



HOLY ASCENSION

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Saints of the Day: The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke; Martyr Marinos the Elder at Anazarbos; Venerable Theodore, Simeon and Euphrosyne; New-martyrs Gabriel and Kyrimdoles of Egypt; Venerable Peter of Cetinje

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS – We are very happy to have you worshipping with us today.

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION – We believe that the reception of Holy Communion is the highest expression of our unity in the ancient Orthodox Christian faith. While we work and pray for true unity among all Christians, it is not a reality at this time. For this reason, Communion may only be received by members of the Orthodox Church who have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and recent confession. Everyone, however, is welcome and encouraged to receive blessed bread following the dismissal.

PARENTS & CHILDREN – We enjoy having children with us in worship as much as possible. A little commotion is no reason to take them out of a service, but sometimes they may need to be taken out of church, so as not to become a distraction. In these situations, parents are welcome to use the alcove to the right of the sanctuary entrance, where there is a window that allows you to see the service.

VARIABLES IN TODAY'S DIVINE LITURGY

THE DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

The service begins on page 37 in the red pew book ("Orthros and Divine Liturgy"); the letter symbols below are coordinated with the book, to help you follow along.

A The 1st Antiphon - *As usual...*

B The 2nd Antiphon - *As usual...*

C The 3rd Antiphon

Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; let us shout with jubilation unto God our Savior. Let us come before his countenance with thanksgiving, and with psalms let us shout in jubilation unto him; for the Lord is a great God and a great King over all the earth. For in his hand are the ends of the earth, and the heights of the mountains are his. For the sea is his and he made it; and the dry land his hands have fashioned.

Troparion of the Resurrection – Tone 2

When thou didst submit thyself unto death, O thou deathless and immortal one, then thou didst destroy hell with thy Godly power. And when thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto thee: O Christ, thou giver of life, glory to thee.

D The Entrance Hymn - *As usual...*

E Troparion of the Resurrection – Tone 2

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Troparion of St Luke the Evangelist – Tone 3

O holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke, intercede with the merciful God, to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

Troparion of the Ascension – Tone 4

Thou ascended in glory, Christ our God, making the disciples rejoice with the promise of the Holy Spirit; assuring them through thy blessing that thou art the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.

Kontakion of the Theotokos – Tone 2

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

F The Thrice-Holy Hymn - *As usual...*

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THE EPISTLE

His voice has gone out into all the earth.
The heavens declare the glory of God.

The reading is from St Paul's Letter to the Colossians (4:5–11, 14–18).

Brethren, conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer everyone. Tychicos will tell you all about my affairs; he is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, and with him Onesimus, the faithful and beloved brother, who is one of yourselves. They will tell you of everything that has taken place. Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions—if he comes to you, receive him), and Jesus who is called Justus. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. Luke the beloved physician and Demas greet you. Give my greetings to the brethren at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. And when this letter has been read among you, have it read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you read also the letter from Laodicea. And say to Archippos, “See that you fulfill the ministry which you have received in the Lord.” I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my fetters. Grace be with you. Amen.

Alleluia Verses:

- v. The heavens shall declare your wonders, O Lord.
- v. God is glorious in the council of the saints.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke. (10:16–21)

The Lord said, “He who hears you hears me, and he who rejects you rejects me, and he who rejects me rejects him who sent me.” The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in thy name!” And Jesus said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.” In that same hour Jesus rejoiced in the spirit and said, “I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and

earth, that thou hast hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes; yea, Father, for such was thy gracious will.”

H The Megalynarion - *As usual...*

I The Communion Hymn - *As usual...*

His sound hath gone out into all the earth; and his words to the ends of the world. Alleluia.

J We have seen the true light...

THIS WEEK AT HOLY ASCENSION

Sunday, October 18	5pm Fall Cookout at the Church
Monday, October 19	7pm Men's Study Group on Zoom
Tuesday, October 20	8pm OCF at the Powers home
Wednesday, October 21	<i>No Paraklesis</i>
Saturday, October 24	9am Divine Liturgy (signup required) 5pm Great Vespers (open to the public)
Sunday, October 25	8:45am Orthros (signup required) 10am Divine Liturgy (signup required)