

Memory of the Fathers of the First Council of Nicea;
within the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord

With some small changes these texts are also good for the weekday services this week.

Instead of the Regular Antiphons we sing:

FIRST ANTIPHON:

All you peoples, **clap** your hands; / shout to God with cries **of** gladness.
Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

For the Lord, the Most High, **we** must fear; / Great King over **all** the earth.
Through the prayers....

He subdues peoples **un**-der us, / and nations **un**-der our feet.
Through the prayers...

God ascends amid **shouts** of joy; / the Lord ascends amid sounds **of** trumpets.
Through the prayers...

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spirit; / Now and ever, and for-
ev-er \.Amen. **Through the prayers...**

SECOND ANTIPHON:

The Lord is great and worthy **to** be praised / in the city of our God, His ho-ly
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..

God, in the midst of its **citadels**, / has shown Himself to be **its** stronghold.
O Son of God, Who ascended..

(Before the Third Antiphon, we sing the HYMN OF THE INCARNATION

THIRD ANTIPHON:

Come let us sing joyfully **to** the Lord; / let us shout with joy to God **our** Savior.
O Son of God, Who ascended in glory, save us who sing to You. Alleluia.

Let us come into His presence with **thanksgiving**, / and let us joyfully sing **psalms** to Him.
O Son of God, Who ascended in glory, save us who sing to You. Alleluia.

For God is **a** great Lord, / and a great king over **all** the earth.
O Son of God, Who ascended...

TROPARS FOR TODAY:

(for the weekday services, only the tropar and kontakion of the Ascension are used)

Tropar Tone 6:

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!

Tropar (Ascension) Tone 4

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, * You 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.

Tropar (of the Fathers) Tone 8:

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!

Kontakion (of the Fathers) Tone 8:

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.

Kontakion (Ascension) Tone 6:

Now and ever, and forever. Amen.

When You fulfilled the plan of salvation for us * and united all things on earth to those in heaven, * O Christ our God, You ascended in glory, * never leaving us, but remaining ever-present. * For You proclaimed to those who love You: * "I am with you, and no one else has power over you."

Prokimenon Tone 4:

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

v. In all that You have done, Your justice is apparent.

INSTEAD OF "Dostojno jest..." we sing:

○ my soul, O my soul, extol the Lord, Who in glory, ascended bodily into heaven.

We the faithful, with one accord extol You, O Mother of God; for, in a manner beyond our understanding and expression, you gave birth in time to the Lord, Whom time cannot contain.

Instead of "We have seen the true light..."**and** "May our lips be filled...."
we sing:

BE EXALTED, ABOVE THE HEAVENS, O GOD, AND LET YOUR GLORY BE OVER ALL THE EARTH!

Voznesisya, na nebesa Bozhe, i po vsej zemli slava Tvoya!

Вознесися на небеса Боже – і по всей землі слава Твоя!

HYMN

So Great is God

So great is God, in power and glory,
No mortal tongue can ever proclaim.
So great His throne and power sublime,
No mortal mind can ever contain.

The one true God,
We worship with love,
Brighter than sun,
More splendid than stars above.

Kol slaven nash, Hospod' Sioni,
Ne mozhet izyasnit yazik
Velik On v nebesakh na troni,
V by-lin-kakh na zemli velik.

Yedin, Hospod,
Vezdi On slaven,
V nosh-chi-vo dni,
Si-yan-yem raven.