

**20 June 2016**  
**The Day of the Holy Spirit**  
**'Kneeling Vespers'**

Great Vespers (celebrated on Pentecost Sunday evening, 19 June 2016):

Priest: Blessed is our God...

Choir: Amen. Come, let us worship God our King.

Come, let us worship Christ, our King and our God.

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and our God.

Come, let us worship and fall down before Him.

Psalm 103

Great Litany *with additional petitions*

**Lord I call...** Tone 4 on 6: *three verses, each repeated*

Glory... Now and ever... Pentecostarion Tone 4 *O Heavenly King*

Gladsome Light: Entrance with censer and Great Prokeimenon (*Tone 7*):

Who is so great a God as our God? Thou art the God who doest wonders.

*Vs:* Thou hast made known thy power among the peoples.

*Vs:* And I said, now have I begun; this is the change of the right hand of the Most High.

*Vs:* I remembered the works of the Lord; for from the beginning will I remember thy wonders.

*Vs:* Who is so great a God as our God?

The first kneeling prayer

Litany of Fervent Supplication

The second kneeling prayer

Vouchsafe...

The third kneeling prayer

Evening Litany, the Peace and the bowing of the heads

**Apostikha** Pentecostarion Tone 3

St Simeon and the Trisagion Prayers

**Apolytikion:** Pentecost *thrice*

**Festal Dismissal:**

Deacon: Wisdom!

Choir: Father, bless!

Priest: He Who is, is blessed, even Christ our God, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen. Establish, O God, the holy Orthodox Faith, and Orthodox Christians unto ages of ages.

Priest: Most holy Theotokos, save us.

Choir: More honourable than the Cherubim...

Priest: Glory to thee, O Christ God, our Hope, glory to thee.

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

Amen. Lord, have mercy. *thrice* Father, give the blessing.

Priest: May He who did empty Himself from the Paternal Divine Bosom, and came down from heaven upon the earth, and took upon Himself all our nature, and made it divine, and after these things, again ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father, and did send down the divine and holy Spirit, one in essence, equal in power, and equal in glory, and ever-being with Him, upon His holy Disciples and Apostles, and through Him did enlighten them, and through them the whole world, Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-immaculate and all-blameless holy Mother, of the holy, glorious, all-laudable Preachers of God, the Spirit-bearing Apostles, and of all the Saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loveth man.

Choir: Amen.

Priest: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, O Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us.

Choir: Amen.

Polychronion