

**10 MAY (Paschaltide)**  
**± Apostle Simon the Zealot**

**VESPERS**

**Lord I have cried**

Tone 4

O Lord, I have cried to you, listen to me;

O Lord, listen to me.

O Lord, I have cried to you, listen to me;

Note the voice of my plea when I cry to you.

O Lord, listen to me.

<sup>2</sup> Let my prayer be directed before you like incense,  
the raising of my hands be an evening sacrifice.

O Lord, listen to me.

S6: O Lord, if you mark offences, who will stand?

But there is forgiveness with you.

S5: O Lord, I have waited for you for your name's sake;

my soul has waited for your word,

my soul has hoped in the Lord.

The marvellous Simon, boast of the apostles, passed across the earth like a brilliant lightning bolt. He dispelled the darkness of idolatry with his saving, brilliant and divine teachings. He enlightened everyone to glorify one God who is indivisible and undivided, yet in three Persons. X2

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The most radiant and marvellous apostle Simon, the teacher of the nations, the net of God, fished people from the depth of degradation with the height of theology. The true preacher now wisely leads all to the knowledge of Christ. He sets before us his just deeds as a pleasing feast of all good things. X2

S2: Every nation, praise the Lord;

every people, acclaim him!

S1: For his mercy is strengthened over us  
and the truth of the Lord remains for ever.

The blessed Simon ran swiftly to the ends of the earth like a rolling wheel. He consumed the madness of idolatry from all the land. He lit brilliant beacons with devotion and kindled glowing fires of grace for the faithful so that they may worship one God who is indivisible and undivided, yet in three persons. X2

Glory: Tone 6

Most holy Simon, disciple and Apostle of Christ, you soared over creation like a high-flying eagle. You consumed the falsehood of idolatry with the fiery sound of your teaching and led the nations from the depths of ignorance to the knowledge of God. Now pray to Christ that he will be merciful to us on the day of judgement.

Both now:

*From the Pentecostarion*

### **Phos Ilarón**

P/D: Wisdom! Stand upright!

O Jesus Christ, joyful light of the holy glory  
of the immortal, heavenly, holy, blessed Father,  
when we come to the setting of the sun  
and see the light of evening,  
we praise God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

For it is right at all times to worship you  
with voices of praise,  
O Son of God *and* Giver of life.  
Therefore the world glorifies you.

### **Prokeímenon**

*Of the Day*

**Ektení**

**Prayer**

O Lord, allow us this night to be guarded from sin. Blessed are you, O Lord, God of our fathers! Praised and glorified be your name for ever. Amen. O Lord, let your mercy be on us, for we have hoped in you. Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes. Blessed are you, O Master; make me understand your statutes. Blessed are you, O Holy *One*; enlighten me with your statutes. O Lord, your mercy lasts for ever; do not overlook the work of your hands. To you belongs worship, to you belongs praise, to you belongs glory, to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and to ages of ages. Amen.

### **Plirotiká**

#### **Prayer**

P: Peace be with you all. R: And with your spirit

D: Bow down your heads to the Lord. R: To you, O Lord.

P: For blessed and glorified is the power of your Kingdom, of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.  
*Amen.*

### **Apósticha**

#### Tone 1

Ever-memorable Simon, you drank from the fast-flowing River of sweetness and revived with divine wisdom the understanding of God which you fervently desired. Now you have passed over with joy to him and are deified by the all-splendid glory of the Trinity in immeasurable peace.

S1: His sound has gone out into all the earth  
and his words to the ends of the world. Ps 18

All-marvellous Simon, you contemplate the beauty of God. You gaze on it as far as you are able, delight in it through a higher union and are deified by his gifts. Ever memorable preacher of Christ, you joyfully reached the only divine *Lord* whom you desired and now live with the angels.

S2: The heavens declare God's glory  
*and* the firmament speaks about his handiwork. Ps 18

Most blessed Simon, you have revealed yourself as a faithful mediator between God and men. Now, by your truly bold intercessions, turn Christ

towards us in steadfast love and continually pray to the Lord that he may grant our souls peace and great mercy.

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### **Song of Simeon**

B/P: O Master, now let your servant depart in peace  
according to your word,  
<sup>2</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared before all peoples,  
<sup>3</sup> a light of revelation for *the* nations  
and *the* glory of your people Israel.

### **Triságion Prayers**

#### **Apolytíka**

Tone 3

O holy apostle Simon, pray to the merciful God that he may grant our souls forgiveness for their failings.

*From the Pentecostarion*

#### **Dismissal**

### **ORTHROS**

#### **God is the Lord Ps 117**

R: God is the Lord and has appeared to us.

Blessed is the one who comes in the Lord's name. *Ps 117*

S1: Thank the Lord, for he is good,  
for his mercy lasts for ever.

S2: All the nations surrounded me,  
but I opposed them in the Lord's name.

S3: This *is* the Lord's doing  
and it is wonderful in our eyes.

### **Apolytikia**

Tone 3

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*From the Pentecostarion*

### **Small Litany**

P: For yours is the might, and yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory of the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. *Amen*

### **Kathisma 1**

Tone 2

O Christ our God, the glorious apostle Simon caught the nations in his net and taught the ends of the earth to worship you, together with the Father and the Spirit. Therefore, only merciful Lord, establish your Church and send down your blessing on the faithful, for you live among your holy ones.

Glory Both now:

*From the Pentecostarion*

### **Kathisma 2**

Tone 4

O glorious apostle Simon, Christ sent you out as a ray to enlighten the whole earth. Through your divine prayers you illuminate and enlighten with divine and unfading light all those who faithfully celebrate your holy memory.

Glory Both now:

*From the Pentecostarion*

### **Small Litany**

P: For blessed is your name, and glorified is your kingdom, of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen*

### **Psalm 50**

O God, have mercy on me in your abundant mercy  
and wipe out my offence through your great compassion.

<sup>4</sup> Wash me thoroughly from my lawless act  
and cleanse me from my sin.

<sup>5</sup> For I know my lawlessness  
and my sin is always before me.

<sup>6</sup> I have sinned against you alone  
and done this evil before you

<sup>6b</sup> so that you might be justified in your words  
and overcome when you are judged.

<sup>7</sup> For see, I was conceived in lawlessness  
and my mother gave birth to me in sin.

<sup>8</sup> For see, you have loved truth  
and revealed to me the hidden and secret *things* of your wisdom.

<sup>9</sup> You will sprinkle me with hyssop and I will be clean;  
you will wash me and I will become whiter than snow.

<sup>10</sup> You will make me hear about joy and gladness;  
the humbled bones will rejoice.

<sup>11</sup> Turn your face from my sins  
and wipe out all my lawlessness.

<sup>12</sup> O God, create a pure heart within me  
and renew an upright spirit within me.

<sup>13</sup> Do not banish me from your presence  
or remove your Holy Spirit from me.

<sup>14</sup> Restore the joy of your salvation to me  
and make me firm with your directing Spirit.

<sup>15</sup> I will teach the lawless your ways  
and the ungodly will return to you.

<sup>16</sup> O God, set me free from the guilt of blood;  
O God of my salvation,  
my tongue will rejoice in your justice.

<sup>17</sup> O Lord, you will open my lips  
and my mouth will proclaim your praise.

<sup>18</sup> For if you had wanted sacrifice, I would have given it;  
you will not be pleased with burnt offerings.

- <sup>19</sup> Sacrifice for God is a broken spirit;  
God will not despise a broken and humbled heart.
- <sup>20</sup> O Lord, be good to Zion in your pleasure  
and let the walls of Jerusalem be built.
- <sup>21</sup> Then you will be pleased with a sacrifice of justice,  
with an offering and burnt sacrifices;  
then they will offer calves on your altar.

### **Kontákion**

Tone 2

Come and bless the memory of the Lord's Apostle, Simon, who confirmed the teaching of Christ in the souls of the faithful. Now he stands before the divine glory together with the angels and prays for the salvation of us all.

### **Íkos**

Let us now acclaim the festival of the apostle Simon as a day of salvation. In our faith let us call it blessed, for it causes the dawn of a sun which burns back every mist through the brilliance of its rays and so illuminates the faithful who lovingly celebrate and glorify his memory. Let us sincerely approach and sing to him, for he stands before Christ and continually prays for us all.

### **Synaxáron**

Today we remember the holy apostle Simon the Zealot. Christ called the political activist to become a follower of the way of peace. On the Tenth the apostle with the zealous heart was hung on a tree.

Together with him we remember:

Blessed Thais of Egypt C5

Abbot Comgall of Bangor in Ireland C7

O God, have mercy on us through their holy prayers. Amen.

### **Katavasías**

*Pascha until Saturday before Blind Man, and Pascha Farewell*

1: It is the day of Resurrection; O people, let us be radiant. It is Pascha, the Pascha of the Lord, for Christ God has made us pass from death to life and from earth to heaven and we sing the triumphal song.

3: Come and drink a new drink, not one miraculously produced from a barren rock, but from the Spring of incorruption which pours out from the tomb of Christ in whom we are made firm

4: Let the Prophet Habakuk who was inspired by God, stand with us in the divine guard. Let him point out the radiant Angel, who announces with resounding voice, “To-day there is salvation for the world, for Christ has risen as the almighty *Lord*.”

5: Let us rise before the dawn and offer praise to the Master instead of myrrh. We shall see Christ, the Sun of justice who makes life dawn for everyone.

6: O Christ, you descended into the deepest parts of the earth and shattered the eternal shackles of those that those who were chained. On the third day you rose from the tomb like Jonah from the whale.

7: The one who set free the children from the furnace, becomes man and suffers as a mortal. The one who is the only blessed and most glorious God of our fathers clothes the mortal through suffering with the splendour of incorruption.

8: Let us praise, bless and worship the Lord.  
This is the chosen and holy day, the first of Sabbaths, the Queen and Lady, the Feast of Feasts, and the Festival of Festivals on which we bless Christ for ever.

### Ode 9

**M**y soul glorifies the Lord  
and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour. **R**

**R:** *You are* more honourable than the Cherubim  
and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim.  
You gave birth to God the Word without defilement;  
O true Theotokos, we glorify you.

<sup>2</sup> For he has regarded his servant’s humility;  
see, from now all generations will call me blessed. **R**

<sup>3</sup> For the Almighty has accomplished great *things* for me



and his name is holy.

His mercy is from generation to generation  
on those who fear him. **R**

<sup>4</sup> He has accomplished strength with his arm  
*and* scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. **R**

<sup>5</sup> He has put down the mighty from *their* thrones  
and exalted the humble.

He has satisfied the hungry with good *things*  
and dismissed the rich with nothing. **R**

<sup>6</sup> He has helped his servant Israel  
in remembering his mercy,  
as he spoke to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his seed for ever. **R**

9: The Angel cried to her who is full of grace, “Rejoice, O pure Virgin, rejoice!” And again I say, “Rejoice!” for your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day.

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has dawned on you. O Sion, dance now and rejoice and you, O pure Theotokos, also rejoice at the resurrection of the one whom you bore.

### **Katavasías**

*Blind Man Sunday until Tuesday before Pascha Farewell*

1: Let us praise our God and only Saviour, who led his people with dry feet in the sea, drowning Pharaoh and all his soldiers, for he is glorified.

3: O Christ, strengthen my mind by the power of your cross, so that I may praise and glorify your saving ascension.

4: O Lord, I have truly heard about the might of your cross, through which Paradise was thrown open. Therefore I cried, “Glory to your might, O Lord.”

5: O Lord, we come to you early in the morning. Save us, for you are our God, and we know no other except you.

6: O Lord, the deep has surrounded me, and the whale has become my tomb. But, O Lover of the human race, I cried to you, and you saved me with your right hand.

7: You saved the youths, who praised you, from the midst of the consuming fire. Blessed are you, O God of our fathers!

**8:** Let us praise, bless and worship the Lord.  
O priests, praise God the Son, begotten from the father before the ages, who was born from a Virgin Mother in these last days. O nations, exalt him more and more until the end of time.

### **Ode 9**

*Above*

9: Let us believers glorify you with one voice, for you gave birth in time to the timeless Word. You became the Theotokos in a way that transcends every understanding and speech.

### **Small Litany**

P: For all the powers of heaven praise you, and to you we send up glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. *Amen*

### **Exaposteilária**

Tone 3

O apostle of the merciful Christ, you gazed on him with your own eyes. O holy Simon, plead with the Lord to grant peace to the world, victory to Christians, remission of sins for everyone and great mercy for all those who honour you as his disciple.

*From the Pentecostarion*

### **Praises**

Tone 4

Let everything with breath praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights.

To you, O God, is due a song.

Praise him, all his angels;  
praise him, all his powers.  
To you, O God, is due a song.

S4: Praise him with cymbal and dance;  
praise him with strings and flute.

O renowned Simon, you used God's grace like a fishing rod and drew men from the sea of deluded visions. O blessed *saint*, in this way you obeyed the command of your Master who filled your soul with light and made you an apostle and sacred preacher of his ineffable divinity.

S3: Praise him with tuneful cymbals;  
praise him with joyful cymbals.  
Let everything with breath praise the Lord.

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S2: His sound has gone out into all the earth  
and his words to the ends of the world. Ps 18

O blessed apostle Simon, the light of the Spirit descended on you in fiery form and made you his divine instrument courageously to banish the ungodly shadows. O jewel of the apostles and chosen disciple, you enlightened the world with the brilliance of your wise words.

S2: The heavens declare God's glory  
*and* the firmament speaks about his handiwork. Ps 18

O renowned apostle, you enlightened those who rested in the shadow of error with the light of your preaching. You made them sons of our Master and God whose sufferings and death you copied. You inherited his glory as a true disciple and divine preacher.

Glory: Tone 8

O renowned Simon the zealot, apostle and disciple of the Saviour, your word has spread out to the ends of the inhabited earth. Continually intercede as a protector that we may be rescued from every danger and plead for the salvation of our souls.

Both now:

*From the Pentecostarion*

### Great Doxology

Glory to you who have shown us the light!

glory to God in the highest!

Peace on earth and goodwill to men!

<sup>2</sup> We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,  
we glorify you, we thank you for your great glory,

<sup>3</sup> O Lord King, heavenly God, almighty Father,  
O Lord, only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ,  
and you, O Holy Spirit!

<sup>4</sup> O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us,

*for* you take away the sin of the world.

<sup>5</sup> Receive our prayer,

*for* you sit on the right of the Father,

and have mercy on us.

<sup>6</sup> For only you are holy, only you are Lord,

O Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

<sup>7</sup> I will bless you every day

and always praise your name for ever and ever. Ps 144

<sup>8</sup> O Lord, allow us this day

to be guarded from sin.

<sup>9</sup> Blessed are you, O Lord God of our fathers!

Praised and glorified be your name for ever. Amen. Daniel 3

<sup>10</sup> O Lord, let your mercy *be* on us,

for we have hoped in you. Ps 32.

<sup>16</sup> Blessed are you, O Lord!

Teach me your statutes. X3 Ps 118

<sup>12</sup> O Lord, you have been our refuge

from generation to generation. Ps 89

I said, "O Lord, have mercy on me;

heal my soul, for I have sinned against you." Ps 40

<sup>14</sup> O Lord, I have fled to you;

teach me to do your will, for you are my God. Ps 142

<sup>15</sup> For with you is the source of life

and in your light we will see light. Ps 35  
16 Stretch out your mercy  
to those who know you. Ps 35

## **Triságion**

## **Apolytíkion**

Tone 3

O holy apostle Simon, pray to the merciful God that he may grant our souls forgiveness for their failings.

## **LITURGY**

### **Antíphon 1 Ps 65 Tone 2**

S1: All the earth, shout with joy to the Lord;

R: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, Saviour, save us.

S2: Make melody to his name

*and* give glory in his praise.

S3: Say to God, "How fearful are your works!

Your enemies will cringe before you

because of the greatness of your power."

S4: Let all the earth worship you and sing to you;

O Most High, let them make melody to your name.

S5: Glory: Both now:

### **Antíphon 2 Ps 66 Own Tone**

S1: May God be compassionate to us and bless us;

may he cause his face to shine on us

and be merciful to us.

R: Save us, O Son of God.

You have risen from the dead.

We sing to you, "Alleluia!"

S2: May we know your way on earth,

your salvation among all the nations.

S3: O God, let the peoples acknowledge you

*and all the peoples thank you.*

S4: May God bless us

*and all the ends of the earth fear him.*

S5: Glory: Both now:

*Monogenes*

### **Antíphon 3 Ps 67 & 117 Tone 8**

S1: Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered;

*let those who hate him take flight from his presence.*

R: Christ is risen from the dead! He has trampled down death by death  
*and granted life to those in the tombs.*

S2: As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish,  
*as wax melts before the fire,*

S3: So let sinners perish at the presence of God;  
*let the just be festive.*

S4: This *is* the day which the Lord has made;  
*let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

S5: Glory: Both now:

### **Entrance Ps 67 Tone 5**

Bless God, in *the* assemblies,  
*the Lord from the springs of Israel.*

Save us, O Son of God!

*You arose from the dead.*

*We sing to you, “Alleluia!”*

### **Apolytikia**

*From the Pentecostarion*

Tone 3

O holy apostle Simon, pray to the merciful God that he may grant our  
souls forgiveness for their failings.

*Of the Church*

### **Kontákion**

*Pascha to Farewell, except below*

Tone 8

O immortal *Lord*, although you descended into the grave, yet you overthrew the power of Hades; O Christ *our* God, you rose as conqueror. You greeted the women bearing myrrh, saying, “Rejoice!” As you grant resurrection to the fallen, you give peace to your apostles.

**Kontákion**

*Thomas Week*

Tone 8

O Christ *our* God, Thomas touched your life-giving side with an eager hand when you came to your apostles through closed doors. He cried out to all, “You are my Lord and my God!”

**Kontákion**

*Mid-Pentecost Week*

Tone 4

Christ God, the Creator and Master of all cried to all in the midst of the feast of the law, “Come and draw the Water of immortality. We fall before you and faithfully cry, “Grant us your bounties, for you are the Source of our Life.”

**Triságion**

**Prokeimenon Ps 18 Tone 8**

R: His sound has gone out into all the earth.

S: The heavens declare God’s glory.

**Apóstolos**

From the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (4:9-16)

Brothers, “I think that God has shown us apostles to be last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. <sup>10</sup> We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honour, but we in disrepute. <sup>11</sup> To the present hour we are hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed, beaten and homeless; <sup>12</sup> we labour and work with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; <sup>13</sup> when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, like the refuse of the world, the dregs of all things. <sup>14</sup> I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to warn you as my dear children. <sup>15</sup> For although you

have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. <sup>16</sup> I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

### **Alleluia Ps 88 Tone 1**

S1: O Lord, the heavens will acknowledge your wonders.

S2: God is glorified in a council of the saints.

### **Gospel**

From the Holy Gospel according to Luke (6:12-19)

At that time Jesus went out to the mountain to pray; and all night he continued in prayer to God. <sup>13</sup> And when it was day, he called his disciples, and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles; <sup>14</sup> Simon, whom he named Peter, and Andrew his brother, and James and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, <sup>15</sup> and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot, <sup>16</sup> and Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor. <sup>17</sup> And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great crowd of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; <sup>18</sup> and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup> And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came forth from him and healed them all.

### **Communion Ps 18**

Their sound has gone out into all the earth  
and their words to the ends of the world. Alleluia!

### **Post Communion**

Christ is risen from the dead!  
He has trampled death with death  
and granted life to those in the tombs.