

Sixth Sunday of Pascha
Sunday of the Blind Man
Commemoration of the Holy Apostle James, Brother of Saint John the Theologian

VESPERS: Tone 5

- P. Glory to the Holy...
 C. Amen
 P. Christ is risen... x2-1/2 (Choir finishes)
 C. Bless my soul...
 P. Great Ectenia
 C. Blessed is the man...

 C. Lord I have cried... (Tone 5)

 1. Thou hast **shamed** the devil with Thy precious **Cross**, O Christ,/ and hast blunted the sting of sin by Thy Resurre**ction**./ Thou hast saved us from the **gates** of death.// Thou, O only-begotten Son, we **glorify** Thee.
 2. He Who granted mankind the Resurre**ction**/ was led like a lamb to the **slaughter**;/ the princes of hell trembled **before** Him,/ the gates of tears were **lifted** up:/ for Christ the King of glory **entered** in,/ declaring to those in **bonds**: "Go forth"// and to those in darkness: "**Show** yourselves."
 3. **What** a mighty **wonder**;/ in His **love** for mankind,/ the Maker of things invisible suffered in the flesh and He Who was **immortal** rose./ Come and worship Him, ye kindreds of the **nations**;/ let us, delivered indeed from beguilement by His **compassion**,// learn to sing the praises of the only **God** in three **Persons**.

Stichera for the Blind Man (Tone 2)

- 4/5. He that was born blind thought to **himself** and said:/ Was I born without eyes perchance for the sins of my **parents**?/ Was I perchance **born** to be an example because of the unbelief of the **nations**?/ I cease not from asking: When is it night, **when** is it day?/ My feet cannot endure striking **against** the stones./ For I have neither seen the sun shining nor beheld in image Him Who **fashioned** me.// But I beseech Thee, O Christ God, look upon me and have **mercy** on me.

 6. As Jesus passed by on His way from the **temple**,/ He found a man who was **blind** from his birth;/ and taking **compassion** on him, He put clay on his eyes and **said** unto him:/ Go and wash in the pool of **Siloam**./ And he washed and gained his sight, and sent up **praise** to God./ **But** his kinsmen **said** unto him:/ Who hath opened thine eyes, which none of them that see was **able** to heal?/ **And** he cried **out** and said:/ A man called Jesus; He told me: Wash in the pool of Siloam; and I **gained** my sight./ He is truly Christ the Messiah, of Whom Moses **spake** in the Law.// He is the **Saviour** of our souls.

Stichera for the Apostle James (Tone 4)

7. **With** the rod of grace thou didst draw men forth from the deep of **vanity**,/ O right **wondrous** James,/ **obedient** to the behest of thy **Teacher**,/ Who illumined thy whole mind and showed thee forth as an **apostle**/ and an honoured and divine herald of His unapproachable **divinity**,// O all-**ble**ssed one.
8. The **effulgence** of the Spirit descended upon thee in the **guise** of fire/ and made of thee, O blessed one, a **habitation** of God/ who **dispellest** the darkness of **ungodliness** with might/ and enlightenest the world with the radiance of thine all-**wise** words,/ O James, thou initiate of the **mysteries**,// leader of the apostles, who beheld Christ with thine **own** eyes.
9. **Illumining** those who sleep in the darkness of **ignorance**/ with the splendors of thy preaching, O **glorious** James,/ thou didst **show** them forth as children, by faith, of our **Master** and God,/ Whose suffering and death thou didst **emulate**;// and, as thou art an all wise herald of God and His true **disciple**,// thou hast a share in His **glory**.

(Tone 8)

10. **Come**, let us all praise James with **hymns** of psalms:/ the preacher of the mysteries of heaven and recounter of the **Gospel**;// for he hath been shown to be a river of the noetic **paradise**,/ watering the furrows of men's souls with heavenly **showers**/ and showing them to be fertile for **Christ** God// Who granted cleansing, enlightenment and great mercy unto all through his **supplications**.

Glory... (Tone 5)

Passing by on the **way**, O Lord,/ Thou didst find a man who was **blind** from his birth./ And the **disciples**, in astonishment, **asked** Thee and said:/ **Teacher**, who did sin, this man or his parents, that he was **born** blind?/ And Thou, O my Saviour, didst cry unto them: Neither hath this man sinned, nor his **parents**,/ **but** that the works of God should be made **manifest** in him./ **I** must work the works of Him that sent Me, which none **else** can work./ And when Thou hadst said this, Thou didst spit **upon** the ground/ and make **clay**, and didst anoint his eyes, saying **unto** him:/ **Go**, wash in the pool of **Siloam**./ And he washed and was made whole and **cried** unto Thee:/ **Lord**, I believe; and he **worshipped** Thee.// Wherefore, we also cry out: Have **mercy** upon us.

Both now and ever... Dogmatikon (Tone 5)

In **times** past,/ the image of the unwedded Bride was inscribed in the **Red** Sea:/ There **Moses** parted the **waters**;/ here, **Gabriel** was the servant of the **wonder**./ Then, Israel rode dry-shod **through** the deep;/ **while**, now, the Virgin hath without seed given **birth** to Christ./ After the **passing** of **Israel**,/ the sea was as ever **impassable**./ After the **birth** of **Emmanuel**,/ the **Virgin** without reproach, **remains** uncorrupt./ Thou, O God, Who art now, hast forever been and hast **appeared** as man,// have **mercy** upon us.

- P. Wisdom. Aright!
 C. O Joyful Light...
 P. Prokimenon. The Lord is King...

P. Wisdom!

The Reading from the General Epistle of James (1:1-12)

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting. My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into diverse trials, knowing this, that the testing of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, lacking nothing. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, Who giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord. A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways. Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted; but the rich, in that he is made low, because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away. For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and its flower falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth; so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways. Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to those who love Him.

The Reading from the General Epistle of James (1:13-27)

Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God; for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth He any man; but every man is tempted, when he is drawn away by his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin; and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. Do not err, my beloved brethren. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with Whom is not variableness, neither shadow of turning. Of His own will begot He us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of His creatures. Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. Wherefore, put away all filthiness and overflowing of wickedness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. But be ye doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer,, he is like a man beholding his natural face in a mirror; for he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whosoever looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth in it, he being not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. Pure religion and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself undefiled by the world.

The Reading from the General Epistle of James (2:1-13)

My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect to persons. For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in fine apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment, and ye have respect to him who weareth the fine clothing, and say unto him, "Sit thou down here in a good place;" and say to the poor, "Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool," are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges with evil thoughts? Hearken, my beloved brethren: hath not God chosen the poor of this world to be rich in

faith and heirs of the kingdom which He hath promised to those who love Him? But ye have despised the poor. Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before the judgment seats? Do not they blaspheme that worthy name whereby ye are called? If ye fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well; but if ye have respect of persons, ye commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. For he who said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law. So speak ye, and so do, as they who shall be judged by the law of liberty. For he shall have judgment without mercy, who hath shown no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.

- P. Augmented Litany
- R. Vouchsafe...
- P. Litany of Fervent Supplication

C. Litya (NOTE: the first sticheron is that of the Temple)

Stichera for St. James (Tone 8)

O blessed James who beheld God,/ when thou didst hear the voice of the Word thou didst straightway abandon thy love for thy father/ and thy desire to please him;/ wherefore, forsaking the tumult of life, and traversing the noetic sea,/ thou didst roil it with thy teachings of piety and with thy heavenly radiance,// O thou who art blessed of God.

O blessed James, who with thine own eyes didst behold the Word,/ the Author of life,/ pleasing the Father of things to come by thine actions,/ thou hast deprived of his primacy the most abominable Ishmael/ who doth worship his belly as god,/ and thou hast tripped him and shown him to be devoid of the Father's protection,// having no share in His blessing and inheritance.

Thou hast now been appointed prince over all the earth, O glorious one,/ as was written of thee before,/ for thou wast a disciple of Him Who created all things;/ and by thy steadfast zeal and invincible boldness/ thou didst endure execution, O blessed one,// the first slain among the honoured company of the twelve disciples.

G/B... Stichera for the Blind Man (Tone 4)

The blind man, accounting all his life as though it were night,/ cried unto Thee, O Lord:/ Open mine eyes, O our Saviour, Thou Son of David,// that together with all men I also may praise Thy power.

P. *Litya prayers in back of the Church*

APOSTICHA: (Tone 5)

1. We **lift** up our **voices** in song/ to magnify Thee, O **Saviour**,/ Christ incarnate yet never parted from **heaven**,/ for **Thou** Lord Who **lovest** mankind,/ hast suffered the Cross and death for the **sake** of our kind/ and casting down the **gates** of hell,// Thou hast risen on the third day and thereby **saved** our souls.

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V. Let God arise and let His enemies be scattered, and let them that hate Him flee from before His face.

Paschal Stichera, (Tone 5)

2. A Pascha sacred today/ hath been shown forth to us;/ a Pascha new and holy, a Pascha mystical, a Pascha all venerable!/ A Pascha that is Christ the Redeemer,/ a Pascha immaculate, a great Pascha!/ A Pascha of the faithful, a Pascha that hath opened the gates of Paradise for us,// a Pascha that doth sanctify all the faithful!

V. As smoke vanisheth, let them vanish.

3. Come from the vision, O ye women,/ bearers of good tidings, and say unto Zion:/ 'Receive from us the good tidings of the Resurrection of Christ!/ Adorn thyself, exult, and rejoice, O Jerusalem,/ for Thou hast seen Christ the King// like a bridegroom come forth from the tomb.

V. So let sinners perish at the presence of God, and let the righteous be glad.

4. Thy myrrhbearing women/ in the deep dawn stood before the tomb of the Giver of Life;/ they found an angel sitting upon the stone,/ and he, speaking to them, said thus:/ 'Why seek ye the living among the dead?/ Why mourn ye the Incorruptible amid corruption?// Go, proclaim unto the disciples that the Lord is risen.'

V. This is the day which the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad therein.

5. Pascha the beautiful, Pascha!/ The Lord's Pascha, the Pascha all-venerable hath dawned upon us./ Pascha: With joy let us embrace one another!/ O Pascha! Ransom from sorrow, for from the tomb today,/ as from a bridal chamber, hath Christ shown forth,/ and hath filled the women with joy, saying:// 'Proclaim it unto the Apostles!'

(THE FOLLOWING IS NOT IN PENTECOST SONGBOOK!!!)

Glory... For the Apostle James (Tone 1)

Thou didst follow after Christ, O **godly** James,/ didst despise the world, hiding His teachings in thy **treasury**,/ and wast **shown** to be His **apostle**./ Wherefore, going unto the **nations**,/ with the **commandments** of the Savior thou didst **enlighten** souls/ benighted by deception and the **passions**,// that they might believe in the consubstantial **Trinity**.

Both... (Tone 8)

O Christ **God**, Thou spiritual Sun of **Righteousness**,/ Who by Thine immaculate touch didst bestow a twofold **enlightenment**/ upon him who from his mother's womb was **deprived** of sight,/ illumine Thou the eyes of our souls **also**,/ and prove us to be sons of the day, that we may cry to **Thee** with faith:// Great and ineffable is Thy compassion toward us, O Lover of man; glory **be** to Thee.

- C. St. Symeon's Prayer
 R. Trisagion
 C. Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos x3
- P. Blessing of loaves.
 C. Amen. Blessed be the Name of the Lord...

MATINS: Tone 5

- C. Christ is risen... x3
 P. Regular Beginning
 P. Great Ectenia
 C. God is the Lord...

- C. Sunday Troparia (Tone 5) x2
 Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word/ co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit/ Born for our salvation from the Virgin,/ for He willed to be lifted upon the Cross in the flesh/ to endure death and to raise the dead/ by His glorious Resurrection.

Glory... Troparion for the Apostle James (Tone 3)
 O holy apostle James,/ entreat the merciful God,// that He grant to our souls remission of transgressions.

Both... Theotokion (Tone 3) (see music Vigil Book)
 We sing thy praises, O Virgin Theotokos,/ who dost intercede for the salvation of our kind;/ for thy Son and our God by taking flesh of thee/ and accepting to suffer through the Cross/ has delivered us from corruption// because He lovest mankind.

Lord Have Mercy 3x
 Glory...

- R. Now...
 R. Kathisma II
 P. Small Ectenia

- R. Sessional Hymns from the Pentecostarion:
 We praise the Cross of the Lord, we honour His holy burial with hymns, and we greatly glorify His resurrection, for as God with Himself He raised the dead up from the graves, having captured the dominion of death and the might of the devil; and He shone light upon those in hades.

V. Arise, O Lord my God, let Thy hand be lifted high; forget not Thy paupers to the end.

Declared to be dead, O Lord Who didst slay death, Thou wast laid in a tomb, O Thou Who emptied the graves. Above, soldiers kept guard over Thy sepulcher, while below Thou didst raise up the dead from ages past. O almighty and unapproachable Lord, glory be to Thee!

Both... Rejoice! Thou impassable gateway of the Lord; Rejoice! Thou wall and protection of those who take refuge in Thee; Rejoice! Thou haven untroubled by storms; Rejoice! Thou who hast not known wedlock and who hast borne Thy Son and Maker and God in the flesh. Fail not in thy

intercession on behalf of those who sing the praises of and worship thy Son.

R. Kathisma III
P. Small Ectenia

R. Sessional Hymns from the Pentecostarion:

O Lord, the iniquitous nailed Thee in the midst of condemned criminals, and pierced Thy side with a spear, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept burial, Who broke down the gates of hades, and didst rise again on the third day. The women hastened to behold Thee, and announced Thine arising to the apostles. O supremely exalted Saviour, Whom the angels hymn, O blessed Lord, glory be to Thee!

V. I will confess Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart, I will tell of all Thy wonders.

Thy strange mystery, O my Saviour, is become salvation for the world; for in a God-befitting manner Thou didst rise from the grave, and as God didst raise up with Thyself them that had become subject to corruption. O Thou Life of all, Lord, glory be to Thee.

G/B... O Theotokos, unwedded Bride, who hast transformed the grief of Eve into joy, we, the faithful, hymn and bow down before thee, for thou hast led us out of the ancient curse. And now, pray thou unceasingly, O most hymned and all-holy one, that we be saved.

C. Polyeleos
P. Magnification (once only by clergy)
We magnify thee,/ O holy apostle James,/ and we honour the pangs and labors/ whereby thou didst struggle in the proclamation// of the Gospel of Christ.

C. Evlogitaria (Blessed art Thou, O Lord...)
P. Small Ectenia

R. Ypakoe:

The myrrh-bearing women, their minds dazzled by the sight of the angel and their souls enlightened by Thy divine Resurrection, preached the good tidings to the Apostles: "O spread among the nations the news of the Resurrection of the Lord, He, Who works wonders and grants us His great mercy."

R. Sessional Hymns for the Apostle James:

Fishing for reason-endowed fish with the net of divine words, thou didst bring the first-fruits thereof to our God; and, desiring to clothe thyself in the wounds of God, thou didst show thyself to be an emulator of His suffering. Wherefore, assembling, we honour thy most festive memory as is meet, O glorious apostle, and cry out to thee together: entreat Christ God, that He grant remission of sins unto those who honour thy holy memory with love.

As the Sun of righteousness did Christ emit thee to enlighten the whole earth, O glorious apostle James, and with thy godly supplications and

thy divine and never-waning light thou dost illumine and enlighten all who celebrate thy holy memory with faith.

Glory... Filled with rays of light from on high and illumined with divine splendor, O apostle James, thou didst behold the Creator and Lord transfigured on Mount Tabor and wast found worthy to hear the voice of the Father. Wherefore, thou hast been vouchsafed great rewards as an eyewitness and disciple of grace, and a beholder of the mysteries of God. Entreat Christ God, that He grant remission of offenses unto those who with love honour thy holy memory.

Both... Conceiving the Wisdom and Word in thy womb without being consumed, O Mother of God, thou gavest birth to Him Who sustaineth the world, and didst bear in thine arms the Nurturer of all and Fashioner of creation, Who holdeth all things. Wherefore, I entreat thee, O most holy Virgin, and glorify thee with faith, that I may be delivered from transgressions. On the day of judgment, when I must stand before the face of my Creator, show me thine aid, O pure Virgin Mistress; for thou canst do all things soever thou desirest, O most hymned one.

Hymn of Degrees: (Antiphon One)

When I am filled with sorrow, I sing unto Thee like David, O my Saviour: Deliver my soul from a lying tongue.

Blessed is the life of those in the wilderness, who soar aloft on wings of love divine.

G/B... By the Holy Spirit are sustained all things, visible and invisible; for, Himself possessed of dominion, He is truly One of the Trinity.

Hymn of Degrees: (Antiphon Two)

Ascend into the mountain, O my soul and go thither from whence cometh our help.

Let Thy right hand, which toucheth me, O Christ, preserve me from all deception.

G/B... Theologizing concerning the Holy Spirit, let us say: Thou art God, Life, Love, Light and understanding! Thou art Goodness and Thou reignest forever!

Hymn of Degrees: (Antiphon Three)

Full of great Joy, I send up supplications for those who have said to me: Let us enter into the courts of the Lord.

Awesome things are wrought in the house of David; for there is found the fire which burneth up every shameful thought.

G/B... To the Holy Spirit, by Whom every living thing is made animate, is due the dignity of the Bestower of life, as to the Father and the Word.

P. Prokimenon: (Tone 5)

Arise, O Lord, my God, let Thy hand be lifted high; for Thou shalt be King forever.

V. I will confess to Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart, I will tell of all Thy wonders.

C. Let every breath praise the Lord.

P. GOSPEL #8

- C. Having Beheld the Resurrection of Christ... (3x)
 R. Psalm 50
 C. Glory... Now... Have mercy on me... Jesus having risen...
 P. Save, O God, Thy People...
 Anointing.

Canticle One

(Note to Choir: The first 5-6 verses of each canticle, including the Irmos, are from the Paschal service and should be **sung** continuously; likewise the two verses for the Theotokos)

Irmos: This is the day of Resurrection! Let us be illumined O people! Pascha, the Pascha of the Lord! For from death to life, and from earth to heaven, has Christ our God led us, as we sing the song of victory:

Christ is risen from the dead!

Let us purify our senses, and we shall see Christ shining in the unapproachable light of His Resurrection. We shall clearly hear Him say: Rejoice, as we sing the song of victory.

Christ is risen from the dead!

Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice. Let the whole world, visible and invisible, keep the feast, for Christ is risen, our eternal Joy!

O Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

Thou hast broken through the barrier of death,/ by giving birth to Christ, the eternal Life,/ Who today hath shone forth from the tomb,/ O Virgin all-blameless,// and Who hath enlightened the world.

O Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

Having beheld thy resurrected Son and God,/ rejoice thou with the apostles,/ O Pure One graced of God,/ and be the first to rejoice,/ as thou hast received the Cause of joy for all,// O Mother of God all-blameless.

(End of Paschal Tropars; Remaining stichera to be read)

Holy Apostle James, pray to God for us.

O blessed one, who like a skillful fisherman hast drawn men forth from the deep of transgressions with thy net, illumine my soul with radiant splendors, and vouchsafe that I may praise thy memory as is meet, O divinely revealed disciple James.

The pre-eternal and all-perfect God, Who with the Father is equally unoriginate, appeared on earth, incarnate as a man, and showed thee forth, O blessed one, as His fellow-laborer in grace and His all-wise servant, who art strengthened by His power.

God Who foreknoweth all things perceived the nobility of thy soul, thy steadfastness and invincible mind, O glorious disciple; He numbered thee among His highest servants, and thou hast proclaimed Him to the nations.

Theotokion

The Angel of great Counsel, taking flesh, manifested Himself to the world through the Virgin Mother, and showed thee forth, O father James, as a disciple adorned with the virtues, a divine herald proclaiming His words.

Glory to Thee, Our God, Glory to Thee.

Having accepted a voluntary crucifixion in the flesh, Thou didst pour forth blessing and life unto the world, O only all-blessed Master and Creator of all. Wherefore we bless and praise and glorify Thee, singing and chanting a song of victory.

The Redeemer performed strange wonders, in that He healed the man who had been blind from birth. He anointed him with clay and said: Go and wash in Siloam, that thou mightest know that I am God, Who by the bowels of My compassion walk upon the earth while bearing flesh.

Glory... As we venerate one essence in three hypostases, O ye faithful, let us glorify the Father, and Son, and Upright Spirit, the Creator and Lord and Redeemer of all, one uncreated God, and let us cry out with the Bodiless: Holy, Holy, Holy art Thou, O King.

Both... Out of compassion, the Lord dwelt in thy womb, which knew not wedlock, O pure one, for He wished to save man who, through the devices of the enemy, had become subject to corruption. Entreat Him, therefore, that this city be saved from every enemy assault and conquest.

C. Katavasia (Tone 5)

Let us sing unto the only Saviour and God,/ Who guided the people dry-shod in the sea,/ and drowned Pharaoh with all his forces;/// for He is glorified.

Canticle Three

Irmos: Come, let us drink, not miraculous water drawn forth from a barren stone, but a new vintage from the fount of incorruption, springing from the tomb of Christ: In Him we are established.

Christ is risen from the dead!

Now all is filled with light: Heaven and earth and the lower regions. Let all creation celebrate the rising of Christ. In Him we are established.

Christ is risen from the dead!

Yesterday I was buried with Thee, O Christ, today I arise with Thee in Thy Resurrection. Yesterday I was crucified with Thee. Glorify me with Thee, O Saviour, in Thy Kingdom.

O Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

Into incorruptible life have I entered today,/ through the goodness of Him Who was born of thee,/ O Pure One,// and Who makest all the ends of the earth radiant with joy.

O Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

Having beheld God, Whom thou hast borne in the flesh,/ risen from the dead, as He said, O Pure One,/ dance, and Him as God,/ O most Pure One,// do thou magnify.

(End of Paschal Tropars; Remaining stichera to be read)

Holy Apostle James, pray to God for us.

The compelling breath of the Comforter from on high, setting thee afire, showed thee to be a wise herald of God, openly proclaiming the mighty works of the incarnate Word, Whom thou didst see with thine own eyes.

He launched thee into the hearts of the enemies like a choice arrow sharpened by the Word, cleaving the souls of the adversary, O all-wise James, initiate of the mysteries of God, and laying hold of them as plunder.

The tranquility of thine undefiled soul was apparent to the Master even before thy call, O blessed James: thou wast shown to be right pleasing to Him, and wast a disciple of His providence.

Manifestly adorned with thy sacred life and thy splendid kinship with God, O most blessed one, thou wast shown to be His companion; for from childhood thou wast shown to dwell with the Word.

Glory to Thee, Our God, Glory to Thee.

Thou didst make steadfast the hearts of them that were shaken when Thou didst make the earth to shake at Thine august crucifixion, to which Thou didst submit in the flesh, O Long-suffering One.

Thou didst heal the man who was blind from birth, who of old came unto Thee and glorified Thy dispensation and Thy wonders, O All-compassionate One.

Glory... We worship God the Father, the Son Who is beginningless from before all time, and the Divine Spirit, the threefold uncreated nature in three hypostases, the one God of all.

Both... From thy virginal womb thou didst give birth unto God incarnate. Do thou beseech Him, O all-holy Lady, that He take pity on us.

C. Katavasia (Tone 5) **SEE KATAVASIA PACKET**

By the power of Thy Cross, O Christ,/ do Thou make steadfast mine understanding,// that I may hymn and glorify Thy saving Ascension.

P. Small Ectenia

C. Kontakion of the Apostle James (Tone 2)

Hearing the voice of God calling thee,/ thou didst disdain the love of thy father,/ and with thy kinsman thou didst hasten after Christ,/ O glorious James.// And with him thou wast counted worthy to behold the divine transfiguration of the Lord.

R. Ikos for the Apostle James

Dwelling with thy brother in the mansions of heaven, with your supplications now drive away the Moslems who trample upon holy things with vile and unclean feet; and, foiling the machinations of the tyrants, vouchsafe freedom to those of us now held captive because of the multitude of our offenses, that, assembling together, we may behold the divine transfiguration of the Lord.

R. Sessional Hymns

The glorious apostle fished for the nations, teaching the ends of the earth to worship Thee with the Father and the Spirit, O Christ God. For his sake establish Thy Church and send down Thy blessing upon the faithful, O only Merciful One Who lovest mankind. (2x)

G/B... **As** the Master and Fashioner of all things **passed** by,/ He did encounter along the way a blind man who was **seated** there/ and who mourned aloud, **saying** thus:/ All my life I have neither beheld the **sun** shining forth/ nor laid eyes on the bright luminescence **shed** by the moon./ Yet since Thou wast born of an immaculate Virgin so as to fill **all** with light,/ do Thou now fill me with Thy light, in that Thou art **compassionate**./ And thus I shall **adore** Thee and cry:/ Sovereign Master, Christ my God, **forgive** my sins,// in Thine abundant compassion, O Thou only **Lover** of man.

Canticle Four

Irmos: The inspired Prophet Habakkuk now stands with us in holy vigil. He is like a shining angel, who cries with a piercing voice: 'Today salvation has come into the world, for Christ is risen, as all-powerful.'

Christ is risen from the dead!

Christ our Pascha has appeared as a male child, the Son that opens a virgin womb. He is called the Lamb as one destined to be our food, unblemished for He has not tasted of defilement and perfect for He is our true God.

Christ is risen from the dead!

Christ, the Crown with Which we are blessed, has appeared as a yearling lamb. Freely He has given Himself as our cleansing Paschal sacrifice. From the tomb He has shown forth once again, our radiant Sun of Righteousness.

Christ is risen from the dead!

David, the ancestor of God, leaped and danced before the ark which prefigured Thee. Now let us, the holy people of God, seeing the fulfillment of all figures, rejoice in piety, for Christ is risen as all-powerful.

O Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

He Who created Adam thy forefather, O Pure One, / took form from thee, / and the habitation of the dead / hath He demolished today though His death, / and shone upon all things // with the divine radiance of the Resurrection.

O Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

Beholding Christ, Whom thou hast borne, / shining forth splendidly from the dead, O Pure One, / who art good and spotless among women, and comely today, / rejoicing with the apostles in the salvation of all, // Him do thou glorify.

(End of Paschal Tropars; Remaining stichera to be read)

Holy Apostle James, pray to God for us.

Called as a preacher of Christ, O divine James, thou didst quickly follow Him, spurning the love of thy father and trading transitory things for those which are eternal. Wherefore, thou hast been vouchsafed an ineffable heavenly inheritance, O blessed and ever-memorable one.

O thine ardent desire for Christ the Master! For, illumined by His radiance, thou didst desire Him so greatly that thou wast transfigured and revealed to all as a secondary luminary, enlightened by the effulgence and glory of the primal Light, O most honoured and blessed James.

Thy life was honoured and all-wondrous, for, receiving unrestrained desire by thy desire, thou didst attain unto perfect blessedness through the desires of the Godhead, O beholder of God, chanting with the incorporeal ones: Glory to Thy power, O Thou Who lovest mankind!

Placing thyself wholly at the service of the Master, O disciple who beheld God, thou wast manifestly borne up to the heights by thy virtues, truly to the divine summit; and from thence thou pourest forth rivers of healings upon those who glorify thy memory with faith.

Glory to Thee, Our God, Glory to Thee.

When Thou Who art Life wast placed upon a Tree, by Thy great mercy Thou didst quicken me who had died because of the tree. For this cause I glorify Thee, O Word.

When Thou didst give eyes unto the man who had been blind from the womb, Thou didst say: Go, wash and receive thy sight, and glorify My Divinity.

Glory... O beginningless Trinity, one in honour, undivided in essence, divided in hypostases, save all them that glorify Thee with faith and fear.

Both... We glorify thy childbirth which is above nature, O immaculate One, and with faith we bless thee as the Birthgiver of the God of all, O all-blameless One.

C. Katavasia (Tone 5)

I have heard the report of the mighty deeds of Thy Cross, O Lord,/ how Paradise was opened thereby,/ and I cried:// Glory to Thy power, O Lord.

Canticle Five

Irmos: Let us arise at the rising of the sun, and bring to the Master a hymn instead of myrrh. And we shall see Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, Who causes life to dawn for all.

Christ is risen from the dead!

The souls bound in the chains of hell O Christ, seeing Thy compassion without measure, pressed onward to the light with joyful steps, praising the eternal Pascha.

Christ is risen from the dead!

Let us go with lamps in hand to meet Christ, Who comes from the tomb like a bridegroom, and with the festive ranks of Angels let us celebrate the saving Pascha of God.

O Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

Enlightened by the divine rays/ and the life-bearing Resurrection of thy Son,/ O most pure Mother of God,// the gathering of the pious is filled with joy.

O Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

Thou didst not open the gates of virginity/ in the Incarnation,/ nor the seal upon the tomb didst Thou destroy,/ O King of creation;/ from whence seeing Thee risen,// Thy Mother rejoiceth.

(End of Paschal Tropars; Remaining stichera to be read)

Holy Apostle James, pray to God for us.

Afire with zeal like a new Elijah, thou didst desire to burn up those who would not heed thy preaching, O glorious one; yet He Who desireth loving-kindness restrained thee, teaching thee gracious meekness.

Entering, winged with uttermost virtue, thou didst desire the throne of the Master out of love for higher things, O all-wise one, that thou mayest hold principal things; and, not desiring vain glory, thou didst desire to gaze forth in its midst.

James hath transcended the laws of humanity, O Saviour, for, arrayed in Thy power as in a garment, he poureth forth rivers of healings and miracles and illumineth the ends of the earth with faith.

The radiant cloud of the Word, Who shone forth as God in glory, covered thee on Mount Tabor, O blessed James; and thou wast vouchsafed to hear the voice of the Father declaring His Sonship.

Glory to Thee, Our God, Glory to Thee.

Thou wast lifted up upon a Tree and didst exalt all mortal men together with Thyself. Thou didst both slay the hostile serpent and give life to the work of Thy hands, O Compassionate One, since Thou alone art the God of all.

When Thou didst open the eyes of him who could not see perceptible light, Thou didst enlighten the eyes of his soul as well. Thou didst move him to glorify Thee, for he had come to know Thee as the Creator, Who out of compassion didst appear as a mortal man.

Glory... O ye faithful, let us all glorify the Trinity in Unity, and the Unity in Trinity, the Father, Son, and Upright Spirit, one God, Who is truly the Creator of all.

Both... How didst thou give birth without experience of wedlock, O pure Virgin Mother, graced of God? How dost thou nourish Him that nourisheth creation? It is as He alone knoweth, for He is the Creator and God of all.

C. Katavasia (Tone 5)

Waking at dawn, we cry unto Thee, O Lord:/ Save us, for Thou art our God;// besides Thee we know none other.

Canticle Six

Irmos: Thou didst descend, O Christ, to the depths of the earth. Thou didst break the everlasting bars which had held death's captives. And like Jonah from the whale, on the third day Thou didst arise from the grave.

Christ is risen from the dead!

Thou didst arise, O Christ, and yet the tomb remained sealed as at Thy birth the Virgin's womb remained unharmed, and Thou hast opened for us the gates of Paradise.

Christ is risen from the dead!

O my Saviour, as God Thou didst bring Thyself freely to the Father, a victim living and unsacrificed, resurrecting Adam, the father of us all, when Thou didst arise from the grave.

O Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

He that of old was held by death and corruption/ is raised up by Him Who was incarnate/ of thy most pure womb, O Theotokos Virgin,// unto incorruption and everlasting life.

O Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

He Who went down into the nethermost parts of the earth,/ and came into thy womb, O Pure One,/ and dwelt and past understanding was incarnate,/ hath also raised up Adam with Himself// when He rose from the tomb.

(End of Paschal Tropars; Remaining stichera to be read)

Holy Apostle James, pray to God for us.

Unceasingly pouring forth streams of healings as from a well-spring, and piously emitting the enlightenment of doctrine, O wise and all-blessed one, thou dost illumine the souls who approach thee with love and devotion.

The Master found thee to be a vessel containing his rich and honoured benefactions, and He poureth forth as gifts mysteries which pass understanding, O servant of everlasting life.

For our sake the Master desired to assume mortality, the cause of the true resurrection of mortals, O blessed one, and He selected thee, the wise initiate of His mysteries, as His assistant on the night whereon He was betrayed.

Theotokion

O Virgin Theotokos who gavest birth to the Abyss of compassions, save my soul from the griefs of life and open unto me the gates of spiritual joy; for on thee have I set mine only hope.

Glory to Thee, Our God, Glory to Thee.

O Master, Who wast crucified with thieves, Thou didst deliver from crafty thieves and soul-corrupting passions all them that with one accord praise Thy crucifixion and arising, O man-befriending Lord.

Thou didst make clay and didst anoint the eyes of the man who had been blind from his birth. Thou didst grant him his sight, and he praised Thine immaculate might, whereby Thou hast saved the world, O Word.

Glory... O Unity of three Hypostases, Unbegotten Father, Begotten Son, and Thou Spirit Who proceedest, thrice-holy Lord, one essence and might, save all Thy people.

Both... Who can tell of thy mighty deeds, O pure One? For, in a manner surpassing nature, thou didst give birth in the flesh unto God, Who through thee doth deliver the world from all sin, O all-blameless Virgin.

C. Katavasia (Tone 5) **SEE KATAVASIA PACKET**

The abyss hath encompassed me,/ the sea monster is become my grave;/ but I cried unto Thee, the Lover of man,// and Thy right hand saved me, O Lord.

P. Small Ectenia

C. Kontakion, (Tone 4) **PENTECOSTARION PAGE 53**

Since my soul's noetic eyes are blind and sightless,/ I come unto Thee,
O Christ,/ as did the man who was born blind./ And in repentance I cry to
Thee:// Of those in darkness art Thou the most radiant Light.

R. Ikos of the Blind Man

Grant me a stream of ineffable wisdom and knowledge from on high, O
Christ, Thou Light of them that are in darkness and Guide of all them that
are gone astray, that I may tell of those things that the divine book of the
Gospel of peace hath taught, to wit, the miracle that was wrought upon the
blind man; for though blind from birth, he receiveth the physical eyes as
well as the eyes of the soul, as he crieth out in faith: Of those in
darkness art Thou the most radiant Light.

R. Reading from the Synaxarion or Prologue

Canticle Seven

Irmos: He Who saved the three young men in the furnace became
incarnate, and suffered as a mortal man. Through his
sufferings He clothed what is mortal in the robe of
immortality. He alone is blessed and most glorious, the God
of our fathers.

Christ is risen from the dead!

The godly women had hastened to Thee with myrrh, O Christ. In tears
they had sought Thee as a dead man, but in joy they worshipped Thee as the
living God and proclaimed the mystical Pascha to Thy disciples.

Christ is risen from the dead!

We celebrate the death of death and the overthrow of Hell, the
beginning of another life which is eternal, and in exaltation we sing the
praises of its source. He alone is blessed and most glorious, the God of
our fathers.

Christ is risen from the dead!

This is the bright and saving night, sacred and supremely festal. It
heralds the radiant day of the Resurrection, on which the timeless light
shown forth on the tomb for all.

O Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

Thy Son, having put death to death,/ O all-spotless one,/ today hath
granted unto all mortals/ the life that abideth unto the ages of ages,// the
only blessed and most glorious God of our fathers.

O Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

He Who reigneth over all creation,/ became man,/ dwelling in thy God-
graced womb,/ and having endured crucifixion and death,/ is risen in a God-
befitting manner,/ raising us up with Himself,// for He is Almighty.

(End of Paschal Tropars; Remaining stichera to be read)

Holy Apostle James, pray to God for us.

Thou didst drain the cup as thou didst promise Christ the Master, and wast baptized with His baptism, O blessed of God. And to Him thou dost now cry out with fervor, rejoicing: Blessed is the God of our fathers!

Thou wast shown to be illumined with the splendor of the vision of God, O James; wherefore, Christ the Benefactor hath adorned thee with the crown of the kingdom, and thou chantest with the angels: Blessed is the God of our fathers!

Behold, the great Bestower hath fulfilled the promises He made to thee: thou hast been borne up to Him by thine emulation of His sufferings. And, standing before Him now, thou criest out, rejoicing: Blessed is the God of our fathers!

Theotokion

We preach Him Who was incarnate of thee, O Master, as having two natures, but not two persons. And, reconciled with God because of thee, we depict Him in the flesh and venerate the image of His countenance.

Glory to Thee, Our God, Glory to Thee.

When Thou was hung upon the Tree, O Saviour, the sun was quenched, the earth was tossed like waves in a tempest, all creation was shaken, and the dead arose from the graves.

Thou didst anoint the eyes of the blind man with clay and didst command him to go to Siloam. When he had washed, he received his sight and chanted hymns of praise to Thee, O Christ, Thou King of all.

Glory... Let us praise the beginningless Father, the co-beginningless Son, and the All-holy Spirit. Holy, Holy, Holy art Thou, O God, Thou King of all.

Both... Thou was seen to be a Virgin after giving birth, O pure One; for thou didst bear God, Who by His might renewed every nature, O immaculate One. Do thou ever beseech Him that we be saved.

C. Katavasia (Tone 5)

O Thou Who didst save the Children/ who praised Thee in the furnace of fire,/ blessed art Thou, O God// of our fathers.

Canticle Eight

Irmos: This is the chosen and holy day, first of Sabbaths, king and lord of days; the feast of feasts, holy day of holy days: On this day we bless Christ forevermore.

Christ is risen from the dead!

Come on this chosen day of the Resurrection, let us partake of the new fruit of the vine. Let us share in the divine rejoicing of the kingdom of Christ, praising Him as God forevermore.

Christ is risen from the dead!

Lift up your eyes, O Zion, round about and see: Your children like divinely shining stars assemble from the North, the South, the East, and the West to bless Christ in you forevermore.

O Most Holy Trinity, our God, glory to Thee!

Father Almighty, Word, and Spirit: One nature in three Persons, surpassing beauty and divinity. In Thee we have been baptized, and Thee we bless forevermore.

O Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

Through thee the Lord came into the world,/ O Virgin Theotokos,/ and the womb of hades did He tear open,/ granting unto us mortals resurrection;// Wherefore, we bless Him unto the ages.

O Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

Laying low all the dominion of death/ by His Resurrection,/ thy Son, O Virgin, as the mighty God,/ hath raised us up with Himself/ and deified us;// wherefore we sing His praise unto the ages.

(End of Paschal Tropars; Remaining stichera to be read)

Holy Apostle James, pray to God for us.

Following Christ Who called thee, thou didst acquire the purpose of Abraham, O thou who didst see God; and thou wast His all-radiant minister, chanting to thy Creator and Deliverer: Ye children, bless; ye priests, hymn; ye people, exalt Him supremely for all ages!

Thy proclamation of the image of the law was mightier than the sound of thunder; for throughout all the world thou didst thunder Christ, our Creator and Deliverer, chanting: Ye children, bless; ye priests, hymn; ye people, exalt Him supremely for all ages!

Thou wast made wondrous, O glorious one, by the splendor of martyrdom and the true enlightenment of piety, for thou wast set as a prince and apostle over all the earth, chanting to the Creator and Deliverer: Ye children, bless; ye priests, hymn; ye people, exalt Christ supremely forever!

Theotokion

The tongues of orators are unable to hymn thee, O Theotokos Mary, Bride of God; for thou, O pure Maiden, gavest birth to God Who is over all, the Creator and Deliverer, to Whom we cry: Ye children, bless; ye priests, hymn; ye people, exalt Him supremely for all ages!

Glory to Thee, Our God, Glory to Thee.

When the orders of the Angels beheld Thee hanging upon the Cross and all creation being changed out of fear, O Christ, Thou King of all, they stood in awe and praised Thy love for man.

Thou gavest eyes unto the blind man who came unto Thee, O Christ. Thou didst command him to wash at the spring of Siloam and so to gain his sight, and to proclaim Thee as God, Who appeared in the flesh for the salvation of the world.

Let us bless Father, Son, Holy Spirit, the Lord!

O undivided Trinity, uncommingled Unity, God of all and Creator of all, save from all manner of temptations them that faithfully praise and worship Thy dominion.

Both... O immaculate Virgin, graced of God, ever beseech thy Son that He not put me to shame in the day of judgment, but that He number me with His chosen flock.

We praise, we bless, we worship the Lord, praising and supremely exalting Him throughout all ages.

C. Katavasia (Tone 5) **SEE KATAVASIA PACKET**

Unto God the Son,/ Who was begotten of the Father before the ages/ and was incarnate of a Virgin Mother in these last times,/ give praise, O ye priests, and supremely exalt Him,// O ye people, unto all the ages.

(No Magnificat)

Canticle Nine

Irmos: Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem!/ The glory of the Lord has shone on thee!/ Exult now, and be glad, O Zion!/ Be radiant, O pure Theotokos,// in the resurrection of thy Son!

Christ is risen from the dead!

How divine! How beloved!/ How sweet is Thy voice, O Christ!/ For Thou hast faithfully promised to be with us,/ to the end of the world./ Having this as our anchor of hope,// we the faithful rejoice.

Christ is risen from the dead!

O Christ, great and most holy Pascha!/ O Wisdom, Word and Pow'r of God,/ grant that we may more perfectly partake of Thee/ in the never ending day// of Thy Kingdom.

O Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

With one voice, O Virgin,/ the faithful do bless thee./ Rejoice, O Portal of the Lord;/ rejoice, O living City;/ rejoice, through whom for our sake the Light hath shone,/ Who, born of thee,// is the Resurrection of the dead.

O Most Holy Theotokos, save us!

Be glad and rejoice,/ O Portal of the Divine Light:/ for Jesus set into the grave,/ hath dawned forth shining more brightly than the sun,/ and hath illumined all the faithful,// O Sovereign Lady who rejoiceth in God.

(End of Paschal Tropars; Remaining stichera to be read)

Holy Apostle James, pray to God for us.

Passing through thy life in holiness, thou didst attain unto the abodes of the saints, where, rejoicing, thou dost behold the thrice-radiant Light, O all-wise one. Delighting therein, and full of gladness, by thy supplications show forth those who hymn thy joy, O all-blessed James.

The malefactors and murderers could not bear the sight of thee, as before they could not stand to look upon thy Master; for, denouncing them for their works, thou didst rebuke them by laying down thy life. And they slew with the sword thee, the emulator of Christ Who was crucified in the flesh for men, O divinely eloquent and all-blessed one.

Tortured by the sword of heaven, Herod died afflicted with sores, for the wretched one was not content to slay Thy servants and disciples, whom Thou didst name apostles, O Word. Wherefore, marveling at Thy righteous providence, we magnify Thee.

Theotokion

O Virgin Mother of God, thou wast shown to be her who gave birth in the flesh to God the Word, Whom the Father generated from His own heart before time began, in that He is good. Him do we now understand as transcending the body, even though He was clothed in a body.

Glory to Thee, Our God, Glory to Thee.

Thou wast fixed upon the scaffold of the Cross, O Christ God, and Thou didst triumph over all the opposing principalities of the enemy, and didst do away with the former curse, O Saviour. Wherefore, as is meet, we magnify Thee.

Thou didst rise from the dead as Thou didst say, and didst appear unto Thy holy disciples after Thine arising, O Giver of life, Who wroughtest signs and gavest eyes unto the blind. With them we magnify Thee unto the ages.

Glory... I reverence the Father as Light, I glorify the Son as Light, and I praise the Upright Spirit as Light: One undivided Light, perceived in three Persons, the God and King of all creation.

Both... Thou wast seen to be more spacious than the Heavens, O pure Virgin, when in bodily fashion thou didst contain God, the Uncircumscribable One, and didst give birth unto Him for the redemption of all who praise thee with undoubting faith.

C. Katavasia (Tone 5) **SEE KATAVASIA PACKET**

O Thou who art God's Mother transcending mind and word,/ who ineffably in time gavest birth unto the Timeless One,// Thee do we the faithful magnify with one accord.

- P. Small Ectenia
 C. Holy is the Lord our God...

C. Exapostilarion of Pascha, **USE PENTECOST SONGBOOK FOR MUSIC**

When Thou hadst fallen asleep in the flesh as one mortal, O King and Lord, Thou didst rise again on the third day, raising up Adam from corruption, and abolishing death: O Pascha of incorruption! O Salvation of the world!

R. Glory... Exapostilarion of the Apostle James

Let us all hymn James, son of Zebedee, for he ascended Mount Tabor with Christ and beheld the divine transfiguration; and, having descended, he preached with Peter and John to all the four corners of the earth.

Both... Exapostilarion of the Blind Man

Enlighten my noetic eyes which are bereft of sight, O Lord, because of sin's gloomy darkness. And since Thou art compassionate, instill in me humility. Cleanse Thou me by the tears of repentance and change of heart.

C. Lauds: Tone 5 Stichera

Let every bre-ath **praise** the Lord/
 Praise the Lord from the **Heavens**/
Praise Him in the **highest**/
 To **Thee** is due a **hymn**, O God/
 Praise Him, all ye His **Angels**;/
Praise Him, all **ye** His hosts.//
 To Thee is due a **hymn**, O God.

R. (The following may be read or sung antiphonally)

Praise Him, O sun and moon; praise Him, all ye stars and light.
 Praise Him, ye heavens of heavens, and thou water that art above the heavens.
 Let them praise the name of the Lord; For He spake, and they came to be; He commanded, and they were created.
 He established them forever, yea, forever and ever; He hath set an ordinance, and it shall not pass away.
 Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons and all ye abysses,
 Fire, hail, snow, ice, blast of tempest, which perform His word,
 The mountains and all the hills, fruitful trees, and all cedars,
 The beasts and all the cattle, creeping things and winged birds,
 Kings of the earth, and all peoples, princes and all judges of the earth,
 Young men and virgins, elders with the younger; let them praise the name of the Lord, for exalted is the name of Him alone.
 His praise is above the earth and heaven, and He shall exalt the horn of His people.
 This is the hymn for all His saints, for the sons of Israel, and for the people that draw nigh unto Him.
 Sing unto the Lord a new song; His praise is in the church of the saints.
 Let Israel be glad in Him that made him, let the sons of Sion rejoice in their king.
 Let them praise His name in the dance; with the timbrel and the psaltery let them chant unto Him.

For the Lord taketh pleasure in His people, and He shall exalt the meek with salvation.

The saints shall boast in glory, and they shall rejoice upon their beds. The high praise of God shall be in their throat, and two-edged swords shall be in their hands.

To do vengeance among the heathen, punishments among the peoples, To bind their kings with fetters, and their nobles with manacles of iron,

V. To do among them the judgment that is written/ This glory shall be to all His saints.

1. After the tomb was sealed by the evildoers,/ Thou, Lord, didst proceed from it,/ just as Thou didst come forth from the **Virgin**./ Thy bodiless angels had no knowledge of the manner of Thine **Incarnation**:/ Neither were the watch who guarded Thee aware of the moment of Thy **Resurrection**./ For both the one and the other were concealed from those who **questioned** these things,/ but were made manifest as miracles to those who acclaimed with faith the **Mystery**:// Grant us, who praise it, **joy** and great **mercy**.

V. Praise ye God in His saints,/ praise Him in the firmament of His power.

2. After **breaking** the **eternal** chains/ and bursting the bonds **asunder**,/ Thou didst rise, O **Lord**, from the tomb,/ leaving Thy grave clothes behind Thee as **witness**/ to Thy having been truly buried for **three** days;/ and Thou, Who wast in the cave with a guard watching **over** Thee/ didst go forward into **Galilee**./ Great is Thy mercy, O incomprehensible **Saviour**:// Have **mercy** upon us.

V. Praise Him for His mighty acts,/ praise Him according to the multitude of His greatness.

3. The **women**, O Lord, hastened **to** the tomb,/ so as to see Thee, O Christ, Who **suffered** for us,/ and when they reached it they found an angel seated **upon** the stone,/ who cried out to them, as they started **back** with dread:/ The Lord is risen, tell the **disciples**// that He is risen from the dead, **saving** our souls.

V. Praise Him with the sound of trumpet,/ praise Him with psaltery and harp.

4. As **Thou** didst go forth from the **sealed** tomb,/ so didst Thou, O Lord, enter when the **doors** were closed/ and stand in the midst of Thy disciples/ showing them the marks of Thy Passion, O long-suffering **Saviour**./ Born of the seed of David, having **endured** the stripes,/ Thou as Son of God hast set the **world** free./ Great is Thy mercy, O ineffable Lord:// Have **mercy** upon us.

V. Praise Him with timbrel and dance,/ praise Him with strings and flute.

5. O **blessed** James who beheld God,/ when thou didst hear the **voice** of the Word/ thou didst straightway abandon thy love for thy father and thy desire to **please** him;/ wherefore, forsaking the tumult of life, and traversing the noetic sea,/ thou didst trouble it with thy teachings of piety and with thy heavenly **radiance**,// O thou who art **blessed** of God.

V. Praise Him with tuneful cymbals, praise Him with cymbals of jubilation./ Let every breath praise the Lord.

6. O **blessed** James, who with thine own eyes beheld the Word,/ the Author of life, pleasing the Father of things to come by thine **actions**,/ thou hast deprived of his primacy the most abominable **Ishmael**/ who doth worship his **belly** as god,/ and thou hast tripped him and shown him to be devoid of the Father's **protection**,// having no share in His blessing and **inheritance**.

V. Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

7. **Thou** hast now been appointed prince over all the earth, O **glorious** one,/ as was written of **thee** before,/ for thou wast a disciple of Him Who created **all** things;/ and by thy steadfast zeal and invincible **boldness**/ thou didst endure to be put to death, O **blessed** one,// the first slain among the honoured company of the twelve **disciples**.

V. The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaimeth the work of His hands.

(Tone 6)

8. O fisher of all the world, holy **disciple**,/ laborer of the Savior and recounter of His **sufferings**:/ having traveled around creation with faith,/ gathered in the deluded nations and **brought** them to God,/ thou wast brought up into the **heavens**./ Wherefore, standing **before** the Judge,/ pray that we be delivered from our **iniquities**// and find salvation from torment on the day of **judgment**.

Glory... (Tone 8)

Who can tell of Thy mighty **acts**, O Christ,/ or who can number the multitudes of Thy **wonders**?/ For even as Thou, in Thy goodness, didst appear on earth twofold of **nature**,/ so didst Thou grant twofold **healings** to the sick;/ for Thou didst open not only the bodily eyes of the man who was **blind** from the womb,/ but those of his soul **also**.// Wherefore, he confessed Thee, the hidden God, Who grantest great mercy **unto** all.

Both now and ever... (Tone 2)

Most Blessed art Thou, O Virgin Theotokos,/ for through Him Who became incarnate of thee is hades led **captiv**e,/ **Adam** recalled, the curse annulled, Eve set free, **death** slain,/ and we are given life. Wherefore, we cry **aloud** in praise:/ Blessed art Thou, O **Christ** God,// Who hast been thus well-pleased, **glory** to Thee.

The Great Doxology
Dismissal Tropar:

Today is salvation come unto the world; let us sing to Him Who arose from the tomb, and is the Author of our life. For having destroyed death by death, He hath given us the victory and great mercy.

P. Litanies
Dismissal

G/B... Gospel Sticheron (Tone 8)

The **tears** of Mary are not warmly **shed** in vain./ For behold, she was held worthy of the angels' **teaching**/ and vouchsafed the sight of Thee, **Thyself**, O Christ./ But again her thoughts were earthly thoughts as those of a weak **woman**./ Therefore she was dismissed and told not to **touch** Thee, O Christ./ But she was also sent as herald to the **disciples**,/ and she affirmed to them the good tidings proclaiming the Ascension to the portion of the **Father**./ With her do Thou also make us worthy of Thy manifestation, O **Master** and Lord.

R. Hours:
Tropar: Resurrection & Apostle James
Kontak: Apostle James/Blind Man alternating

C. For unto us He has given eternal life. Let us worship His Resurrection on the third day.

At Liturgy:
Order of Troparia & Kontakia as follows:
Tropar Sunday
Tropar Apostle James
Glory... Kontak Apostle James
Both... Kontak Blind Man

Prokimenon (Tone 8)
Make your vows and pay them to the Lord our God.
V. In Judea is God known; His name is great in Israel.

Prokimenon for the Apostle James (Tone 8)
Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

Epistle(s): Acts 16:16-34 & Acts 12:1-11

Alleluia (Tone 8)
V. Look upon me and have mercy on me.
V. My steps do thou direct according to Thy saying.

Alleluia for the Apostle James (Tone 1)

Gospel(s): John 9:1-38 & Luke 5:1b-11

In place of "It is Truly Meet...", do "The Angel cried..."

Communion Verse: Praise Ye & Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world

Instead of "We have seen the true light...", do, "Christ has risen..."