

Saint Mary Protectress Center

Reader Service

(service without a priest)

Pentecost, Holy Trinity Sunday, Descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles, Tone 7

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

Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.

O Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth, Who art everywhere present and fillest all things, Treasury of good things and Giver of life: Come and dwell in us, and cleanse us of all impurity, and save our souls, O Good One.

+ Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3x)

+ Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
both now and ever, and unto the 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. (3x)

+ Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
both now and ever, and unto the 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.

Lord have mercy. (12x)

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

+ 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.

Festal Antiphon 1

Choir: The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament declareth the work of His hands. *(Ps. 18:1)*

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Day unto day poureth forth speech
and night unto night proclaimeth knowledge. *(Ps. 18:2)*

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth,
and their words unto the ends of the world. *(Ps. 18:4)*

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

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

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Festal Antiphon 2

Choir: The Lord hear thee in the day of affliction;
the name of the God of Jacob defend thee. *(Ps. 19:1)*

Refrain: O Good Comforter
Save us who sing to Thee, Alleluia!

Let Him send forth unto thee help from His sanctuary,
and out of Zion let Him help thee. *(Ps. 19:2)*

Refrain: O Good Comforter
Save us who sing to Thee, Alleluia!

The Lord grant thee according to thy heart,
and fulfill all thy purposes. (Ps. 19:3)

Refrain: O Good Comforter
Save us who sing to Thee, Alleluia!

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

O Only-Begotten Son and Word of God, Who art Immortal,
Yet didst deign for our salvation to be incarnate
Of the Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary,
And without change didst become man, and was crucified,
O Christ God, trampling down death by death.
Thou Who art One of the Holy Trinity,
Glorified with the + Father and the Holy Spirit,
Save us!

Reader: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Festal Antiphon 3

Reader: O Lord, in Thy strength the king shall be glad,
and in Thy salvation shall he rejoice exceedingly. (Ps. 20:1)

Choir: (Tone 8)

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God,
Who hast shown forth the fishermen as supremely wise,
by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit,
and through them didst draw the world into Thy net. //
O Lover of mankind, glory be to Thee.

Reader: The desire of his heart hast Thou granted unto him,
and hast not denied him the requests of his lips. (Ps. 20:2)

Choir: Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God,

Who hast shown forth the fishermen as supremely wise,
by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit,
and through them didst draw the world into Thy net. //
O Lover of mankind, glory be to Thee.

Reader: Thou wentest before him with the blessings of goodness,
Thou hast set upon his head a crown of precious stone. *(Ps. 20:3)*

Choir: Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God,
Who hast shown forth the fishermen as supremely wise,
by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit,
and through them didst draw the world into Thy net. //
O Lover of mankind, glory be to Thee.

Introit
(Entry Hymn)

Reader: Be Thou exalted, O Lord, in Thy strength;
we will sing and chant of Thy mighty acts. *(Ps. 20:13)*

Troparia
(Thematic Hymns)

Choir: *(Tone 8)*
Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God,
Who hast shown forth the fishermen as supremely wise,
by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit,
and through them didst draw the world into Thy net. //
O Lover of mankind, glory be to Thee.

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

(Tone 4)
Today we Orthodox people joyfully celebrate
thy glorious coming among us, O Mother of God,
and gazing upon thy most pure image, we say with compunction:
Shelter us with thy most precious protection,
and deliver us from all evil,
and pray to thy Son, Christ our God, //

that He save our souls.

**Instead of the Trisagion, “Holy God”,
we sing “As many as have been baptized”**

Choir:

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

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As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

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

Have put on Christ. Alleluia.

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

Prokeimenon
(that which precedes)

Reader: The Prokimenon in the 8th Tone:

Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth,
and their words unto the ends of the world. (Ps. 18:4)

Choir: Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth,
and their words unto the ends of the world.

Reader: The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament proclaimeth the work of His hands. (Ps. 18:1)

Choir: Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth,
and their words unto the ends of the world.

Reader: Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth.

Choir: And their words unto the ends of the world.

Epistle Reading
(Acts 2:1-11)

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

When the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. * And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. * And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. * And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. * And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. * Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. * And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? * And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? * Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, * Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, * Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

Alleliua
(Praise ye the Lord)

Reader: Alleluia in the 1st Tone.

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Reader: By the Word of the Lord were the heavens established, and all the might of them by the Spirit of His mouth. (Ps. 32:6)

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Reader: The Lord looked down from heaven, He beheld all the sons of men. (Ps. 32:13)

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Holy Gospel Reading
(John 7:37-52, 8:12)

Reader: The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

Choir: Glory to Thee, O Lord, Glory to Thee!

Reader: In the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. * He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. * (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.) * Many of the people, therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth, this is the Prophet. * Others said, This is the Christ. But some said, Shall Christ come out of Galilee? * Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was? * So there was a division among the people because of him. * And some of them would have taken him; but no man laid hands on him. * Then came the officers to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said unto them, Why have ye not brought him? * The officers answered, Never man spake like this man. * Then answered them the Pharisees, Are ye also deceived? * Have any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed on him? * But this people who knoweth not the law are cursed. * Nicodemus saith unto them, (he that came to Jesus by night, being one of them,) * Doth our law judge any man, before it hear him, and know what he doeth? * They answered and said unto him, Art thou also of Galilee? Search, and look: for out of Galilee ariseth no prophet. * Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

Choir: Glory to Thee, O Lord, Glory to Thee!

Choir: (Tone 6)

Remember us, O Lord, when Thou comest in Thy kingdom.

Remember us, O Master, when Thou comest in Thy kingdom.

Remember us, O Holy One, when Thou comest in Thy kingdom.

The heavenly choir praiseth Thee and saith:

Holy, Holy, Holy,

Lord of Sabaoth; //

Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

Reader: Come unto Him, and be enlightened & your faces shall not be ashamed.

Choir: The heavenly choir praiseth Thee and saith:

Holy, Holy, Holy,

Lord of Sabaoth; //

Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

Reader: + Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Choir: The choir of Holy angels and archangels,
With all the heavenly hosts praiseth Thee and saith:
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of Sabaoth; //
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

Reader: Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

The Nicene Creed

Choir: + 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 the heavens, / and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man; / And was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, / and suffered and was buried; and arose again on the third day according to the Scriptures; / And ascended into the heavens, and sitteth at the right hand of the Father; / And shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. / And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life; Who proceedeth from the Father; / Who with the + Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the prophets. / In One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. / I confess one baptism for the remission of sins. / I look for the resurrection of the dead, / And the life of the age to come. Amen.

Reader: Remit, pardon, forgive, O God, our offenses, both voluntary and involuntary, in deed and word, in knowledge and ignorance, by day and by night, in mind and thought; forgive us all things, for Thou art good & the Lover of mankind.

The Lord's Prayer

Choir: (Tone 4)

+ 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.

Reader: O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us. Amen.

Kontakia (Thematic Hymns)

Choir: (Tone 8)

Once, when He descended and confounded the tongues,
the Most High divided the nations;
and when He divided the tongues of fire,
He called all men into unity; //
and with one accord we glorify the All-Holy Spirit.

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

(Tone 3) Today the Virgin doth stand before us in church,
and with the choirs of saints invisibly prayeth for us to God.
Angels worship with hierarchs,
apostles rejoice with prophets, //
for the Theotokos prayeth for us to the Eternal God.

Reader: Lord, have mercy. (12x)

O All-Holy Trinity, the consubstantial dominion, the indivisible Kingdom, and cause of every Good: Show Thy good will even unto me a sinner; make steadfast my heart and grant it understanding, and take away mine every defilement; enlighten my mind that I may glorify, hymn, worship, and say:

Choir: One is Holy, One is Lord, Jesus Christ,
to the Glory of God the Father. Amen.

Blessed by the name of the Lord, henceforth and forever more. (3x)

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

Psalm 33

Choir: I will bless the Lord at all times,
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
In the Lord shall my soul be praised;
let the meek hear and be glad.
O 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 tribulations.
Come unto Him, and be enlightened,
and your faces shall not be ashamed.
This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him,
and saved him out of all his tribulations.
The angel of the Lord will encamp round about them that fear Him,
and will deliver them.
O taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed is the man that hopeth in Him.
O fear the Lord, all ye His saints;
for there is no want to them that fear Him.
Rich men have turned poor and gone hungry;
but they that seek the Lord shall not be deprived of any good thing.

**Instead of “It is truly meet...” we chant the
Irmos of the 9th Ode of the 2nd Canon of the feast, Tone 4:**

Choir: (Tone 4)
Rejoice, Thou, O Queen, the glory of both mothers and virgins!
For no mouth, however fluent and well-spoken,
can be so eloquent as to hymn thee worthily;
and every mind faileth to understand thy childbirth. //
Wherefore, with one accord, thee do we magnify.

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

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

O Lord, Bless.

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

Choir: Amen

Memory Eternal!

(For all those who have fallen asleep in the Lord)

Choir:

Memory eternal!

Memory eternal!

Memory eternal!

His/Her/Their soul(s) shall dwell with the blessed!

Many Years!

(For all those with birthdays and namedays)

Choir:

God grant you many years!

God grant you many years!

God grant you many, many years!