

**MAY 28, 2020, READER SERVICE (Typika) for *The Ascension of Our Lord***

Reader Service said at home.

**Reader:** Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.  
Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.

O Heavenly King, the Comforter and Spirit of Truth, Who art everywhere and fillest all things, Treasury of blessings and Giver of life: Come and abide in us, and cleanse us from every impurity, and save our souls, O Good One.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. **Thrice.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. O Lord, blot out our sins. O Master, pardon our iniquities. O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Thy name's sake.

Lord have mercy. **Thrice.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**Reader:** O Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us. Amen.

Lord have mercy. **Twelve Times.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O come let us worship God our King.

O come let us worship and fall down before Christ our King and God.

O come let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and God.

**First Antiphon**

O clap your hands all ye peoples. Shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

For the Lord, the Most High is terrible; a great God over all the earth.

*(Refrain)*

He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

*(Refrain)*

God hath gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet!

*(Refrain)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

*(Refrain)*

**Second Antiphon**

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God.

**Refrain: O Son of God, Who hast ascended in glory, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

Mount Zion in the far north, is the city of the Great King.

*(Refrain)*

Within her citadels God is known when He defends her.

*(Refrain)*

For lo, the kings assembled; they came on together.

*(Refrain)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God, Who for our salvation willed to be incarnate of the Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, who without change didst become man, and was crucified, Who is One of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit; O Christ God, trampling down death by death, save us.

**Third Antiphon**

*Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world!*

**Tone 4 Troparion of the Feast**

Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God,

granting joy to Thy Disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit.

Through the blessing, they were assured

that Thou art the Son of God, // the

Redeemer of the world.

*The earth-born and the sons of men, rich and poor together.*

*Troparion of the Feast*

*My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.*

*Troparion of the Feast*

*I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle in psalmody.*

*Troparion of the Feast*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

*God hath gone up with a shout; the Lord with the sound of a trumpet! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

***Troparia of the day:***

**Tone 4 Troparion**

Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God,  
granting joy to Thy Disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit.  
Through the blessing, they were assured  
that Thou art the Son of God, //  
the Redeemer of the world.

For holy art Thou, O our God, and unto Thee do we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen

***Trisagion:***

***Reader:*** Holy God, Holy mighty, Holy Immortal have mercy on us. (Thrice)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Holy Immortal have mercy on us.

Holy God, Holy mighty, Holy Immortal have mercy on us.

***Prokeimenon:***

***Reader:***

*The Prokeimenon in the 7<sup>th</sup> Tone: Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; / and Thy glory be over all the earth!*  
Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; / and Thy glory be over all the earth!

*v: My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast. I will sing and make melody.*

Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; / and Thy glory be over all the earth!

*Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; / and Thy glory be over all the earth!*

***Epistle:*** Acts 1:1-12

***Reader:*** "The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles."

"Brethren: The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.

***Reader: Alleluia in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tone***

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*v: God hath gone up with a shout; the Lord with the sound of a trumpet!*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*v: O clap your hands all ye peoples. Shout to God with loud songs of joy.*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 24:36-53

**Reader:** Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

*Glory to Thee, O Lord, Glory to Thee!*

Let us attend.

[The Gospel is read in a normal voice.]

“And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet. And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat? And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. And he took it, and did eat before them. And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high. And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy: And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.”

*Glory to Thee, O Lord, Glory to Thee!*

**Holy Holy Holy in the 6th Sticheron Tone:**

**Reader:**

Remember us, O Lord, when Thou comest in Thy kingdom.

Remember us, O Master, when Thou comest in Thy kingdom.

Remember us, O Holy One, when Thou comest in Thy kingdom.

The heavenly choir praiseth Thee and saith: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

[Stichos:] Come unto Him, and be enlightened and your faces shall not be ashamed.

The heavenly choir praiseth Thee and saith: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

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

The choir of Holy angels and archangels, with all the heavenly hosts praiseth Thee and saith: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

[In plain chant:] Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

**The Creed: Reader:** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, / Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. / And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, / the Only-begotten, begotten of the Father before all ages; / Light of Light, true God of true God; / begotten, not made; of one essence with the Father, by Whom all things were made; / Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, / and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man; / And He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, / and suffered and was buried; / And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; / And ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father; / And He shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; / Whose kingdom shall have no end. / And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life; Who proceeds from the Father; / Who together with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets. / In One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. / I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. / I look for the resurrection of the dead, / and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**The Lord's Prayer: Reader:** And vouchsafe us, O Master, that with boldness and without condemnation we may dare to call upon Thee the heavenly God as Father, and to say:

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Kontakion: Tone 6**

When Thou hadst fulfilled the dispensation for our sake,  
and united earth to heaven,  
Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God,  
not being parted from those who love Thee,  
but remaining with them and crying://  
“I am with you, and there is no one against you!”

**Reader:** Lord, have mercy. (x12)

O All-Holy Trinity, the consubstantial dominion, the indivisible Kingdom, and cause of every Good: Show Thy good will even unto me a sinner; make steadfast my heart and grant it understanding, and take away mine every defilement; enlighten my mind that I may glorify, hymn, worship, and say:

One is Holy, One is Lord, Jesus Christ, to the Glory of God the Father. Amen.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

**Psalm 33**

**Reader:** I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall always be in on my lips.

In the Lord shall my soul be praised; let the meek hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.

I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my tribulations.

Come unto Him, and be enlightened, and your faces shall not be ashamed.

This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his tribulations.

The angel of the Lord will encamp round about them that fear Him, and will deliver them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man that hopeth in Him.

O fear the Lord, all ye His saints; for there is no want to them that fear Him.

Rich men have turned poor and gone hungry; but they that seek the Lord shall not be deprived of any good thing. \* Come ye children, hearken unto me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

What man is there that desireth life, who loveth to see good days?

Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking deceit.

Turn away from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears are opened unto their supplication.

The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, utterly to destroy the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cried, and the Lord heard them, and He delivered them out of all their tribulations.

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart, and He will save the humble of spirit.

Many are the tribulations of the righteous, and the Lord shall deliver them out of them all.

The Lord keepeth all their bones, not one of them shall be broken.

The death of sinners is evil, and they that hate the righteous shall do wrong.

The Lord will redeem the souls of His servants, and none of them will do wrong that hope in Him.

**Megalynarion: *Instead of “It is truly meet ...,” we sing:***

Magnify, O my soul,

Christ the Giver of Life,

Who hath ascended from earth to heaven!

We magnify thee, O Mother of God,

who beyond reason and understanding

gave birth in time to the Timeless One.

**Reader:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. **Thrice.**

O Lord, bless.

**Reader (facing the east):**

Thou that didst rise from the dead, O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, for the sake of the prayers of Thy most pure Mother, of our holy and God-bearing fathers, and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for Thou art good and the Lover of mankind. Amen.

His Beatitude, the Most Blessed Tikhon, Metropolitan of all America and Canada; His Eminence Archbishop Mark, Archbishop of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania; we who are present in this place, and all Orthodox Christians, preserve, O Lord, for Many Years.