**Order of Services for Sunday, May 18, 2025**

5th Sunday of Pascha

Samaritan Woman

*NOTE: The rubrics presented below are the commonly accepted order. However, practices may vary with local practices or dioceses. The ruling bishop should be consulted for any specific questions regarding the accepted order of services.*

*NOTE: Bracketed items are commonly omitted in parish practice.*

**Vigil**

**(*Great Vespers at a Vigil)***

*(If Great Vespers is served alone, not at a Vigil, begin with the Typical Beginning, which can be found at* [*https://www.oca.org/liturgics/rubrics/horologion*](https://www.oca.org/liturgics/rubrics/horologion)*.)*

*Priest:* “Glory to the holy consubstantial…”

“Amen.”

*Priest:* “Christ is risen from the dead…” (2 ½ times)

*Choir:* “and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!”

Psalm 103/104

Great Litany

[First Kathisma, or] “Blessed is the Man…”

Little Litany

Lord, I Call, Tone 4 (Ps. 140/141)

4 stichera of the Resurrection, Tone 4

3 stichera of Midfeast, Tone 4

3 stichera of the Samaritan Woman, Tone 1 and Tone 2

Glory… Samaritan Woman, Tone 6

Now and ever… Dogmatic Theotokion, Tone 4

Gladsome Light

Saturday Evening Prokeimenon, “The Lord is King…”

Augmented Litany

“Vouchsafe, O Lord…”

Evening Litany

[Litya]

[1 sticheron of the Church]

[Glory… now and ever… Samaritan Woman, Tone 3]

Aposticha

1 sticheron of the Resurrection, Tone 4

Paschal Stichera, “Let God arise…”, with their verses

Glory… Samaritan Woman, Tone 8

Now and ever… “This is the Day of Resurrection… Christ is risen… (1x)”

“Lord, Now Lettest…”

Trisagion Prayers

*Concluding Troparia and Dismissal:*

*If a Vigil is Served:*

“Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos…” (2x)

Troparion of Midfeast, Tone 8 (1x)

[Blessing of the Loaves]

“Blessed be the Name…” (3x)

[Psalm 33/34:1-10]

*Priest:* “The blessing of the Lord…”

“Amen.” *And begin Matins with the Six Psalms, as outlined below.*

*Or, if Great Vespers alone is served:*

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 4

Glory… now and ever… Troparion of Midfeast, Tone 8

Paschal Vespers Dismissal

**(*Sunday Matins at a Vigil*)**

*(If Matins is served alone, begin with the Typical Beginning, which can be found at* [*https://www.oca.org/liturgics/rubrics/horologion*](https://www.oca.org/liturgics/rubrics/horologion)*.)*

“Christ is Risen…” (3x)

Six Psalms

Great Litany

“God is the Lord…,” Tone 4

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 4 (2x)

Glory… now and ever… Troparion of Midfeast, Tone 8

[Kathisma 2]

[Little Litany]

[Kathisma Hymns from the Pentecostarion, Tone 4]

[Kathisma 3]

[Little Litany]

[Kathisma Hymns from the Pentecostarion, Tone 4]

[Psalm 118][[1]](#footnote-1)

Evlogitaria: “Blessed art Thou, O Lord…”

[Little Litany]

[Ypakoe]

[Hymn of Degrees, Tone 4]

Prokeimenon, Tone 4: “Arise, O Lord, and help us!…”

“Let everything that breathes…”

7th Matins Gospel: (63) John 20:1-10

“Having Beheld the Resurrection…” [3x]

Psalm 50

Post-Gospel Stichera

Prayer of Intercession, “O God, save Thy people…”

Canons *(NOTE: in common parish practice, after the Irmos, only two troparia from each Canon are used. Before the final troparion, “Glory… now and ever…” is used as the refrain.)*

**Irmos:** Pascha, Tone 1

Refrain: “Christ is risen from the dead!”

6 troparia from the Pascha Canon, including its Theotokia, Tone 1

Refrain: “Christ is risen from the dead!”, and “Most Holy Theotokos, save us!” for the Theotokia

4 troparia from the Canon of Midfeast, Tone 8

Refrain: “Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!”

4 troparia from the Canon of the Samaritan Woman, Tone 4

Refrain: “Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!”

**Katavasia:** “It is the Day of Resurrection…”

*[After the Third Ode:]*

[Little Litany]

[Kontakion of Midfeast, Tone 4]

[Ikos of Midfeast]

[Kathisma Hymns from the Pentecostarion, Tone 4]

*After the Sixth Ode:*

[Little Litany]

Kontakion of the Samaritan Woman, Tone 8

Ikos of the Samaritan Woman

*After the Eighth Ode:*

*The Magnificat is* ***NOT*** *sung, but immediately the Irmos of the Ninth Ode, continuing with the rest of Ode 9*

Little Litany

“Holy is the Lord…”, Tone 4

Exapostilaria:

Pascha, Tone 2

Glory… Samaritan Woman, Tone 2

Now and ever… Midfeast, Tone 2

Psalms 148-150: “Let everything that breathes…” Tone 4

6 stichera of the Resurrection, Tone 4

2 stichera of the Samaritan Woman, with their verses, Tone 3 and Tone 6

Glory… Samaritan Woman, Tone 6

Now and ever… “Thou art most blessed…,” Tone 2

Great Doxology

“By rising from the tomb…”

Augmented Litany

Morning Litany

Paschal Matins Dismissal

[Glory… now and ever… 7th Gospel Sticheron, Tone 7]

*NOTE: The First Hour follows immediately. A small dismissal concludes the First Hour. See below for the Troparion and Kontakion.*

**The Hours**

Troparion: Resurrection, Glory… Midfeast

Kontakion: Midfeast (1st and 6th Hours) or Samaritan Woman (3rd and 9th Hours)

**Divine Liturgy**

*NOTE: Listed below are only the variable portions of the Liturgy*

At the Beatitudes:

4 troparia of the Resurrection, Tone 4

4 troparia from Ode 3 of the Canon of the Samaritan Woman, Tone 4

4 troparia from Ode 6 of the Canon of Midfeast, Tone 8

Troparia and Kontakia:

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 4

Troparion of Midfeast, Tone 8

Glory… Kontakion of the Samaritan Woman, Tone 8

Now and ever… Kontakion of Midfeast, Tone 4

Trisagion

Prokeimenon: Pentecostarion, Tone 3: “Sing praises to our God, sing praises…”

Epistle: (26) Acts 11:19-26, 29-30

Alleluia: Pentecostarion, Tone 4

Gospel: (12) John 4:5-42

*Instead of “It is truly meet…”:* “The angel cried…” and “Shine, shine…”

Communion Hymn: “Receive the Body of Christ…” and “Praise the Lord from the heavens…”

*Priest:* “In the fear of God…”

*Choir:* “Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord… “

*Priest:* “O God, save Thy people… “

*Choir:* “Christ is risen from the dead… “ *(sung once, instead of “We have seen the True Light…)*

*Priest:* “Always, now and ever…”

*Choir:* “Let our mouths be filled…”

*At the Dismissal, the Priest says:* “Glory to Thee, O Christ…” *and the choir sings* “Christ is risen from the dead…” *(thrice).*

*After the Dismissal:*

And unto us He has given eternal life.

Let us worship His Resurrection on the third day!

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1. Often, in parish practice, the Polyeleos is sung on Sundays year-round, even when not specifically called for. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)