



Fathers of the First Council

Feast of the Ascension



Standing in Prayer

On this week between Ascension and Pentecost, we remain standing in prayer. On the Feast of Pentecost we will kneel in prayer for the first time since Easter.

These special prayers replace those we usually use when celebrating the Divine Liturgy.

FIRST ANTIPHON

The Lord is great and worthy to be praised /
in the city of our God, His holy mountain.

*O Son of God, who ascended in glory /
save us who sing to you, Alleluia.*

Mount Sion, slopes of the north, /
the city of the Great King

*O Son of God, who ascended in glory /
save us who sing to you, Alleluia.*

God in the midst of its citadels /
has shown Himself to be its stronghold

*O Son of God, who ascended in glory /
save us who sing to you, Alleluia.*

SECOND ANTIPHON

Hear this all you people /
give heed all who dwell in the world

*O Son of God, who ascended in glory /
save us who sing to you, Alleluia.*

Hear this all you of lowly birth and of high degree /
rich and poor alike

*O Son of God, who ascended in glory /
save us who sing to you, Alleluia.*

My lips will speak words of wisdom /
My heart is full of insight

*O Son of God, who ascended in glory /
save us who sing to you, Alleluia.*

ENTRANCE

God ascends His throne amid shouts of joy /
the Lord amid the sound of trumpets

*O Son of God, who ascended in glory /
save us who sing to you, Alleluia.*

TROPAR and KONDAK

Angelic Powers descended to Your grave, and the guards fell down and appeared dead. Mary came to the grave seeking Your most pure body. You conquered and despoiled the Abyss without being touched by it. You, the Giver of Life, met the Virgin. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory be to You.

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and delighted the disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through this blessing they were assured that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.

O Christ our God, You are above all praise, for You established our Fathers as lights to all the earth. You led us to the true faith through them. O Most Bountiful Lord, glory be to You.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

The preaching of the Apostles and the decisions of the Fathers have established the true faith of the Church which she wears as the garment of truth fashioned from the theology on high. She justly governs and glorifies the great mystery of worship.

Now and ever and forever. Amen.

When You fulfilled the plan of providence for us and united all things on earth to those in heaven, O Christ our God, You ascended in glory without absenting Yourself at all, but remaining present, proclaiming to those who love you: “I am with you, and no one has power over you.”

PROKIMENON

Blessed are You and praiseworthy O Lord the God of our Fathers /
and glorious forever is Your name.

*In all that You have done /
Your Justice is apparent*

Be exalted above the heavens O God /
and let Your glory be over all the earth.

EPISTLE: Acts [§ 44] 20:16-18,28-38

ALLELUIA

*The God of gods the Lord has spoken and summoned
the earth / from the rising of the sun to its setting*

*God ascends amid shouts of joy / the Lord amid the
sound of trumpets*

GOSPEL: John [§ 56] 17:1-13

HYMN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD

O my soul magnify the Lord who in glory ascended bodily into heaven.
O You who are the Mother of God in a manner beyond understanding
and beyond words, who gave birth in time to Him whom time cannot
contain, we the faithful magnify you with one accord

COMMUNION HYMN

Praise you the Lord of heaven /
Praise Him in the highest. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Exult, you just in the Lord /
praise from the upright is fitting. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia