

## Obednitsa Service: Ascension Feast

**Priest:** Great Litany

**Choir:** First Festal Antiphon

**Priest:** Little Litany

**Choir:** Second Festal Antiphon, Only Begotten Son

**Priest:** Little Litany

**Choir:** Troparion interspersed with Verses

**Priest:** Wisdom, Let us attend (Introit added on the day of the Feast) *(What I have done is pick up the Gospel, first I stand facing the camera with the Gospel, then turning toward icon corner to elevate as at the entrance.)*

**Choir:** festal Troparion, Kontakion (For Sunday after, included troparion and Kontakion for Holy Fathers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ecumenical Council.)

**Priest:** For Holy are You...

**Choir:** "Holy God ..."

**Reader:** Prokeimenon and Epistle reading

Epistle: Acts 1:1-12 (Feast)  
Acts 20:16-18,28-36 (Sunday after)

**Choir:** Alleluia

**Priest:** Gospel, Luke 24:36-53 (Feast)  
John 17:1-13 (Sunday after)

**Priest:** Sermon

**Choir:** Augmented Litany

**Priest:** Prayer during Coronavirus

## **Prayer to the Lord of Hosts:**

**Reader:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

**Priest:** The disciples beheld the clouds raising You with Your flesh; the gates of heaven received You. (Celebrant Crosses himself)

**Priest:** The angels rejoiced, crying out: "lift up your heads, O gates! The King of Glory shall enter!" (Celebrant Crosses himself)

**Priest:** The Disciples cried: "Do not leave us O good Shepherd, but send down on us Your Holy Spirit who will guide, confirm, illumine and sanctify our souls!" (Celebrant Crosses himself)

**Reader:** The heavenly choir sings to You, and cries: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts; heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Verse: Clap your hands, all peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**Reader:** The heavenly choir sings to You, and cries: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts; heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

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

**Reader:** The choir of holy Angels, Archangels, with all the Powers of heaven, sing Your praises and do cry: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts; heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

**Choir:** Symbol of Faith

**Priest:** Prayer of Forgivingness:

O God, remit, pardon and forgive our sins, whether voluntary or involuntary, whether by words or deeds, whether in knowledge or ignorance, whether by day or night, whether in mind or thought; forgive us all these, for You are good and love mankind.

**Choir:** The Lord's Prayer

**Priest:** Exclamation

**Reader:** Lord have mercy (12x)

**Priest:** All-holy Trinity, Mighty one in essence, Kingdom undivided, origin of all good things, be graciously inclined also to us sinners. Establish us; give understanding to our hearts, and purge away all our vileness. Enlighten our minds, that we may glorify, sing praises, and adore You, and say:

**Choir:** One is Holy. One is the Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**Choir:** Blessed be the Name of the Lord, henceforth and forever more. (3x)

**Reader:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

**Reader:** Psalm 33

**Choir:** "Magnify, o my soul ..."

**Priest:** Glory to You, O Christ our God and our sure hope, Glory to You.

**Choir:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Lord have mercy (3x). Father bless.

**Priest:** Festal Dismissal

**Choir:** Amen.

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