

The Service of the Typika

For use at the Feast of Ascension

Reader: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

(From Ascension until the Eve of Pentecost we neither sing “Christ is Risen!” nor pray “O Heavenly King...”, but continue directly to the Trisagion prayers)

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. **(x3)**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto 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. **(x3)**

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

Our Father, Who art in the heavens, 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ, our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

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

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 Festal Antiphon

People: O clap your hands all ye peoples. Shout to God with loud songs of joy.
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.
Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!
He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.
Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!
God hath gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet!
Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever,
and unto ages of ages. Amen.
Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Reader: Lord, have mercy. (*x3*)

Second Festal Antiphon

People: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God.
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.
O Son of God, Who hast ascended in glory, save us who sing to Thee:
Alleluia!
Within her citadels God is known when He defends her.
O Son of God, Who hast ascended in glory, save us who sing to Thee:
Alleluia!
For lo, the kings assembled; they came on together.
O Son of God, Who hast ascended in glory, save us who sing to Thee:
Alleluia!

Only-Begotten Son

People: 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 didst become man and was 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!

Reader: Lord, have mercy. (*x3*)

Third Festal Antiphon and Troparion

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

Troparion, Tone 4 (Ascension)

People: 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!

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

People: 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!

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

People: 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!

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

People: 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!

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

People: 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 Trisagion Hymn

People: Holy God! Holy Mighty! Holy Immortal, have mercy on us! (**x3**)
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!

The Prokeimenon

Reader: The prokeimenon in the seventh tone:

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

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

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

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

Reader: Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens;

People: And Thy glory be over all the earth!

The Epistle

Reader: The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles.

[Read Acts 1:1-12]

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Gospel

Reader: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

People: Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee!

Reader: ***[Read Luke 24:36-53. Ordained clergy and tonsured readers and subdeacons may chant the Gospel; others should read using a normal speaking voice.]***

People: Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee!

Prayer to the Lord of Hosts

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

Remember us, O Lord, when Thou comest into Thy Kingdom. **(Bow)**

Remember us, O Master, when Thou comest into Thy Kingdom. **(Bow)**

Remember us, O Holy One, when Thou comest into Thy Kingdom. **(Bow)**

The heavenly choir sings to Thee, and cries: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

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

Remember us, O Lord, when Thou comest into Thy Kingdom. **(Bow)**

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The Creed

People: 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 with the Father and the Son together is worshipped 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.

Prayer of Forgiveness

Reader: O God, remit, pardon and forgive our sins, whether voluntary or involuntary, whether by words or deeds, whether in knowledge or ignorance, whether by day or night, whether in mind or thought; forgive us all these, for Thou art good and lovest mankind.

The Lord's Prayer

People: 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 the evil one. Amen.

Kontakion

Tone 6 (Ascension)

People: 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!"

One is Holy / Blessed be the Name of the Lord

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

All-holy Trinity, Mighty one in essence, Kingdom undivided, origin of all good things, be graciously inclined also to me, a sinner. Establish me; give understanding to my heart, and purge away all my vileness. Enlighten my mind, that I may glorify, sing praises, and adore Thee, and say:

People: One is Holy, One is Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen. Blessed be the Name of the Lord, henceforth and forevermore. (*x3*)

Reader: 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 continually be in my mouth. In the Lord my soul shall make her boast; let the meek hear and be glad. 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 afflictions. They drew near to Him and were enlightened, and your faces shall not be ashamed. This poor one cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him from all his tribulations. The angel of the Lord will encamp round about them that fear Him, and shall deliver them. Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who hopeth in Him. Fear the Lord, all ye His saints, for there is no lack for them that fear Him. The rich have become poor and hungry; but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.

Hymn to the Theotokos

People: 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.

Dismissal

People: 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. (*x3*)

O Christ, bless!

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

People: Amen.