

May 28, 2023
7th Sunday of Pascha

Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council, Afterfeast of the Ascension

The First Antiphon

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! (Ps.46/47:1)

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. (Ps 46/47:2) (Refrain)

He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet. (Ps 47/48:3) (Refrain)

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet! (Ps 46/47:5) (Refrain)

Glory to the Father, . . . , now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. (Refrain)

The Second Antiphon

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God. (Ps.47/48:1)

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

Mount Zion in the far north, is the city of the Great King. (Ps 47/48:2) (Refrain)

Within her citadels God is known when He defends her. (Ps 47/48:3) (Refrain)

For lo, the kings assembled; they came on together. (Ps 47/48:4) (Refrain)

Glory to the Father, . . . , now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. (Refrain)

Only Begotten Son and Immortal Word of God,
Who for our salvation, did become incarnate, of the holy Theotokos and ever virgin Mary,
Who without change became man, and were crucified, O Christ our God,
Trampling death by death, Who are one of the Holy Trinity,
Glorified with the Father, and the Holy Spirit, save us.

The Third Antiphon (Ps. 48/49)

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

Troparion of the Ascension (Tone 4)

O Christ our God, You ascended in glory,
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. (Troparion)

My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding. (Troparion)

I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle in psalmody. (Troparion)

Troparion (Tone 6) (Resurrection)

The Angelic Powers were at Your tomb;
the guards became as dead men.
Mary stood by Your grave,
seeking Your most pure body.
You captured hell, not being tempted by it.
You came to the Virgin, granting life.
O Lord, Who rose from the dead,
glory to You.

Troparion (Tone 4) (Ascension)

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!

Troparion (Tone 8) (Fathers)

You are most glorious, O Christ our God!
You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth.
Through them You have guided us to the true Faith.
O greatly compassionate One, glory to You!

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

Kontakion (Tone 8) (Fathers)

The Apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrines have established one Faith for the Church.
Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology,
It defines and glorifies the great mystery of piety.

now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen

Kontakion (Tone 6) (Ascension)

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!"

Prokeimenon (Tone 4) (Song of the Three Holy Children, v3, v4)

Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, / and praised and glorified is Your Name forever.
v. For You are just in all that You have done for us!

Epistle (Acts 20:16-18, 28-36)

Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you all the time from the first day that I set foot in Asia. Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (Tone 1) *(Ps. 49:1, 49:6)*

v. The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
v. Gather to Me My venerable ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice!

Gospel (John 17:1-13)

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

Theotokion

Magnify, O my soul,
Christ the Giver of Life,
Who has ascended from earth to heaven!
We the faithful, with one accord,
magnify you, the Mother of God,
who beyond reason and understanding
ineffably gave birth in time to the Timeless One.

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! *(Ps. 32:1)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

In place of “We have seen...” we sing:

Troparion of Ascension

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Through the blessing, they were assured
that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.