Sunday of the Blind Man
Vespers

At the beginning, the priest sings “Christ is risen...” 2 ½ times and the Choir sings the conclusion of the hymn. Then the Proemial Psalm (103); the Great Litany; and the 1st Kathisma "Blessed is the man...".

At "Lord I have cried", 10 stichera: 7 of the Resurrection in the 5th Tone (from the Octoechos), and 3 of the Blind Man in the 2nd Tone—

(3) Reader: For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption;

And He shall redeem Israel out of all his iniquities.

In his mind _ the man born blind _ said: _ "Can I have been born blind

because of the sins of my parents? Or have I been born blind as a

reproach to the unbelief of the gentiles? I cannot tell when I should ask:

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"Lord I have cried" (continued)

Is it day, is it night? I can no longer bear to stumble over stones,

for I have not beheld the sun shining, nor Him Who created me in

His image. Yet do I beseech Thee, O Christ God: Look down upon me

and have mercy on me!

(2) Reader:
O praise the Lord, all ye nations;

Praise Him all ye peoples.

Repeat 1st Sticheron: "In his mind the man born blind said:..."
Walking past from the Temple, /  
Jesus came upon a man blind from birth, /  
and taking pity, applied clay to his eyes,  
and said to him: /  
"Go and wash in Siloam." /  
And when he had washed, he gained his sight, /  
rendering glory unto God. /  
And his neighbors said unto him: /  
"Who hath opened thine eyes, which none of the sighted hath been able to heal?" /  
And he, crying out, said: "A man named Jesus said to me: /  
'Wash thou in Siloam', and I was given sight. /  
He is truly the One /  
of Whom Moses spake in the Law: the Messiah and the Christ. //  
He is the Savior of our souls!"
Walking past on the way, O Lord, /
Thou didst come upon a man blind from birth, /
and the disciples, amazed, asked Thee, saying: /
"O Teacher, who sinned: this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?" /
And Thou, O my Savior, didst cry out to them: /
"Neither did this man sin, nor did his parents, /
but this happened that the works of God might be revealed in him. /
I must needs do the works of Him Who sent me, which no one else can do." /
And having said thus, Thou didst spit upon the ground, /
and making clay, didst anoint his eyes therewith, saying to him. /
"Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam." /
And when he had washed, he became whole, and cried out to Thee: /
"I believe, O Lord, and I worship Thee!" //
Wherefore, we also cry out: Have mercy on us!

Both now..., the Dogmatic Theotokion in the 5th Tone.
Glory, in the 4th Tone.

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

Considering his whole life to be night, /
the blind man cried out to Thee, O Lord: /
"Open mine eyes, O our Savior, Son of David, //
that I also, with everyone else, may hymn Thy power!"

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

Mercifully regard the supplications of thy servants, /
O all-immaculate one, /
quelling the uprisings of the cruel demons against us, /
delivering us from every sorrow; /
for thee alone have we as a steadfast and sure confirmation, /
and we have acquired thine intercession; /
let not us who call upon thee be put to shame, O Mistress. /
Haste thou to answer the entreaty of those who cry out to thee with faith: //
Rejoice, thou help, joy and protection of all, and salvation of our souls.
The Aposticha

The first Aposticha sticheron of the Resurrection, (from the Octoechos) in the 5th Tone; the Paschal Stichera with their refrains, in the same tone "Let God arise...": and then Glory, of the Blind Man, in Tone 8:

Reader: Glory, in the 8th Tone.

O Christ God, Thou Sun of righteousness, / 
Who by Thine all-pure touch didst bring light to both eyes / 
of him Who from the womb had been deprived of light, / 
and hast illumined the eyes of our souls, / 
show us to be children of the day, / 
that we may cry out to Thee with faith: / 
Great and ineffable is Thy compassion for us! // 
Glory to Thee Who lovest mankind!

Both now... in the 5th Tone: "It is the day of Resurrection...", and at the end 
"Christ is Risen...", once. "Now lettest Thou Thy servant depart..."

If there is a Vigil: "O Theotokos Virgin, rejoice...", thrice. Or if Vespers only: 
the Resurrectional Troparion in Tone 5 and the Theotokion in the same tone.

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