

Hymns and Readings for Sunday 8th June 2025

Holy Pentecost ♦ Feast of the Holy Trinity

THE HOURS

At the beginning:

Priest: Blessed is our God, always, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

Reader: Amen.

Priest: Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee.
O Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth ...

Reader: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us ...

And the rest of the Trisagion Prayers, as usual.

TROPARIA AND KONTAKION AT BOTH HOURS

Troparia: Glory ... Pentecost; Both now ... From the Horologion

Kontakion: Pentecost

THE DIVINE LITURGY

FIRST ANTIPHON

[Music on website / Green Book page 110]

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us!

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us!

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us!

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

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us!

SECOND ANTIPHON

[Music on website / Green Book page 111]

The Lord answer you in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob protect you!

O Gracious Comforter, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

May He send you help from the sanctuary and give you support from Zion!

O Gracious Comforter, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

May He remember all your offerings, and fulfil all your plans!

O Gracious Comforter, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

Glory be 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. O Thou Who art Immortal, yet for our salvation didst deign to be incarnate of the holy Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary; and without change wast made man; Who also wast crucified for us; and by death didst overcome death: save us, O Christ, our God; one Person of the Holy Trinity, glorified together with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

THIRD ANTIPHON

Reader: In Thy strength the king rejoices, O Lord, and exults greatly in Thy salvation.

Troparion of Pentecost in Tone 8

[Music on website / Green Book page 113]

All: Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God,
Who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise
by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit;
through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net.//
O Lover of Man, glory to Thee!

Reader: Thou hast given him his heart's desire, and hast not withheld the request of his lips.

All: Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God ...

Reader: For Thou dost meet him with goodly blessings; Thou dost set a crown of fine gold upon his head.

All: Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God ...

ENTRANCE HYMN

Reader: Be Thou exalted, O Lord, in thy strength! We will sing and praise Thy power!

Choir: *O Gracious Comforter, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!* [Music as refrain of Second Antiphon]

TROPARION & KONTAKION

Troparion of Pentecost in Tone 8

[Music on website / Green Book page 113]

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God,
Who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise
by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit;
through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net.//
O Lover of Man, glory to Thee!

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

Kontakion of Pentecost in Tone 8

[Music on website / Green Book page 113]

When the Most High came down and confused the tongues,
He divided the nations;
but when He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all to unity.//
Therefore, with one voice we glorify the All-holy Spirit.

INSTEAD OF THE TRISAGION

Choir: As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia! (x 3)

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

Have put on Christ. Alleluia!

Priest: Dynamis!

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

PROKEIMENON

Priest: Let us attend! Peace be to all.

Choir: And to thy spirit.

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the Eighth Tone.

Reader: Their proclamation hath gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe!

Choir: Their proclamation hath gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe!

Reader: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.

Choir: Their proclamation hath gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe!

Reader: Their proclamation hath gone out into all the earth,

Choir: and their words to the ends of the universe!

EPISTLE

The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." [Acts 2:1-11]

ALLELUIA

Priest: Peace be to thee the Reader, and to all the people.

Reader: And to thy spirit. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Reader: By the Word of the Lord the heavens were made; and all their host by the Spirit of His mouth.

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Reader: The Lord looked down from heaven, and saw all the sons of men.

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him. The officers then went back to the chief priest and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." [John 7:37-52; 8:12]

THE ZADOSTOYNIK

[Music on website / Green Book page 115]

Rejoice, O Queen, glory of mothers and virgins!

No tongue, however sweet or fluent,

is eloquent enough to praise thee worthily.

Every mind is overawed by thy childbearing.

Therefore, with one voice, we glorify thee.

COMMUNION HYMN

Let Thy good Spirit lead me forth into the land of righteousness. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

AFTER COMMUNION

"We have seen the True Light ..." etc., as usual.
