

**SUNDAY, MAY 15th**  
**4th Sunday of Pascha**  
**The Paralytic**

*Priest: "Blessed is the Kingdom ... " Choir: "Amen."*

**Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death,  
and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! (3x)**

**The First Antiphon**

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His name, give glory to His praise!

***Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!***

Say to God: "How awesome are Your deeds!  
So great is Your power that Your enemies cringe before You!" (R)

Let all the earth worship You and praise You! Let it praise Your name, O most High! (R)

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

**The Second Antiphon**

God be bountiful and bless us! Show the light of Your countenance upon us and have mercy on us!

***Refrain: O Son of God Who arose from the dead, save us who sing to You: "Alleluia!"***

That we may know Your way upon the earth, and Your salvation among all nations. (R)

Let the people give thanks to You, O God! Let all the people give thanks to You! (R)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever . . . Amen.

Only Begotten Son and Immortal Word of God,  
Who for our salvation, did become incarnate, of the holy Theotokos and ever virgin Mary, Who  
without change did become man, and was crucified, O Christ our God,  
Trampling down death by death, Who are one of the Holy Trinity,  
Glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit, save us.

**The Third Antiphon**

*v: Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from before His face*

***Refrain: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death,  
and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!***

*v: As smoke vanishes so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire! (R)*

*v: So the sinners will perish before the face of God. But let the righteous be glad! (R)*

*v: This is the day which the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. (R)*

**Troparion (Tone 3)** (Resurrection)

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad!  
For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.  
He has trampled down death by death.  
He has become the first born of the dead.  
He has delivered us from the depths of hell,  
and has granted to the world great mercy.

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

**Kontakion (Tone 3)** (Pentecostarion)

By Your divine intercession, O Lord,  
as You raised up the Paralytic of old,  
so raise up my soul, paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts;  
so that being saved I may sing to You:  
“Glory to Your power, O compassionate Christ!”

***now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.***

**Kontakion (Tone 8)** (Pascha)

You descended into the tomb, O Immortal,  
You destroyed the power of death.  
In victory You arose, O Christ God,  
proclaiming: “Rejoice!” to the Myrrhbearing Women,  
granting peace to Your Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.

**Prokeimenon (Tone 1)** (Pentecostarion)

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us /as we have set our hope on You! (Ps. 32:22)  
v. *Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!* (Ps. 32:1)

**Epistle (Acts 9:32-42)**

As Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, “Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed.” And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Gazelle. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, “Please come to us without delay.” So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments which Tabitha had made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said “Tabitha, rise.” And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (Tone 5)** (Ps. 88:1-2,3)

v. *I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation.*

v. *For You have said: Mercy will be established forever; Your truth will be prepared in the heavens.*

## **Gospel (John 5:1-15)**

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had. Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath. The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed." He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.'" Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?" But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place. Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you." The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

## ***Hymn to the Theotokos***

The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace:

"Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again, I say: 'Rejoice,  
your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb!  
With Himself He has raised all the dead.'"

Rejoice, O ye people!

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem!

The glory of the Lord has shone on you!

Exult now, and be glad, O Zion!

Be radiant, O pure Theotokos,

in the Resurrection of your Son!

## **Communion Hymns**

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality!

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps. 148:1)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**In place of "We have seen..." we sing:** Christ is risen . . . (1x).

### **At the Dismissal:**

*Priest: "Glory to You, O Christ....," and all sing "Christ is risen...." (3x).*

*Priest: Dismissal, and all sing "Christ is risen ...." (3x) then*

**And unto us He has given eternal life.**

**Let us worship His Resurrection on the third day!**