



# HOLY ASCENSION

## ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, January 17, 2021**

**Saints of the Day: Venerable and God-bearing Father Anthony the Great; Anthony the New, ascetic of Berrea in Macedonia; New-Martyr George of Ioannina**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Antiphon - *As usual...*

**B** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Antiphon - *As usual...*

**C** The 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 7**

Thou didst shatter death by thy cross, thou didst open paradise to the thief. Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy and didst bid thine apostles proclaim a warning, that thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the great mercy.

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

**E** Troparion of the Resurrection – Tone 7

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**Troparion of St Anthony the Great – Tone 4**

Thou didst become like the zealous Elijah in his condition and followed John the Baptist in his upright ways, becoming a dweller in the wilderness and an establisher of the universe by thy prayer, O Father Anthony. Wherefore, intercede thou with Christ God to save our souls.

**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 Presentation of Christ – Tone 1**

Thou who didst sanctify the Virgin's womb by thy birth and didst bless Simeon's hands as was meet, by anticipation hast even now saved us, O Christ God. But grant peace in the midst of wars unto thy commonwealth and strengthen the hierarchs whom thou hast loved, O only Friend of Man.

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

**G**

### THE EPISTLE

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.  
What shall I render to the Lord for all that he has given me?

**The reading is from St Paul's Letter to the Hebrews (13:17–21).**

Brethren, obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls, as men who will have to give account. Let them do this joyfully, and not sadly, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

### Alleluia Verses:

- v. Blessed is the man who fears the Lord.
- v. His righteousness endures forever.

### THE GOSPEL

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke. (17:12–19)**

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When Jesus saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And Jesus said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

**H** The Megalynarion - *As usual...*

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

**J** We have seen the true light...

## THIS WEEK AT HOLY ASCENSION

Monday, January 18	7pm Ladies Bible Study on Zoom
Saturday, January 23	9am Divine Liturgy (signup required) 5pm Great Vespers (open to the public)
Sunday, January 24	8:45am Orthros (signup required) 10am Divine Liturgy (signup required)