

**JUNE 3, 2020**

**Afterfeast of the Ascension**

**FIRST ANTIPHON**

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior save us!**

For the Lord, the Most High is fearful! A great God over all the earth!

**Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior save us!**

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

**Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior save us!**

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

**Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior save us!**

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

Amen.

**Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior save us!**

**SECOND ANTIPHON**

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

**O Son of God who ascended in glory, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King!

**O Son of God who ascended in glory, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

Within her citadels God is known when He defends her!

**O Son of God who ascended in glory, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

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

**O Son of God who ascended in glory, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

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 didst will to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, Who without change became man and wast crucified, O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: save us!

**THIRD ANTIPHON**

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

**Tone 4** You ascended in glory, O Christ our God,  
granting joy to Your Disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit.

Through the blessing, they were assured

that You are the Son of God, //

the Redeemer of the world!

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

**Tone 4** You ascended in glory, O Christ our God,...

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

**Tone 4** You ascended in glory, O Christ our God,...

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

**Tone 4** You ascended in glory, O Christ our God,...

### **THE LITTLE ENTRANCE**

**Deacon/Priest:** Wisdom! Upright!

**Choir:** Come let us worship and fall down before Christ, O Son of God who ascended in glory, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

### **TROPARIA**

**Tone 4** You ascended in glory, O Christ our God,  
granting joy to Your Disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit.  
Through the blessing, they were assured  
that You are the Son of God, //  
the Redeemer of the world!

**Tone 4** In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith,  
a model of meekness, and teacher of abstinence,  
so you won the heights by humility, and riches by poverty,  
O Holy Father Nicholas,  
intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.  
Amen. (Kontakion)**

**Tone 6** When You had fulfilled the dispensation for our sake,  
and united earth to heaven:  
You ascended in glory, O Christ our God,  
not being parted from those who love You,  
but remaining with them and crying: //  
"I am with you, and there is no one against you!"

**The Prokeimenon in the Seventh Tone: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; / and Your glory be over all the earth! (Ps 56:11)**

**v: My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast. I will sing and make melody over all the earth. (Ps 56:7)**

### **EPISTLE**

**The reading is from the Acts of the Holy Apostles. (23:1-11)**

In those days, Paul, looking earnestly at the council, said, "Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day." And the high priest Ananias commanded those who stood by him to strike him on the mouth. Then Paul said to him, "God will strike you, you whitewashed wall! For you sit to judge me according to the law, and do you command me to be struck contrary to the law?" And those who stood by said, "Do you revile God's high priest?" Then Paul said, "I did not know, brethren, that he was the high priest; for it is written, 'You shall not

“speak evil of a ruler of your people.” But when Paul perceived that one part were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, “Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee; concerning the hope and resurrection of the dead I am being judged!” And when he had said this, a dissension arose between the Pharisees and the Sadducees; and the assembly was divided. For Sadducees say that there is no resurrection – and no angel or spirit; but the Pharisees confess both. Then there arose a loud outcry. And the scribes of the Pharisees’ party arose and protested, saying, “We find no evil in this man; but if a spirit or an angel has spoken to him, let us not fight against God.” Now when there arose a great dissension, the commander, fearing lest Paul might be pulled to pieces by them, commanded the soldiers to go down and take him by force from among them, and bring him into the barracks. But the following night the Lord stood by him and said, “Be of good cheer, Paul; for as you have testified for Me in Jerusalem, so you must also bear witness at Rome.”

## **Tone 2 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**v: God has gone up with a shout; the Lord with the sound of a trumpet! (Ps 46:5)**

**v: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! (Ps.46:1)**

## **GOSPEL**

### **John 16:15-23**

The Lord said: All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you. A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father.” Then some of His disciples said among themselves, “What is this that He says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me’; and, ‘because I go to the Father’?” They said therefore, “What is this that He says, ‘A little while’? We do not know what He is saying.” Now Jesus knew that they desired to ask Him, and He said to them, “Are you inquiring among yourselves about what I said, ‘A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me’? Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you. And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.

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

Magnify, O my soul, Christ the Giver of Life, Who has ascended from earth to heaven!

We magnify you, the Mother of God, who beyond reason and understanding gave birth in time to the Timeless One.

## **Communion Hymn**

God has gone up with a shout; the Lord with the sound of a trumpet! (Ps 46:5) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*(Instead of “We have seen the True Light ...,” we sing:)*

**Tone 4** You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, granting joy to Your Disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing, they were assured that You are the Son of God, // the Redeemer of the world!