

Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council at Nicaea

DIVINE LITURGY

ANTIPHON 1

Clap your hands, all you nations;* shout to God with the voice of joy.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

For the Lord most high is awesome,* a great king of all the earth.

Through the prayers...

He has subdued peoples to us,* and nations under our feet.

Through the prayers...

God ascended amid shouts of joy;* the Lord at the sound of the trumpet.

Through the prayers...

Glory... Now... Only-Begotten Son...

ANTIPHON 3

Son of God, who ascended in glory, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

TROPARIA

Troparion, Tone 6 Angelic powers were upon Your tomb* and the guards became like dead men;* Mary stood before Your tomb* seeking Your most pure body.* You captured Hades without being overcome by it.* You met the Virgin and granted life.* O Lord, risen from the dead,* glory be to You!

Troparion, Tone 4 You ascended in glory, O Christ our God,* giving joy to Your disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit,* and assuring them through your blessing* that You are the Son of God,* the Redeemer of the world.

Troparion, Tone 8 Christ our God, You are glorified above all, You established our fathers as beacons on earth and through them guided all of us to the true faith. Glory to You, most compassionate Lord.

Glory...

Kontakion, Tone 8 The apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrine confirmed the Church's one faith, and wearing the garment of truth woven from theology that descends from on high, she rightly imparts the mystery of godliness and sings its glory.

Now...

Kontakion, Tone 6 When you had fulfilled Your plan for us* and united things on earth with those in heaven,* You ascended in glory, O Christ our God,* in no way distant, but remaining inseparable,* You cried to those who love You:* I am with You and there is none against you.

PROKEIMENON, TONE 4

Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name forever.

verse: For You are righteous in everything that You have done to us.

EPISTLE (Acts 20:16-18, 28-36)

ALLELUIA, TONE 1

verse: The God of gods, the Lord, spoke and summoned the earth from the rising of sun to its

setting.

verse: Gather to Him His devout ones, who with sacrifice make covenant with Him

GOSPEL (*John 17:1-13*)

INSTEAD OF *IT IS TRULY RIGHT...*

O my soul, magnify the Lord who in glory ascended bodily into the heavens. ** O Mother of God,* you transcended both mind and word,* and in time, ineffably bore the Timeless One:* it is you who, with one accord,* we, the faithful, magnify.

COMMUNION VERSE

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him the highest. Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. Alleluia (3).

INSTEAD OF *WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT AND LET OUR MOUTHS BE FILLED WE SING:*

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, above all the earth be Your glory.