

Variable texts for Divine Liturgy    SUNDAY, AUGUST 4  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/ St. Mary Magdalene

  TONE 5

**Tone 5      Troparion**    *(Resurrection)*

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,  
co-eternal 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.

**Tone 4      Troparion**

O holy Prince Vladimir,  
you were like a merchant in search of fine pearls.  
By sending servants to Constantinople for the Orthodox Faith,  
you found Christ, the priceless Pearl.  
He appointed you to be another Paul,  
washing away in baptism your physical and spiritual blindness.  
We celebrate your memory,  
asking you to pray for all Orthodox Christians of Russia//  
and for us, your spiritual children.

**Troparion**                      *Tone 1      (Mary Magdalene)*

In keeping His commandments and laws, holy Mary Magdalene,  
you followed Christ, Who for our sake was born of a Virgin,  
and in celebrating your most holy memory today,//  
we receive forgiveness of sins by your prayers!

**Tone 5      Kontakion**    *(Resurrection)*

You descended into hell, O my Savior,  
shattering its gates as Almighty,  
resurrecting the dead as Creator,  
and destroying the sting of death.  
You have delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man,//  
and we cry to You: “O Lord, save us!”

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

**( Kontakion)**

**Tone 3** *(Mary Magdalene)*

Standing before the Cross of the Savior,  
suffering with the Mother of the Lord,  
the most glorious Mary Magdalene offered praise with tears.  
She cried out: What is this strange wonder?  
He Who holds the whole creation in His hand chooses to suffer://  
Glory, to Your power, O Lord!

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

**Tone 8      Kontakion**

O most glorious Vladimir, in your old age you imitated the great Apostle Paul:  
he abandoned childish things, while you forsook the idolatry of your youth.  
Together with him you reached the fullness of divine wisdom:  
you were adorned with the purity of holy baptism.//  
Now as you stand before Christ our Savior, pray that all Orthodox Christians may be  
saved!

**Tone 5      Prokeimenon      *(Resurrection)***

You, O Lord, shall protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever.

*(Ps. 11:7)*

*v. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly! (Ps. 11:1a)*

**The reading of the Epistle of St Paul to the Romans 12:6-14**

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them*: if prophecy, *let us prophesy* in proportion to our faith; or ministry, *let us use it* in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

*Let love be* without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. *Be* kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

## 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)*

## Gospel Matthew 9:1-8

So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you."

And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!"

But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" – then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." And he arose and departed to his house.

Now when the multitudes saw *it*, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

## Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!