

SUNDAY, MAY 7

TONE 3

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pascha, Paralytic

Repose of St. Alexis Toth, Confessor and Defender of Orthodoxy in America

"Lord I Call..." Tone 3

Lord, I call upon You, hear me.

Hear me, O Lord.

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Receive the voice of my prayer,

when I call upon You.//

Hear me, O Lord.

Let my prayer arise

in Your sight as incense,

and let the lifting up of my hands

be an evening sacrifice.//

Hear me, O Lord.

*v. (10) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your name!*

*v. (9) The righteous will surround me; for You will deal bountifully with me.*

**Tone 3**      *(for the Resurrection)*

By Your Cross, O Christ our Savior,

death's dominion has been shattered;

the devil's delusion destroyed.

The race of man, being saved by faith,//

always offers You a song.

*v. (8) Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!*

All has been enlightened by Your Resurrection, O Lord.

Paradise has been opened again.

All creation, praising You,//

always offers You a song.

*v. (7) Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!*

I glorify the power of the Father and the Son.

I praise the authority of the Holy Spirit:

the undivided, uncreated Godhead,//

the consubstantial Trinity which reigns forever.

*v. (6) If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.*

**Tone 1**     *Idiomela*     (from the Pentecostarion)

With Your pure hand, You created man,  
and You came to heal the sick, O compassionate Christ.  
By Your word You raised the paralytic at the Sheep's Pool,  
and cured the pain of the woman with the issue of blood.  
You had mercy on the daughter of the Canaanite woman,  
and did not reject the request of the centurion.  
Therefore we cry to You://  
“Glory to You, O almighty Lord!”

*v. (5) For Your Name's sake I wait for You, O Lord. My soul has waited for Your word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.*

The Paralytic was like an unburied corpse.  
He saw You and shouted: “Lord, have mercy on me!  
My bed has become my grave! Why should I live?  
What use is the Sheep's Pool to me?  
I have no one to put me into the pool when the waters are stirred,  
but I come to You, O Fountain of healing.  
Raise me up, that with all I may cry to You://  
‘Glory to You, O almighty Lord!’”

*v. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!*

**Tone 6\***     (from the Menaion, for St. Alexis)

Come, all who love the saints,  
let us honor the new Man of God,  
a fruitful branch of Christ, the True Vine,  
a defender of the Orthodox Church,  
the thrice-blessed Priest Alexis,//  
our father and teacher!

*v. (3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.*

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\* Music for the stichera for St. Alexis from the Department of Liturgical Music and Translations can be downloaded at [www.oca.org](http://www.oca.org).

Zealous for the Law of God,  
King Josiah taught Israel to serve only the Lord.  
Our divinely-wise Father Alexis  
guided his people to the Orthodox Faith,  
teaching them to cry aloud://  
“O Lord, have mercy on us!”

*V. (2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!*

Our holy Father Alexis,  
guided by the Spirit of Truth,  
exposed the error of ignorance  
and led his people to the True Faith.  
In humility concealing his virtues from others,//  
he thereby received a heavenly crown.

*V. (1) For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.*

Today the Church celebrates a feast of great joy,  
for the holy Priest Alexis guides his sheep back to the knowledge of the Truth,  
watering them with the ever-flowing fountain of his teachings,  
and instructing them to sing://  
“Glory to God for His great mercy!”

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*  
**Tone 5**      *(from the Pentecostarion)*

Jesus went up to Jerusalem.  
He came to the Sheep’s Pool, called in Hebrew “Bethesda.”  
It had five porches, each filled with a multitude of the sick,  
for at certain times an angel of the Lord stirred up the water,  
and granted strength to those who approached in faith.  
There the Lord saw a man who for many years had been afflicted.  
He said: “Do you want to be whole?”  
The sick man replied to the Lord:  
“I have no man to lower me into the pool when the water is stirred.  
I have spent all my wealth on physicians,  
but have not been granted mercy!”  
Then the Physician of souls and bodies said to him:  
“Take up your bed and walk!//  
Proclaim My power and great mercy to the ends of the earth!”

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

**Tone 3**      *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

How can we not wonder  
at your mystical childbearing, O exalted Mother?  
For without receiving the touch of man,  
you gave birth to a Son in the flesh, O immaculate Virgin.  
The Son born of the Father before eternity  
was born of you at the fullness of time, O honored Lady.  
He underwent no mingling, no change, no division,  
but preserved the fullness of each nature.  
Entreat Him, O Lady and Virgin, and Mother,  
to save the souls of those who, in the Orthodox manner, confess you//  
to be the Theotokos.

**Old Testament Readings** *(St. Alexis)*

**Composite 2 (Proverbs)**

**Composite 4 (Wisdom of Solomon)**

**Composite 5 (Wisdom of Solomon)**

**Aposticha**

**Tone 3**      *(for the Resurrection)*

The sun was darkened by Your Passion, O Christ,  
but all creation was enlightened by the light of Your Resurrection.//  
Accept our evening song, O Lover of man!

*(Then the Paschal Stichera with their verses from Psalm 67)*

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

**Tone 6**      *(from the Menaion, for St. Alexis)*

Fleeing the harm that comes from vanity and pride,  
you strove to hide your virtues from the eyes of others  
and patiently endured trials and afflictions.  
Therefore the Lord, Who sees all things,//  
has glorified you, O our Father Alexis.

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

**Tone 8**      *(from the Pentecostarion)*

Solomon's porch was filled with the sick.

In the middle of the feast,

Christ found a man who had been paralyzed for thirty-eight years.

He shouted to him in a commanding voice:

"Do you want to be healed?"

The sick man replied: "Lord, when the water is stirred, I have no man to lower  
me into the pool."

The Lord said to him:

"Pick up your bed!

Now that you are healed, see that you sin no more!"

Show to us Your great mercy, O Lord, //  
through the prayers of the Theotokos!

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

*(at Great Vespers)*

**Tone 3**      **Troparion**      *(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,*

**Tone 4**      **Troparion**      *(St. Alexis)*

O righteous Father Alexis,

our heavenly intercessor and teacher,

divine adornment of the Church of Christ,

entreat the Master of All

to strengthen the Orthodox Faith in America,

to grant peace to the world //

and to our souls great mercy!

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

**Tone 4      Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion**

The mystery of all eternity,  
unknown even by Angels,  
through you, Theotokos, is revealed to those on earth:  
God incarnate by union without confusion.  
He voluntarily accepted the Cross for us,  
by which He resurrected the first-created man, //  
saving our souls from death.

*(at the Divine Liturgy)*

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**Tone 5      Kontakion    *(St. Alexis)***

Let us, the faithful, praise the Priest Alexis,  
a bright beacon of Orthodoxy in America,  
a model of patience and humility,  
a worthy shepherd of the flock of Christ!  
He called back sheep who had been led astray  
and brought them by his preaching//  
to the Heavenly Kingdom.

**Tone 3      Kontakion    *(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!”

*Note: The Kontakion of Pascha is not sung on this day.*

**Tone 1 Prokeimenon** (*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*)

**Tone 7 Prokeimenon** (*St. Alexis*)

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord / and shall hope in Him. (*Ps. 63:11a*)

**Epistle**

(23) Acts 9:32-42

(200) Galatians 1:11-19 (*St. Alexis*)

**Tone 5**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*V. I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation.* (*Ps. 88:1-2*)

*V. For You have said: Mercy will be established forever; Your truth will be prepared in the heavens.* (*Ps. 88:3*)

**Tone 6**

*V. Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments.* (*Ps. 111:1*)

**Gospel**

(14) John 5:1-15

(35-ctr) John 10:1-9 (*St. Alexis*)

*(Instead of "It is truly meet...", we sing: "The Angel Cried ...")*

**Communion Hymn**

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality!  
The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil  
tidings! (*Ps. 111:6*)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

And unto us He has given eternal life.

Let us worship His Resurrection on the third day!

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