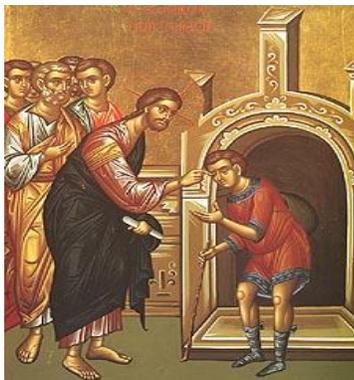


21. MAY. 2017. 6th SUNDAY OF PASCHA. TONE-5. SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN. ST. JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN.

21. ТРАВЕНЬ. 2017. НЕДІЛЯ 6-та. ПО ПАСЦІ ГОЛОС-5. ПРО СЛІПОГО. СВЯТОГО АПОСТОЛА І ЄВАНГЕЛІСТА ІОАННА БОГОСЛОВА.



After the Midfeast (John 7:14), the Lord Jesus Christ came to the Temple again and taught the people who came to Him (John 8:2). After leaving the Temple, He opened the eyes of a man “who was blind from his birth (John 9:1).

The miracle described in today’s Gospel (John 9:1-38) is even more remarkable than it might seem at first. Saint Basil and other Fathers tell us that this was not just a case of giving sight to a blind man born with eyes that did not function, but to someone who had no eyes at all! The second Exapostilarion for this Sunday says, “Along the way, our Savior found a man who lacked both sight and eyes...”.

The Gospel says, “Since the world began, it was not heard that any man opened the eyes of one who was born blind” (John 9:32). There are examples in the Old (Tobit 2:17) and New (Mark 8:22-26) Testaments of blind people receiving sight, but this is something completely unprecedented.

The Savior placed clay in the man’s empty sockets and told him to wash in the pool of Siloam. When he obeyed these instructions, the eyes of clay became living eyes!

TROPAR OF SUNDAY IN TONE-5. Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation of the Virgin. For in His Good Will He was lifted up on the Cross in the flesh to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

ТРОПАР НЕДІЛЬНИЙ НА ГОЛОС 5-ий. Співбезпочаткове Слово Отцеві і Духові, від Діви народжене на спасіння наше, оспівуймо, вірні, і поклонімося, бо Він благозволив Тілом зійти на хрест і смерть перетерпіти, і воскресити померлих славним Воскресінням Своім.

TROPAR OF APOSTLE IN TONE-2.

O beloved Apostle of Christ our God, hasten to help the people, the Lord will hear your prayers, He allowed you to recline on His breast. Pray to Him, O Theologian, to dispel the persistent danger of the heathen, and ask for us His peace and great mercy. GLORY to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

ТРОПАР АПОСТОЛУ НА ГОЛОС 2-ий.

НеАпостоле, Богом возлюблений, поспіши на допомогу людям непрощеним, твою молитву почує Господь, Котрий до серця Свого тебе пригортав, моли Його, Богослове, хай і нині явну небезпеку прожене, проси для нас миру і щедрої милості.

СЛАВА Отцю і Сину і Святому Духові.

KONDAK OF THE APOSTLE IN TONE-2 In your exaltedness you are the defender of purity, through you pour forth miracles and healings, and you also pray for our souls, as the Theologian and friend of Christ. NOW AND FOREVER and to the ages of ages. Amen.

KONDAK OF THE BLIND MAN IN TONE-4. I come to You, my Christ, blind from birth in my spiritual eyes, and call to You in repentance: You are the most radiant light for those in darkness.

READER : “ PROKIMEN IN TONE – 8. Pray and give glory to the Lord our God.”
CHOIR : “ Pray and give glory to the Lord our God

READER: “ In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel.”
CHOIR : “ Pray and give glory to the Lord our God.”

READER: “ ANOTHER PROKIMEN IN TONE – 8. Their proclamation has gone into all the earth and their words to the ends of the universe.”
CHOIR : “ Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth and their words to the ends of the universe.”

THE EPISTLE: Acts. 16 : 16 – 34.

16 Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. 17 This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, “These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation.” 18 And this she did for many days.

But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And he came out that very hour. 19 But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged *them* into the marketplace to the authorities.

20 And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, “These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble

КОНДАК АПОСТОЛУ НА ГОЛОС 2-ий. Велич твою, хранителю чистоти, хто висловить, посилаєш чудодійства і проливаєш зцілення, а також молишся за душі наші, тому що ти Богослов і друг Христів. І НИНІ і повсякчас і на віки вічні, Амін.

КОНДАК СЛІПОГО НА ГОЛОС 4-ий. З осліпленими душевними очима до Тебе, Христе, приходжу, як Сліпий від народження, в покаянні взиваючи до Тебе. Ти Світло пресвітле для сущих у темряві.

ЧИТ. : “ ПРОКИМЕН НА ГОЛОС 8-ий. Помоліться і хвалу віддайте Господеві Богу нашому.”
ХОР. : “ Помоліться і хвалу віддайте Господеві Богу нашому.”

ЧИТ. : (СТИХ) “ Відомий Бог в Юдеї, в Ізраїлі велике Ім'я Його.”
ХОР. : “ Помоліться і хвалу віддайте Господеві Богу нашому.”

ЧИТ. : “ ІНШИЙ ПРОКИМЕН НА ГОЛОС 8-ий. По всій землі лунає голос їх і до краю вселенної слова їх.”
ХОР. : “ По всій землі лунає голос їх і до краю вселенної слова їх.”

our city; 21 and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe.” 22 Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded *them* to be beaten with rods. 23 And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw *them* into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. 24 Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

25 But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were loosed. 27 And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. 28 But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, “Do yourself no harm, for we are all here.”

29 Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 And he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

31 So they said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.” 32 Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. 33 And he took them the same hour of the night and washed *their* stripes. And immediately he and all his *family* were baptized. 34 Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.

EPISTLE 1 John. 1 : 1 – 7.

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life— 2 the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us— 3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. 4 And these things we write to you that your[a] joy may be full.

5 This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

READER : “ ALLELUIA IN TONE – 8. Look upon me and have mercy on me. Alleluia.”

CHOIR : “ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.”

ЧИТ. : “ АЛИЛУЯ НА ГОЛОС 8-ий. Зглянься на мене й помилуй мене. Алилуя.”

ХОР. : “ Алилуя, Алилуя, Алилуя.”

Word. Alleluia.”

CHOIR : “ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.”

READER : “ Direct my steps according to Your

ЧИТ. : “ Стопи мої справуй за словом Твоїм.Алилуя.”

ХОР. : “ Алилуя, Алилуя, Алилуя.”

READER : “ALLELUIA IN TONE – 1.The heavens, O Lord, shall declare Your wonders, and Your Truth in the assembly of the saints. Alleluia.”

CHOIR : “ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.”

ЧИТ. : “ АЛИЛУЯ НА ГОЛОС 1-ий. Небеса прославляють чудеса Твої, Господи, і істину Твою в Церкві святих. Алилуя.”

ХОР. : “ Алилуя, Алилуя, Алилуя.”

GOSPEL: John. 9 : 1 – 38.

9 Now as *Jesus* passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. 2 And His disciples asked Him, saying, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

3 *Jesus* answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. 4 I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; *the* night is coming when no one can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

6 When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. 7 And He said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of *Siloam*” (which is translated, *Sent*). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.

8 Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, “Is not this he who sat and begged?”

9 Some said, “This is he.” Others *said*, “He is like him.” He said, “I am *he*.”

10 Therefore they said to him, “How were your eyes opened?”

11 He answered and said, “A Man called *Jesus* made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to the pool of *Siloam* and wash.’ So I went and washed, and I received sight.”

12 Then they said to him, “Where is He?” He said, “I do not know.”

13 They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. 14 Now it was a Sabbath when *Jesus* made the clay and opened his eyes. 15 Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.”

16 Therefore some of the Pharisees said, “This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath.” Others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them.

17 They said to the blind man again, “What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”

18 But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight. 19 And they asked them, saying, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?”

20 His parents answered them and said, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; 21 but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of

age; ask him. He will speak for himself.” 22 His parents said these *things* because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed *that He was Christ*, he would be put out of the synagogue. 23 Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

24 So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, “Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner.”

25 He answered and said, “Whether He is a sinner *or not* I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see.”

26 Then they said to him again, “What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?”

27 He answered them, “I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear *it* again? Do you also want to become His disciples?”

28 Then they reviled him and said, “You are His disciple, but we are Moses’ disciples. 29 We know that God spoke to Moses; *as for this fellow*, we do not know where He is from.”

30 The man answered and said to them, “Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes! 31 Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. 32 Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. 33 If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing.”

34 They answered and said to him, “You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?” And they cast him out.

35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, “Do you believe in the Son of God?”

36 He answered and said, “Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?”

37 And Jesus said to him, “You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you.”

38 Then he said, “Lord, I believe!” And he worshiped Him.

John 19 : 25-27, 21: 24-25.

25 Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother’s sister, Mary the *wife* of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, “Woman, behold your son!” 27 Then He said to the disciple, “Behold your mother!” And from that hour that disciple took her to his own *home*.

24 This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true. 25 And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.

INSTEAD OF: “IT IS TRULY WORTHY...” O Pure Virgin. Again I say: Rejoice. Your Son is risen on the third day from the tomb, and He has raised up all the dead: Rejoice, all you people. IRMOS: Shine forth, Shine forth, O New The angel cried to the Lady Full of Grace: Rejoice, Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has shone upon

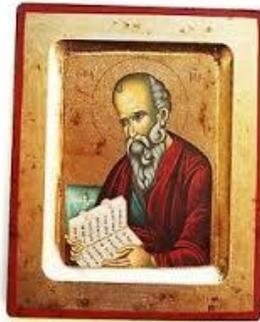
you. Exult now and be glad O Zion, and rejoice, O pure Theotokos, in the Rising of the One born of you. день із гробу і мертвих воздвигнув, люди, веселіться.

ЗАМІСТЬ ДОСТОЙНО. Ангел звістив Благодатній: “Чистая Діво, радуйся,” і ще раз кажу: “Радуйся” Твій Син воскрес на третій

Світися, світися, Новий Єрусалиме, слава бо Господня над Тобою зійшла. Радій нині і веселися, Сіоне, а Ти Чистая, красуйся, Богородице, бо Воскрес Народжений Тобою.

COMMUNION VERSE: “Receive the body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.” “Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth and their words to the ends of the universe. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.”

ПРИЧАСНИЙ. “Тіло Христове прийміте, життя безсмертного вкусіте. Аलिлюя, Аलिлюя, Аलिлюя.” “По всій землі лунає голос їх і до краю вселенної слова їх. Аलिлюя, Аलिлюя, Аलिлюя.”



There is an [akathist](#) hymn dedicated to St John the Theologian:

*Beloved apostle of Christ our God,
hasten to deliver a defenseless people.
He who allowed you to recline on His breast,
receives you as you bow before Him.
Implore Him, John the Theologian,
to disperse the persistent threat from the heathens,
entreating for us peace and great mercy.*