

## **Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord**

*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...**

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 **cit**-adels, / has shown Himself to be **its** stronghold.

**O Son of God, Who ascended...**

Glory be to the Father....

**O Son of God, Who ascended...**

*(Before singing the THIRD ANTIPHON, we sing the Hymn of the Incarnation)*

### **THIRD ANTIPHON:**

Hear this, all **you** peoples, / give heed all who dwell **in** the world.

**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.**

Hear, all you of lowly birth or **high** degree, / rich and poor **a**-like.

**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.**

My lips will speak words **of** wisdom / my heart is full of **in**-sight.  
**You ascended in glory...**

THE LITTLE ENTRANCE

**Priest:** Wisdom! Be attentive!

**R:** God ascends His throne amid shouts of joy; / the Lord amid the sound of trumpets.

*TROPARS FOR TODAY:*

**Tropar 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.

**Kontakion Tone 6:**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; 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 7:**

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

*v. My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready. I will sing, I will sing Your praise.*

**Alleluia Tone 8:**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*v. God ascends amid shouts of joy; the Lord amid the sounds of trumpets.*

*v. All peoples, clap your hands; cry to God with shouts of joy.*

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

**O** my soul, / O my soul, / extol the Lord, / extol the Lord, / Who ascended bodily in-**to** 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.

**Communion Verses:**

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

***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.

Voz-ne-si-sya na nebesa Bozhe, i po vsej zemli slava Tvoya.

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**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 blinkakh na zemli velik.

Vezdi Hospod,  
Vesdi On slaven,  
V nosh-chi vo dni  
Siyan-yem raven.