

HOLY PENTECOST

NO KATHISMA - at the end of the Litany of Peace on page 9 go directly here:

Lord, I call upon You, hear me. / Hear me, O Lord. / Lord, I call upon You, hear me. / Receive the voice of my prayer, / when I call upon You. // Hear me, O Lord. Let my prayer arise / in Your sight as incense, / and let the lifting up of my hands / be an evening sacrifice. // Hear me, O Lord.

STICHERA

*v. (10) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your name! **Tone 1***

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the appointed day of the promise, the fulfillment of hope.

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Therefore we cry aloud to you:

“Glory to You, O Lord and Creator of all!”

v. (9) The righteous will surround me; for You will deal bountifully with me.

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v. (8) Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice.

You renewed Your Disciples, O Christ, /

by giving them the gift of foreign tongues, /

that through them they might preach of You, / the immortal Word and God, //

Who give great mercy to our souls.

v. (7) Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

The Holy Spirit provides all things: /

He pours forth prophecies, /

He leads priests to perfection, /

He teaches unschooled people wisdom, /

He reveals fishermen as theologians, /

He confirms the Church. //

O Comforter, one in essence and enthroned with the Father and the Son, glory to You!

v. (6) If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.

Tone 2 We have seen the True Light. /

We have received the heavenly Spirit. /

We have found the true faith, worshipping the undivided Trinity, //

Who has saved us.

v. (5) For Your name's sake I have waited for You, O Lord, my soul has waited for Your word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.

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Who has saved us.

v. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch let Israel hope on the Lord!
In the Prophets, O our Savior, /
You proclaimed to us the way of salvation. /
In the Apostles the grace of Your Spirit shone forth. /
From the beginning and ever after, You are God, //
our God before the ages.

v. (3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.
In Your courts I will praise You, the Savior of the world. /
On bended knee I will worship Your invincible might. /
In the evening, in the morning, and at noontime -//
at all times I will bless You, O Lord.

v. (2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!
In Your courts, O Lord, /
we faithful bend the knees of soul and body; /
with songs we proclaim You, eternal Father and co-eternal Son, /
and You, all-holy and co-eternal Spirit, //
Who sanctify and enlighten our souls.

v. (1) For His mercy is abundant towards us; and the truth of the Lord endures forever.
Let us praise in song the consubstantial Trinity: /
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. //
For this was the preaching of all the Prophets, Apostles, and Martyrs.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. **Tone 8***
Come, O people, /
let us worship the Godhead in three persons: /
the Son in the Father, with the Holy Spirit. /
For the Father timelessly begot the Son, co-eternal and co-enthroned with Him; /
and the Holy Spirit was in the Father and is glorified with the Son. /
We worship one Power, one Essence, one Godhead, /
and we say: "Holy God, /
You created all things through Your Son /
with the cooperation of the Holy Spirit. /
Holy Mighty, /
through You we know the Father; /

through You the Holy Spirit came to dwell in the world. /
Holy Immortal, /
Comforting Spirit, /
You proceed from the Father and rest in the Son. //
O Holy Trinity, glory to You!"

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

The Reading is from Numbers. [11:16-17, 24-29]

The Lord said to Moses: Gather to me seventy men of the elders of the people, whom you know to be elders of the people, and their scribes; and you shall bring to the Tent of Witness, and they shall stand there with you. And I shall come down and speak with you there, and I shall take of the Spirit which is upon you and place it upon them, and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, and you shall not bear them alone. And Moses gathered seventy men of the elders of the people, and stood them around the Tent. And the Lord came down in a cloud and spoke to Moses, and he took of the Spirit which was upon him and placed it upon the seventy men, the elders. But as the Spirit rested upon them, they too prophesied in the camp, and then did so no longer. And two men had been left behind in the camp; the name of one was Eldad and the name of the second was Modad, and the Spirit rested upon them; and they were of those who had been listed, but they had not come to the Tent; and they prophesied in the camp. And the youth ran and told Moses, and said to him: Eldad and Modad are prophesying in the camp. And Jesus, son of Navi, who was Moses' assistant, his chosen one, said: My Lord Moses, stop them. And Moses said to him: Why, are you jealous for me? And who would not give that all the Lord's people were prophets, whenever the Lord should put his Spirit upon them?

The Reading is from the Prophecy of Joel. [2:23-32]

Thus says the Lord: Children of Sion rejoice, and be glad in the Lord your God, because he has given you food for justice; and he will send the early and the latter rain for you, as before; and the threshing floors will be full of corn, and the presses overflowing with wine and oil. And I shall repay you for the years that the locust has devoured, the crawling locust, the consuming locust, the chewing locust and my great power which I sent against you. And eating you shall eat and be filled, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has done wondrous things with you, and my people shall no longer be ashamed forever. And you shall know that I the Lord your God am in the midst of Israel, and there is none beside me, and my people shall no longer be ashamed forever. And it shall be after these things that I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters will prophesy and your elders will dream dreams and your youths see visions. And upon my servants and my maid servants I shall pour out of my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy; and I shall show wonders in the heaven above and signs in the earth beneath, blood and fire and the vapor of smoke; the sun will be transformed to darkness and the moon to blood, before the great and manifest day of the Lord comes; and it shall be that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The Reading is from the Prophecy of Ezekiel. [36:24-28]

Thus says the Lord: I shall take you from among the nations and gather you from all the lands and bring you into your own land; and I shall sprinkle pure water upon you, and you will be purified

from all your impurities and from all your idols, and I shall purify you; and I shall give you a new heart and I shall give you a new spirit; and I shall take away the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh; and I shall put my spirit in you and make you walk in my statutes and you shall keep my judgements and do them; and you shall dwell on the land which I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I shall be your God.

LITYA

Tone 2 In the Prophets, O our Savior, /
You proclaimed to us the way of salvation. /
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From the beginning and ever after You are God, //
our God before the ages.

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Who sanctify and enlighten our souls.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen **Tone 8**
When You sent Your Spirit on the waiting Apostles, O Lord, /
the Hebrews were amazed at the wonder; /
for they heard them speak in foreign tongues, which the Spirit gave. /
They were common people, but You made them wise; /
and as they proclaimed the things of God, /
they caught the nations for the life of faith. /
Therefore we also cry aloud to You: //
"O Lord, Who appeared on earth and saved us from error, glory to You!"

When the singers have completed the stichera, the deacon says:

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your great mercy, we pray you, hear us and have mercy.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (x3) [and after each petition]

Again we pray for pious and right-believing Christians.

Again we pray for our Archbishop and father (name).

Again we pray for the servants of God celebrating this holy feast and for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, assistance, pardon and remission of their sins.

Again we pray for all Christian souls afflicted and maltreated, in need of God's mercies and help, for the protection of this city and those who live therein for the peace and stability of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, for the salvation and help of our fathers and brethren who labor and serve with diligence and fear of God, for those who are gone away and those who are abroad, for the healing of those who lie in infirmity, for the repose, refreshment, and blessed memory and forgiveness of sins of all of our fathers and brethren fallen asleep before us, for their pious repose and for Orthodox everywhere, for the deliverance of captives and for our brethren who are serving, and for all who serve and have served in this holy house let us say. Again we pray that this holy house, and every monastery, city, and countryside be kept from pestilence, famine, earthquake, flood, fire, sword, invasion of enemies, civil war, and sudden death; that our good God who loves mankind be gracious, favorable, and conciliatory, and turn away and dispel all the wrath and illness stirred up against us, and deliver us from his looming righteous threat, and have mercy on us.

Again we pray that the Lord God will hear the voice of our supplication, of the sinners, and have mercy on us.

Then the High Priest or the Priest says out loud:

Hear us, God, our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of those who are far off upon the sea; and be gracious, be gracious to us, Master, over our sins and have mercy on us. For you are a merciful God and love mankind, and to you we send up glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Priest: Peace to all.

Choir: And to your spirit.

Deacon: Let us bow our heads to the Lord.

Choir: To You, O Lord.

All bow their heads as the priest says the following prayer aloud:

Priest: Master full of mercy, Lord Jesus Christ our God, through the intercessions of our all-pure Lady the Birthgiver of God and ever-virgin Mary, by the power of the precious and life-creating Cross, by the protections of the honorable bodiless powers of heaven, through the supplications of the honorable, glorious prophet, forerunner and baptist John, of the holy, glorious, and all-laudable apostles, *of our fathers among the saints, great hierarchs and teachers of the world Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom; Athanasius and Cyril, John the Merciful, patriarchs of Alexandria, Nicholas of Myra, Spyridon the bishop of Trimythous, the wonderworkers; of the holy glorious and right-victorious martyrs, of the holy glorious great martyrs George the trophy-bearer, Demetrios the myrrh-streamer, Theodore the Recruit and Theodore the Commander, of our venerable and God-bearing Fathers, of the holy and righteous ancestors of God Joachim and Anna, and of all your saints, make our supplication acceptable, grant us remission of our trespasses, shelter us in the shelter of your wings, drive away from us every enemy and adversary, make our life peaceful, Lord, have mercy on us and on your world and save our souls, for you are good and love mankind.* ***Choir:*** Amen.

Priest: Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Mary full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, for you have borne the Savior of our souls. *(once)*

Choir: Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Mary full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, for you have borne the Savior of our souls. *(twice)*

The priest takes one of the loaves from the five loaves and with it makes the sign of the cross over the loaves.

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: O Lord Jesus Christ our God, who blessed the five loaves and fed the five thousand, do You the same Lord bless these loaves, this wheat, this wine and this oil and multiply them in this city and in all Your world: and sanctify the faithful who partake of them. For it is You who bless and sanctify all things, O Christ our God, and to You we send up glory with Your unoriginate Father and Your all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

The priest takes one of the loaves and sings in Tone 7:

Priest: Rich men have turned poor * and gone hungry; * but they that seek the Lord * shall not be deprived of any good thing. *(once)*

Choir: Rich men have turned poor * and gone hungry; * but they that seek the Lord * shall not be deprived of any good thing. *(twice)*

APOSTICHA

Tone 6 The nations did not know the power of the Holy Spirit, /
which came upon Your Apostles, O Lord, /
so they mistook the foreign tongues for drunkenness. /
But we are strengthened by the Apostles, /
so we ceaselessly pray to You, O good God Who love mankind: //
“Do not take Your Holy Spirit from us!”

v: Create in me a clean heart, O Lord, and renew a right Spirit within me!

The coming of the Holy Spirit / filled Your Apostles, O Lord, /
and made them speak in foreign tongues. /
To the faithless this wonder was but drunkenness, /
but to the faithful it brings salvation.

We pray to you, O good God Who love mankind: //
“Make us worthy of such enlightenment!”

v: Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me!
O heavenly King, / O Comforter, O Spirit of Truth, /
You are everywhere present, filling all things;/
O 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!

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

Tone 8 The arrogance of building the tower in the days of old /
led to the confusion of tongues. /
Now the glory of the knowledge of God brings them wisdom. /
There God condemned the impious for their transgression. /
Here Christ has enlightened the fishermen by the Spirit. /
There disharmony was brought about for punishment. //
Now harmony is renewed for the salvation of our souls.

TROPARION

Tone 8 Troparion Blessed are You, O Christ our God; / for You have shown the
fishermen to be most wise / by sending down on them the Holy Spirit / and through them catching
all the world in Your net. // Glory to You, O good God Who love mankind! (*thrice without*
"Glory..." "now and ever...")

APOLYSIS

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: The blessing and mercy of the Lord come upon you with his grace and love for
mankind, always, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Priest: Glory to You, Christ God our Hope, glory to You.

Choir: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the
ages of ages. Amen. Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy; Lord, have mercy. Father,
bless!

Priest: He who from heaven sent down the all-holy Spirit in the form of tongues of fire upon
his holy disciples and Apostles...

Choir: Amen.

Priest: Through the prayers...

Choir:

Amen.