

JUNE 4, 2025

Afterfeast of the Ascension

FIRST ANTIPHON

All the nations, clap hands, raise a great shout to God in a voice of rejoicing. *(Psalm 46:1)* **Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior save us!**

For God – Most High, fearful, great king upon all the earth *(Psalm 46:2)* **Through the prayers ...**

He subdued peoples to us, and nations under our feet. *(Psalm 46:3)* **Through the prayers ...**

God went up in a great shout, the Lord in a sound of trumpet. *(Psalm 46:5)* **Through the prayers ...**

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 – the Lord and greatly praiseworthy in the city of our God. *(Psalm 47:1)* **O Son of God who ascended in glory, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

Mount Sion, the sides of the north, the city of the great king. *(Psalm 47:2)* **O Son of God ...**

God is known in her strongholds, when he takes hold of her *(Psalm 47:3)* **O Son of God ...**

.For behold, the kings of the earth gathered, passed onward together. *(Psalm 47:4)* **O Son of God ...**

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, ...

THIRD ANTIPHON

Hear these, all the nations, give ear, all inhabitants of the world. *(Psalm 48:1)* **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!

Both the earthborn and the sons of men, the rich and the needy together. *(Psalm 48:2)* You ascended **My mouth will speak wisdom, and the thoughtfulness of my heart – understanding.** *(Psalm 48:3)* You ascended...

I will incline my ear to a parable, I will open my problem with a harp. *(Psalm 48:4)* You ascended...

ENTRANCE HYMN

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 The truth of things has revealed you 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 hierarch 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 Fulfilling the divine plan for us, / Uniting those on earth with those in heaven, / You were taken up in glory, Christ our God, / In no way separated, but remaining undivided / And crying out to those who love you: / “I am with you and no one is against you.”

THE APOSTLE

Priest: Let us attend! Peace to all!

Reader: And to your spirit!

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: **The prokeimenon in the seventh tone: Be lifted up, O God, above the heavens; and your glory be over all the earth.** *(Psalm 56:13)*

Chanter: Be lifted up, O God, above the heavens; and your glory be over all the earth.

Reader: **My heart is prepared, O God, my heart is prepared, I will sing and chant in your glory** *(Psalm 56:9)*

Chanter: Be lifted up, O God, above the heavens; and your glory be over all the earth.

Reader: **Be lifted up, O God, above the heavens**

Chanter: and your glory be over all the earth.

Priest: Wisdom!

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

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: **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."**

Priest: Peace to you (who have read)!

Reader: **And to your spirit! Alleluia in the second tone. Alleuia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Cantor: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: **God went up in a great shout, the Lord in a sound of trumpet. (Psalm 46:5)**

Cantor: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: **All the nations, clap hands, raise a great shout to God in a voice of rejoicing. (Psalm 46:1)**

Cantor: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 16:15-23

(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 went up in a great shout, the Lord in a sound of trumpet. *(Psalm 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!