

WEDNESDAY 20 MAY 2015

**VESPERAL DIVINE LITURGY FOR THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR
LORD JESUS CHRIST
& FOR THE HOLY EQUALS-TO-THE-APOSTLES CONSTANTINE AND HELENA**

LORD, I CALL UPON THEE

In Tone 6, verses on 10:

For the Ascension in Tone 6:

10. The Lord was taken up into the heavens
9. The Lord was taken up into the heavens
8. The cherubim marvelled at Thine ascension
7. Beholding Thine ascension upon the holy mountains
6. O Lord, as the Apostles saw Thee being lifted up
5. O Lord, when Thou didst fulfil the mystery of Thy dispensation

For the Equals-to-the-Apostles in Tone 4:

4. Thou didst give a most mighty weapon to our emperor
3. Thou didst give a most mighty weapon to our emperor
2. Thou didst give to Thy pious Favourite
1. Thou wast the first to subject the royal purple willingly to Christ

Glory ...

Tone 2: Receiving from God the highest of rich gifts

Both now ...

Tone 6: O sweetest Jesus, Who wast not separated from the bosom of the Father

ENTRANCE WITH THE GOSPEL BOOK

O GLADSOME LIGHT

EVENING PROKEIMENON

O God, save me in Thy Name * and in Thy pow'r Thou shalt judge me.

v. O God, hearken unto my prayer, give heed to the sayings of my mouth.

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS: Pentecostarion pages 324 - 325

Isaiah 2:2-3

Isaiah 62:10-63:1-3, 7-9

Zechariah 14:1, 4, 8-11

LITTLE LITANY

The Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom continues from the **Trisagion**.

PROKEIMENON Tone 7

Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens * and Thy glory over all the earth!

v: My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast. I will sing and make melody in my glory.

PROKEIMENON Tone 8

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

EPISTLE: Acts 1:1-12 & Acts 26:1, 12-20 (Begin “In those days ...”)

ALLELUIA

v: God has gone up with a shout; the Lord with the sound of a trumpet!

v: Clap your hands, all ye peoples. Shout to God with loud songs of joy.

v: I have raised up one chosen out of my peoples.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:36-53 & John 10:1-9

MEGALYNARION

Instead of “It is truly meet ...”

Green Book page 105

COMMUNION HYMNS

God has gone up with a shout; the Lord with the sound of a trumpet!

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

AFTER COMMUNION

Instead of “We have seen the True Light”, we sing the Troparion of the Ascension (Green Book page 103)