**Sunday of the Blind Man**  
*(combined with the feast of a Saint)*  
**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: beginning with 3 of the Resurrection in the 5th Tone (from the Octoechos); and then 3 of the Blind Man in the 2nd Tone—

(7) Reader: In the 2nd Tone— Let Thine ears be attentive

To the voice of my supplication.

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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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!

(6) Reader: If Thou shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand?

For with Thee there is forgiveness.

Repeat 1st Sticheron: "In his mind the man born blind said:"
(5) Reader: For Thy name's sake have I patiently waited for Thee, O Lord, my soul hath waited patiently for Thy word,

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 crying out, he 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 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.
Reader: (Glory,) Both now, in the 4th Tone.

Considering his whole life to be night,
the blind man cried out to Thee, O Lord:
"Open mine eyes, O Savior, Son of David,
that I also, with everyone else, my hymn Thy power!"
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 Saint; Both now..., of the Blind Man, in Tone 8:

Reader: Both now, in the 8th Tone.

Both now and ev-er, and un-to the a-ges of a-ges. A - - - men.

O Christ God, Thou Sun of righteousness, /
Who didst bring light by Thine all-pure touch, /
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!

Now lettest Thou Thy servant... and the rest of Vespers.