 (p. 17) and then Hosts of Angels (p. 18).





Stepenna (page 21)

The Stepenna (Gradual Hymns) are omitted. Matins continues with the Prokeimenon ("Let us be attentive...") on page 22.



Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Matins continues with the Preparation for the Gospel on page 22.



The Preparation for the Gospel continues with "That we may be deemed..." on page 23. The Fourth Resurrection Gospel is read (Luke 24:1-12).

Matins continues with the Hymn of the Resurrection on p. 24

(the repetitions of this hymn are omitted).

The usual stichera at Psalm 50 (p. 28) are sung.

The Ganon (page 32)

The faithful come forward to venerate the Gospel Book on the tetrapod. *The Canon of Pascha & Odes 1-3 are omitted.*

The Canon of the Pentecostarion continues with Ode 4

Ode 4



The people inflamed by envy nailed you on the Cross, O Lord, but you destroyed the captivity of Death, and in your power you rose from the tomb, raising the world with you. *Refrain*

O women, why do you seek to anoint with myrrh the inexhaustible perfume? For the angel clothed in white said to the myrrh-bearers: He is risen from the tomb, and his sweet fragrance fills the whole world. *Refrain*

O Lord, you bore the image of a servant. You appeared in your compassion beyond understanding. O Word, you cured the man who suffered for many years and ordered him to take up his pallet. *Refrain*

From time to time an angel of the Lord came to stir up the waters of the pool of the Sheepgate. One man recovered his health, but now an infinite number are saved through baptism. *Refrain*

Great prince of angels and guide of the wandering, Archangel of the Lord, present now with us, carry the prayer of all to our only Lord and Creator.



The holy Trinity is one in nature, in which we distinguish three persons: the Father, beyond that which is, the Son, eternal with him, and the Holy Spirit, the all-powerful Lord.



O pure Virgin, how do you nurse the eternal One? How do you bring into the world an infant older than the first man? How do you carry in your arms, as a Son, the One who is carried on the shoulders of the Cherubim?





Ode 5 is omitted and the Canon of the Pentecostarion continues with Ode 6



Willingly you were lifted on the Cross; you were buried in the sepulcher as dead, O Christ; you gave life to the dead in Hades; and you rose as God all-powerful. *Refrain*

When Hades met you in the depths, it was shaken and had to give up its prisoners, who never cease singing, O Savior God, of your wondrous Resurrection. *Refrain*

When the disciples of the Lord saw Christ rise from the tomb, they worshipped the Life of the whole world with joyful hearts, full of enthusiasm and love. *Refrain*

The man who for many years laid upon a bed in pain, was cured by your word, O Source of life; and he glorified your infinite mercy. *Refrain*

O Michael, the great prince of angels, standing before the throne of the Lord, be present also among us, and by your intercession guide us on the paths of life.



I sing of the Trinity in three persons; I proclaim the unity of nature of the eternal Father, of the only Son, and of the divine Spirit, the Supreme God venerated by the powers of heaven.



He who holds the whole world in his hands was carried in your arms, O virgin Mother; and in his tender love he snatches us by his hands from the influence of the Evil One who holds us captive.





Ikos: O Lord Jesus, eternal with your divine Father, you hold the whole world in your hands and share sovereign power with the Spirit. You appeared in the flesh, curing illness and driving out passions. You gave sight to the blind; you raised the Paralytic by your divine word and commanded him to walk and take his pallet on his shoulders. With him we celebrate and sing to you:



Ode 7 is omitted and the Canon of the Pentecostarion continues with Ode 8.





The veil was torn when you were crucified, O Savior, and Death gave up all the mortals which it had swallowed. Hades was stripped when it saw your descent into its depths. *Refrain*

O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory now? You have been put to death by the risen King; you have been brought to nothing; you reign no more, for the mighty God has delivered your captives. *Refrain*

An angel appeared, saying: O myrrh-bearers, run and hasten to the apostles; announce that the Master is risen. O wonder! The Lord is risen, and with him the dead who from the ages have fallen asleep. *Refrain*

The Paralytic who had lain for many years cried out: Have pity on my misery, O Redeemer. And Christ ordered him to rise, to take up his pallet, and walk as he needed. *Refrain*

O great prince of the bodiless angels, O leader of the powers of heaven, with them pray for the forgiveness of our sins, the conversion of our life, and the enjoyment of eternal happiness.



O indivisible and three-personed Divinity which no hand has created, O eternal Father, Son of God, and Holy Spirit, we sing to you with one voice a holy hymn in company with the Seraphim.



O Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary, the holy prophet Isaiah recognized in you the book written by the hand of the Father, the timeless Word saving from error those who sing to you with sacred hymns.



Let us praise, bless, and wor - ship the Lord, sing-ing and highly exalting him a-bove





Matins continues with "Let us greatly extol..." (p. 34). The Canticle of the Theotokos is **not** sung and Matins continues with Ode 9.





When you were lifted on the Cross, O Jesus, you lifted up all with you. By your own will you were buried in a tomb and raised up all the dead from their tombs. They praise your infinite might, your ineffable power, and unconquerable majesty. *Refrain*

Beautiful as a bridegfroom fromt he bridal chamber, you rose from the grave, O Word shining with glory. You destroyed the darkness of Hades and freed those held captive there, as they sang with one voice: Glory to your Resurrection, O Lord. *Refrain*

The women approached the tomb, mixing groans and tears with the spices they carried; and they learned of the glorious Resurrection of Christ which we, the faithful, celebrate, exalting in the joy of our hearts. *Refrain*

The bodily strength listened to your command, O Christ, and the Paralytic of long ago showed that he was ready to walk, and he carried the pallet on which he had lain for many years, and in his joy, O christ, he glorified your power. *Refrain*

O Leader, present in a majestic way before the great unsetting Light, ask him to give light to our souls and give peace to our life which is always threatened by the snares and menaces of the serpent.



O Trinity, fullness of light and life, I glorify you in piety; O eternal Father, O Word of God, and Holy Spirit, indivisible majesty in three persons, divinity without confusion, whom we glorify with the angels: Holy, holy, holy are you, O Lord our God.



Your womb has become a bearer of brightness, for from it came forth the great Sun which is Christ. Through him the world was illumined with joy; through him was driven out the darkness of sin. Therefore, we praise as the source of all good, the divine Spouse and the all-immaculate Virgin.



Matins continues with the Small Litany on page 36.



Hymn of Light (page 37)



Glory... now and ever ...

The Lover of us all and all-compassionate Lord came to the pool of Bethesda. There he found a man paralyzed from his youth; he healed his infirmity and said to him: Take up our mat and go your way. Walk in the path of righteousness.

Matins continues with the Psalms of Praise.





The Psalms of Praise continue with "Praise him, sun and moon..." on page 38.

Stichera (page 40)

The $3^{rd} & 4^{th}$ *of the 8 Sunday stichera (all the rest are omitted):* **Cantor** (*Tone 3*):







Matins continues with "Now and ever..." & the Theotokion for normal Sundays on p. 41.