



**Proper Prayers
and Kneeling Prayers
for the Great Feast
of Pentecost**

Hymn to the Holy Spirit

After the beginning of the Divine Liturgy

O Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth, You are everywhere present and fill all things. Treasury of Blessings and Giver of Life, come and dwell within us, cleanse us of all stain, and save our souls, O Gracious Lord.

First Kneeling Prayer: End of the Great Litany

Priest: O Lord most pure and free from corruption, You exist from all eternity, invisible and beyond understanding, beyond the probing of our minds, unchanging, unsurpassable, immeasurable and long-suffering, the only Immortal One. Your dwelling, O Lord, is a throne of light. You are the Creator of heaven and earth and of the seas and all that creeps in them. You fill our needs even before we ask. To You we pray. We beseech You now, Master and Lover of mankind, Father of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and, through the Holy Spirit, were incarnate of the Virgin Mary, the glorious Mother of God. Who first taught us in words and then confirmed Your teaching through marvelous deeds. Who by accepting the Passion that procured salvation, gave us, unworthy sinners and lowly servants, a perfect example of prayer, showing us how to pray on bended knees and with heads bowed, because of our sins and our unawareness. Most merciful Lord and Lover of Mankind, hear our supplication whenever we utter it and, especially on this present day of Pentecost, on which our Lord Jesus Christ went up to heaven and was enthroned at Your right, O God the Father, and on which He sent down His Holy Spirit upon each of the apostles, so that they would be filled with divine grace and be made to sing Your Majesty in different tongues and to prophesy. Wherefore, O God, we beseech You: hear our prayers, remember us, lowly and guilty as we are. Recall our souls from the captivity of sin and accept us who kneel down before You. For in You we have a kind and loving Father. Since the very day we were formed in the womb, You are our God. Because we have spent our days in vain endeavors, we have lost all valid defense and yet we still trust in Your bountiful love and cry out to You: Remember not the sins of our youth, cleanse us of our secret misdeeds, forsake us not in our

old age, remain with us while our strength is failing, make us worthy of returning to You before we return to the earth. **Set** up Your compassion against our iniquities and Your great love and kindness against our transgressions. From the heights of Your holiness, look down upon your people who await from You generous mercy. Visit us with Your goodness. Deliver us from the devil. Guard our lives within Your laws and commandments. Commit us to the care of an angel, a faithful guide of our souls and bodies and gather us all into Your kingdom. For mercy and salvation are from You, Christ our God, and we send up glory to You and to Your Eternal Father and to Your All-Holy, Good and Life-Giving Spirit, now and ever and forever.

All: **AMEN.**

First Antiphon

Follows Immediately

May the Lord answer you in the time of distress /
may the Name of the God of Jacob defend you.

*O Good Comforter /
save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

May He send you help from His holy place /
and give you support from Sion

*O Good Comforter, /
save us who sing to You: Alleluia*

May He remember all your offerings /
and graciously receive your sacrifice.

*O Good Comforter, /
save us who sing to You: Alleluia*

Hymn of the Incarnation

Second Antiphon

O Lord, in Your strength the king is glad /
in Your victory how greatly he rejoices

*O Good Comforter, /
save us who sing to You: Alleluia*

You have granted him his heart's desire /
You have not refused the prayers of his lips.

*O Good Comforter, /
save us who sing to You: Alleluia*

You came to meet him with the blessings of success /
You have set on his head a crown of precious stones.

*O Good Comforter, /
save us who sing to You: Alleluia*

Entrance Hymn

Be extolled O Lord in Your strength /
we will sing and chant the praise of Your might.

*O Good Comforter, /
save us who sing to You: Alleluia*

Tropar and Kondak

Blessed are You, O Christ our God. You filled the fishermen
with wisdom, sending down upon them the Holy Spirit.
Through them You have caught the whole world in Your net.
O Lover of Mankind, glory be to You.

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever and forever. Amen.*

When the Most High descended and confused tongues, He scattered the people; but when He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all men to unity. Therefore, with one voice, let us praise the Most Holy Spirit.

Instead of “Holy God”

All you who have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

Prokimenon

Through all the world their voice resounds /
their message reaches to the ends of the earth

*The heavens proclaim the glory of God/
and the firmament shows forth the work of His hands.*

EPISTLE: Acts [§ 3] 2:1-11

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*By His word the heavens were made /
by the breath of His mouth all the stars*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*From the heavens the Lord looks forth /
He sees all the children of men.*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL: John [§ 27] 7:37-52;8:12

Second Kneeling Prayer: End of Petitions for the Day

Priest: O Lord Jesus Christ our God, Who bestowed Your peace upon the world and, while You were still on earth, procured for us the gift of the Holy Spirit as an inheritance that shall never be taken from us: today You send in a visible manner upon Your disciples and apostles this same grace by which You place tongues

of fire in their mouths and upon their lips. And all of us, and all mankind, receive the seed of the knowledge of God on our own tongue and in our own mind. We have become enlightened with the radiance of the Spirit Who delivered us from error as from total darkness. Through the distribution of visible tongues of fire and through their mysterious action, we have learned the Faith and how to glorify You. For together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, You are our God, our Light and our Majesty. O O Splendor of the Father, Image of His essence, of His immutable and unchangeable nature, Fountain of Wisdom and Grace: enlighten the intelligence of us poor sinners. Teach us how and for whom to pray, oh teach us for You know what great sinners we are. Your love will overcome the enormity of our sins. We stand in awe before You, surrendering our souls to Your great mercy. Guide our lives along Your ways for You are infinite Wisdom and the Ordainer of the whole creation. Show us the road that we must walk. Grant wisdom to our souls and understanding to our ignorance. Cover our deeds with the spirit of fear. Renew the proper dispositions in our souls. Let Your Spirit support our stumbling minds, that we may be made worthy to do as You will and accomplish whatever is good for our salvation. Let us be constantly aware of Your presence and Your future coming to glory. Protect us against the corrupting pleasures of the world and strengthen us in the hope of the treasures to come. Oh Master You said: "Whatever you ask in my name, you shall receive from God the Father Who is from all eternity". Wherefore on this day of the descent of the Holy Spirit, we, poor sinners, cast ourselves down before Your goodness. Grant us whatever is good for salvation for You are all compassion and kindness. For our sakes, You took flesh, remaining without sin, becoming indeed a propitiation for our sins. Wherefore, O Lord, grant us Your bounty. Hear us from Your holy heaven. Sanctify us. Shelter us beneath the shadow of Your wings and do not turn away from us. O Lord, we may have sinned against You but we serve You alone. We adore no other God nor do we stretch out our hands before any other than You. Pardon our iniquities and accept our prayer which we utter before You on bent knees. Receive the petitions of all of us as if it were incense rising to Your throne and acceptable to You. Through the loving kindness of Your only-begotten Son, with Whom You are blessed, together with Your All-Holy, Good and Life-Giving Spirit, now and ever and forever.

All: **AMEN**

HYMN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD

O my soul, magnify the one Divinity having three countenances. Hail, O Queen, glory of virgins and of mothers, for, to fittingly praise you, is beyond the eloquence of the most cultured tongue, and the wonderful manner in which you gave birth to Christ throws every intelligence into amazement. Therefore, with one accord we the faithful magnify you.

Communion Hymn

Your Good Spirit /
shall lead me into the land of righteousness. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Let not Your Holy Spirit turn away from us /
for You love mankind. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Third Kneeling Prayer: End of Thanksgiving Litany

Priest: O Christ our God, ever-flowing Fountain, Giver of Life, Light of us all, Mighty Creator, coeternal with the Father: You fulfilled the plan of our redemption in the most magnificent fashion. You broke the indestructible chains of death and trampled the evil spirits. You offered Yourself as a blameless sacrifice for our sins and procured eternal life for us. You went down into Hades to raise the souls that had been wrapped in its darkness. O Wisdom of the Father, Powerful Helper of the Distressed, Light of those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death: You are the Lord of everlasting glory, the beloved Son of the Most High, Eternal Light of Eternal Light. Hear our supplications and grant repose to the souls of Your servants: our fathers, mothers, brother and sisters, our relations by blood and all those who professed the faith. O Master Almighty, God of our Father, Lord of all mercy and Creator of all things living and non-living and of all the nations of the world: You have power over all. You are the Lord of life and death. You have counted the years of life and appointed the hour of death. You order the things of life according to their needs and fittingly dispose what is to come. You raise the dead, returning them to life. You are indeed the Master of all men and women, our God and Savior, the

hope of the world, the safety of those at sea. On this day of the feast of Pentecost, You have revealed to us the mystery of the Holy Trinity, one in essence, coeternal, undivided and yet distinct. Through the descent of Your Holy and Life-Giving Spirit in the form of tongues of fire, You poured out faith upon Your apostles and made them witnesses and teachers of the Word of God. On this perfect and salutary Feast, make us worthy to utter supplications in favor of those imprisoned in Hades, O Lord, for You promised to grant relief to the dead from the afflictions tormenting them and to send down consolation and repose upon them. Accept then our prayers. Give rest to the souls of Your departed servants in a place of delight and refreshment where there is no pain, sorrow or sighing. Establish them in peace and joy in the mansions of the just. O Lord, the dead send up no praise to You nor do those who dwell in Hades dare to offer glory to You. But we, the living, will bless You and send up our supplications and sacrifices for their souls and our own. For You are the Peace of our souls and bodies and we send up glory to You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

All: **AMEN**