

May 25

Pentecost Saturday

Third Finding of the Precious Head of the Holy, Glorious prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John

DIVINE LITURGY

At the beginning of the Liturgy, immediately after "Blessed be the Kingdom" and "Amen," we all kneel and sing the following in Tone 6, soamhlasen):

Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth, Who are everywhere present and filling all things, Treasury of all blessings and Giver of Life: come, dwell within us, and cleanse us from every stain, and save our soul, O Gracious Lord.

Antiphon 1

The heavens tell the glory of God, and the firmament declares the work of his hand.

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

Day to day pours forth the message and night proclaims this knowledge to night.

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

Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

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

Glory... Now... Only-begotten Son...

Third Antiphon

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord,* let us acclaim God, our Saviour.

O good Advocate, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

Let us come before His face with praise,* and acclaim Him in psalms.

O good Advocate, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

For God is the great Lord,* the great king over all the earth.

O good Advocate, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

Entrance

Come, let us worship,* and fall down before Christ.

O good Advocate, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

Troparia and Kontakia

Troparion, Tone 8: Blessed are You, O Christ our God who revealed the fishermen as most wise* by sending them the Holy Spirit;* through them You caught the entire world.* Loving Master, glory to You.

Troparion, Tone 4: O prophet and forerunner,* Christ has revealed to us your head as divine treasure concealed in the earth.* Assembled for this discovery* we praise Christ with hymns inspired of God.* Through your intercessions He saves us from corruption.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion, Tone 6: The Forerunner, a luminous and divine support in the world,* the lampstand of the sun,* has revealed his resplendent and divine head to the ends of the earth.* He hallows those who bow and cry out in faith:* "Save us all, O most wise Baptist of Christ."

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 8: When the Most high descended and confused the tongues,* He parted the nations.* He called all to unity;* and with one voice* we glorify the all-Holy Spirit.

Prokeimenon, Tone 6

Save Your people, O Lord, * and bless Your inheritance.

verse: Unto You I will cry, O Lord, my God, lest You turn from me in silence. (Psalm 27:9,1)

Prokeimenon, Tone 7

The just man shall be glad in the Lord and shall hope in Him.

Epistle

Romans 1:7-12; 2 Corinthians 4:6-15

Alleluia, Tone 2

verse: Have mercy on me, O God, in the greatness of Your compassion.

verse: Cast me not from Your presence, nor deprive me of Your Holy Spirit. (Psalm 50:3,13)

verse: Light is risen for the just and joy for the righteous of heart.

Gospel

Matthew 5:42-48; Matthew 11:2-15

Hymn to the Mother of God

O my soul, magnify the one Divinity in three Persons.

Rejoice, O Queen, boast of the virgins and mothers, for every tongue, though capable and eloquent, cannot hymn you as is your due, and every mind is confounded in seeking to comprehend the way in which you gave birth. Wherefore with one accord we glorify you.

Communion Verse

Your good Spirit will lead me* to the land of righteousness. (Psalm 142:10)* The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance;* of evil hearsay he shall have no fear.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia. (Psalm 111:6)