

**Divine Liturgy Propers, May 21**  
**SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND**  
**Sixth Paschal Sunday**

**The holy emperor Constantine and his mother Helen, equal to the apostles.** Constantine reigned in ancient Rome and in Byzantium (which became New Rome), and was the first Christian emperor, champion of the Faith. Though he was not baptized until on his deathbed, he considered himself a Christian, and called the First Ecumenical Council at Nicea in 325 to settle the Arian heresy. (337) On the Via Labicana in old Rome, Helen, the mother of Constantine the emperor is remembered. She single-mindedly worked to help the needy and piously visited churches, mingling with the crowds. Having made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem to see the places of the Nativity, Passion, and Resurrection of Christ, she honored the manger and cross of the Lord by building basilicas worthy of respect. (327)

*Immediately after the opening blessing, the following is sung once by the priest and then twice by the faithful:*

**Troparion of Pascha - Special Tone 5**

Christ is ris - en from the dead! By death he tram - pled Death;  
and to those in the tombs he grant - ed life.

**Troparia of the Resurrection - Tone 5:**

O faith - ful, let us praise and a - dore the Word e - ter - nal with the Fa - ther  
and the Spir - it, and born of the Vir - gin for our sal - va - tion.  
For he chose to as - cend the cross in the flesh and to suf - fer death, and to

raise the dead by his glo - ri - ous re - sur - rec - - - tion.

**Troparion of Constantine and Helen - Tone 8:**

See - ing the cross in the sky like Paul, and like him you re - ceived

a call from the Di - vine. You com - mit - ted the roy - al ci - ty

in - to the hands of the Lord. Save this ci - ty al - ways in peace, O on - ly

Lov - er of us all, through the pray'rs of the The - o - to - kos.

*Cantor*

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - - - it.

**Kontakion of Constantine and Helen - Tone 3**

To - day Con - stan - tine and his moth - er re - veal the cross,

that most pre - cious tree which puz - zles the Jews. It is the

*The Paschal troparion* “Christ is risen from the dead. \* By death . . .” is sung once in place of “We have seen the true light; . . .”

*At the Dismissal, in place of "Glory to the Father...":*

Christ is risen from the dead! By death he tram - pled Death; and to those in the tombs

he grant - ed life. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Give the bles - sing.

*After the Dismissal, the celebrant says three times: “Christ is risen!” and the faithful respond each time: “Indeed he is risen!” The celebrant then sings once: “Christ is risen from the dead! By death . . .,” and the faithful sing:*

*(Twice)*

Christ is ris - en from the dead! By death he tram - pled death; and to those in the

tombs he grant - ed life. And to us he grant - ed life e - ter - nal.

Let us bow be - fore his resur - rec - tion on the third day!

thy king-dom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en.

Give us this day our dai - ly bread; and for-give us our tres-pass - es

as we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us; and lead us not in - to

temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - - vil.

**Communion Hymn of Pascha:** (*music found on page 168-169*)  
 Receive the body of Christ; drink the source of immortality. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Communion Hymn of Sunday** (*Psalm 148:1*): (*music found on pages 78-81*)  
 Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the highest. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Communion Hymn of Constantine and Helen** (*Psalm 18:5*): B

Through all the earth their voice re - sounds;

*Refrain*

their mes-sage rea - - ches to the ends of the world. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia!

ar - mor of Christian authorities a-against en - e - - mies. It has proved it - self

awe - some in war by its man - y mir - a - - cles.

*Cantor*

Now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

**Kontakion of the Man Born Blind - Tone 4:**

With eyes that are spiritually blind I come to you, O Christ; and, like the

man who was blind since birth, I cry out to you with re - pent - ance:

You are a shining light to those in dark - ness.

**Prokeimenon of the Man Born Blind - Tone 8** (*Psalm 75:12,2*):

Make vows to the Lord your God, to the Lord your God

and ful - fill them, and ful - fill them.

*Verse:* God is known in Judah; in Israel his name is great.  
*And then immediately:*

**Prokeimenon of Constantine and Helen - Tone 8** (Psalm 18:5,2):

Through all the earth their voice re - sounds; their mes - sage reach - es  
to the ends of the world.

**Alleluia of the Man Born Blind - Tone 8** (Psalm 118:132,133):

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia! Al - - - le - lu - ia!

*Verse:* Turn to me in mercy as you turn to those who love your name.

*Verse:* Guide my footsteps according to your promise, and let no iniquity rule over me.

*And then immediately:*

**Alleluia of Constantine and Helen - Tone 1** (Psalm 88:6,8):

Al - le - lu - - - ia! Al - - - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - - - ia!

*Verse:* I have exalted one chosen from the people.

[*Verse:* O Lord, your strength gives joy to the king; how your saving help makes him glad.]

*Instead of "It is truly proper . . ."*

**Magnification:**

The an - gel ex - claimed to her, full of grace:  
Re - jice, O pure Vir - gin; and a - gain, I say: Re-joyce!  
Your Son is ris - en from the grave on the third day  
and has raised the dead. Re - jice, all you na - tions!

**Irmos:**

Shine in splen - dor, O new Je - ru - sa-lem; for the glo - ry of the Lord  
is ris - en up - on you. O Zi - on, now dance and be glad; and  
you, pure The - o - to - kos, re - jice in the res - ur - rec - tion of your Son.

**Paschal "Our Father" - melody of the Canon of Pascha**

Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - lowed be thy name;