



# HOLY TRINITY EASTERN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sixth Sunday of Pascha – Tone 5

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## **Sunday of the Blind Man Virgin Martyr Theodosia of Tyre**

Christ is Risen!

Indeed He is Risen!

**EPISTLE:** Acts 16:16-34

**GOSPEL:** John 9:1-38

### **Paschal Troparion**

Christ is risen from the dead,  
trampling down death by death,  
and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

### **Troparion, (*Resurrection*) Tone 5**

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,  
coeternal with the Father and the Spirit,  
born for our salvation from the Virgin;  
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the  
flesh,  
to endure death,  
and to raise the dead  
by His glorious Resurrection.

### **Kontakion, (*Pentecostarion*) Tone 4**

I come to Thee, O Christ, blind from birth in my  
spiritual eyes,

and call to Thee in repentance:

Thou art the most radiant Light of those in  
darkness!

### **Kontakion, (*Pascha*) Tone 8**

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal,  
Thou didst destroy the power of death!  
In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God,  
proclaiming "Rejoice" to the myrrhbearing  
women,  
granting peace to Thy apostles, and bestowing  
resurrection on the fallen.

**Prokeimenon** (Tone 8): Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!

Verse: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

**Hymn to the Theotokos** (Instead of "It is truly meet..."):

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, all 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 Hymn:** Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality! Praise the Lord,  
from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The **Polikhronion** for the Diocese of New York and New Jersey: Our Lord and Father, the Most Blessed JONAH, Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All-America and Canada, His Grace MICHAEL, Bishop of New York and the Diocese of New York and New Jersey, our rector and the faithful of this Holy Temple, and all Orthodox Christians, O Lord, preserve them for many years!

**MEMORY ETERNAL – CHRIST IS RISEN!**

Michael Babich – June 1  
Petru Hutuleac – June 1  
Peter Hubiak – June 3

**BIRTHDAYS:**

Daniel Chabanov – May 29  
Helen Babich – June 1  
Stella Prihodko – June 1  
Lisa Stanton – June 1  
Larisa Kartseva – June 2  
Christopher Paserba – June 3

**Coffee Hour:** This week: Cathy Dovidio and Matushka Liane Worthington  
Next week: Adrian Manolache and Leo Paserba

**Church Cleaning:** May 22 – June 4 – Ada Tinescu and Mihal David

**Alaska Basket:** One dollar for the support of the Church of Alaska. Thank you!

**Tricky Tray:** Thanks to all who worked on the Tricky Tray and to those who donated prizes and money. With your help we made it through another major fund-raiser for our Church. The clean-up continues as well as the preparation for October!

Hymns for the feast of the **Ascension of our Lord** – Thursday June 2

**Troparion** (*Ascension*) **Tone 4**

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God,  
granting joy to Thy disciples by the promise of  
the Holy Spirit.

Through the blessing they were assured  
that Thou art the Son of God,  
the Redeemer of the world!

Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God,  
not being parted from those who love Thee,  
but remaining with them and crying:  
I am with you and no one will be against you!

**Kontakion** (*Ascension*) **Tone 6**

When Thou didst fulfill the dispensation for our  
sake,  
and unite earth to heaven:

## Notes from Father James

**Prayers and Soup:** Please spread the word that the Church is open every Wednesday from 12 noon to 2 PM for a hot lunch or to visit the sanctuary and pray. We had a success last week when 9 of our neighbors stopped by for a meal. If you know of anyone who is interested, please direct them to the church.

**Greeters:** Greeters are needed every week to meet people as they arrive. Please arrive by 9:10 and be ready to share a warm smile and greeting with all who enter. If the person is new or a visitor, offer them a Liturgy book and to sign the Guestbook. Speak with them about the Liturgy and invite them to stay afterwards and meet the entire community. There will be a sign up sheet available during coffee hour. We need volunteers for the next few weeks, and will need more after that.

**Donations Needed:** An Orthodox parish needs many things to be self sufficient and proper. We have recently purchased a book of Akathists and a book of the Psalter (which has already been sponsored) for the choir library. If you would like to donate the cost of any of these items, please see Fr James after services. Other things you may consider donating are fans (rapidi) for the altar, banners or larger vestments. A full list can be found on the website.

**Morning Prayers:** Continue Tuesday through Friday mornings every week at 7:30 AM.

**Benefit Concert:** On Sunday, June 19th, The George Margitich Russian Male Choir will perform a benefit concert at St. John the Baptist Russian Orthodox Church in Rahway NJ. Off street parking is available, there is no admission price and no reserved seats. A Free-Will offering will be taken to benefit the newly formed Saint James Orthodox Church in Farmville Va.

**IOCC Charity Event:** A Bowl-A-Thon to benefit IOCC in its humanitarian efforts in Japan will be held on Saturday, June 11, 2011 at 2 pm. It will be held at Stelton Lanes, in Piscataway, NJ. Bowlers will sign up sponsors (per pin or straight dollar amount) and the cost is \$13/person (3 games, shoe rental, refreshments). The deadline for signing up is June 4, 2011.

**Schedule for this week:** There is a major feast happening this week – the Ascension of our Lord. This takes place 40 days after Pascha. There will be a vespers service on Wednesday night, and a Liturgy on Thursday morning. If you are able, it would be good to attend the services on such a holy day.

**Parish Feast Day:** Pentecost, June 12, is the parish feast. A luncheon will replace coffee hour. If you are able to donate salads, sandwiches, deserts and/or cold drinks, please

contact Mary Forbes, [908-755-8198](tel:908-755-8198) or [arforbes@verizon.net](mailto:arforbes@verizon.net). We could also use help with setup and cleanup. Ethnic food is particularly welcome.