

✠ SAINT ✠ MIKHON ✠
ORTHODOX ✠ CHURCH
[ROCOR]

SUNDAY AFTER THE
GLORIOUS ASCENSION OF
OUR LORD, GOD AND
SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST.

MAY 31ST /18TH, 2020

Due to the current risks and challenges
arising from the Covid-19 Corona Virus,
please contact Fr. John at 804-293-0155
to obtain the most current information on
service schedules, confession
appointments, etc.

May the Divine Assistance ✠ remain with us, and our absent brethren, always. Amen.

Christ is Ascended! Glorify Him!

THE MARTYROLOGY

The date is announced, and the Saints commemorated are named, ending with:

℣. And elsewhere in diverse places, many other holy martyrs, confessors, and holy virgins.

℟. **Thanks be to God.**

℣. Precious in the sight of the Lord.

℟. **Is the death of His Saints.**

Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the intercession of the Most Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, and of all the holy apostles, martyrs, confessors, virgins, and of all Thine elect, may everywhere gladden us, that, while we commemorate their merits, we may experience their protection. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please turn to The Third Hour in
your Missalette*

THE CHAPTER

HEAR, O Lord Jesus Christ, the prayers of Thy servants, and have mercy upon us. Who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, unto the ages of ages. **Amen.**

May the blessing ✠ of the eternal Father rest upon us always. **Amen.**

The LESSON from the Acts of the Holy Apostles.

Acts 1:1 – 11.

1 The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, ² until the day in which He [ascended into heaven], after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, ³ to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many [unmistakable] proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. ⁴ And being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” *He said*, “you have heard from Me; ⁵ for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” ⁶ Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. ⁸ But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” ⁹ Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, ¹¹ who also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven?”

This *same* Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.” [NKJV]

But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Thanks be to God.

*The Opening/Processional Hymn is
“Holy God, we Praise Thy Name” as
found with your Missalette*

THE ASPERSIONS

THE INTROIT

Acts. 1:11.

[Anglican Chant]

[A] YE men of Galilee, why marvel ye gazing up into heaven? alle↑luia: * [B] in like manner as ye have seen him going up into heaven, | so shall he come again | alle↑luia. *Ps. 46:2.* [C] All ye peoples, clap your ↑hands: * [D] O shout unto God with a voice of rejoicing alle↑luia. V̄. [A] Glory to the Father, and to the ↑Son; [B] and to the Holy ↑Spirit; [C] as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever ↑shall be, [D] and unto ages of ages. A↑men.

THE KYRIE

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

THE COLLECTS

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God: that like as we do believe thine only-begotten Son our Redeemer this day to have ascended into the heavens; so we also in heart and mind may there continually dwell. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, ✠ Who lives and reigns with Thee in the Unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, unto ages of ages. **Amen.**

OLORD God Almighty, we beseech Thee to keep us Thy servants both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls: that by the glorious intercession of blessed Mary Ever-virgin, we may be delivered from our present heaviness, and attain in the end to everlasting gladness. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OGOD, the pastor and ruler of all the faithful, mercifully look upon Thy servant, Kirill, whom thou hast been pleased to set as pastor of Thy Church: grant him, we beseech Thêe; to be in word and conduct a wholesome example to the people committed to his charge, that he with them may attain unto everlasting life. Through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with Thee, in the Unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, unto the ages of ages. **Amen.**

THE EPISTLE

Acts 20:16 – 18, 28 – 36.

The Lesson from the Acts of the Holy Apostles.

¹⁶ For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he would not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the Day of Pentecost. ¹⁷ From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church. ¹⁸ And when they had come to him, he said to them: “You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you, ²⁸ Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. ²⁹ For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. ³⁰ Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking [misleading] things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. ³¹ Therefore watch and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears. ³² “So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³ I have coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel.

³⁴ Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me. ³⁵ I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

³⁶ And when he had said these things, he knelt and prayed with them all. NKJV

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL AND
ALLELUIA

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! *Ÿ. Ps. 46:6.*

[A] God is gone up with a merry ↑noise: * [B] the Lord with the sound of the trump. Alle↑luia. *Ÿ.*

Ps. 67:18 – 19. [C] The Lord is among them at Sinai, in the holy ↑place, * [D] Thou art gone up on high; | Thou hast led captivity captive. Alle↑luia.

✠ The Continuation of the **HOLY GOSPEL**
✠ according to St. John.

St. John 17:1 – 13.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

17 These words spoke Jesus, and lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify Thy Son, that Thy Son also may glorify Thee: ²as Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as Thou hast given Him. ³And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent. ⁴I have glorified Thee on the earth: I have finished the work which Thou gavest me to do. ⁵And now, O Father, glorify Thou Me with Thine own self with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was. ⁶I have manifested Thy Name unto the men which Thou gavest Me out of the world: Thine they were, and Thou gavest them Me; and they have kept Thy word. ⁷Now they have known that all things whatsoever Thou hast given Me are of Thee. ⁸For I have given unto them the words which Thou gavest Me; and they have received *them*, and have known surely that I came out from Thee, and they have believed that Thou didst send Me. ⁹I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which Thou hast given Me; for they are Thine. ¹⁰And all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine; and I am glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father keep through Thine own Name those whom Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, as *We are*.

¹² While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Thy Name: those that Thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.
¹³ And now come I to Thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

(The Paschal Candle is Extinguished)

THE SYMBOL OF FAITH –
NICENE CREED

THE HOMILY

THE LITANY OF SUPPLICATION
(Missalette)

The Lord be with you.
Ans: And with thy spirit!
Let us pray.

O LORD our God, look down from Thy Holy Heaven on the supplications of us, Thy sinful and unworthy servants, who have angered Thy graciousness by our transgressions, and yet, have provoked thy deep compassion: enter not, we beseech Thee, into judgement with Thy servants, but turn aside Thy fearsome anger that hath justly seized us. In Thy mercy, hold back thy terrible sword that, although invisible, hath cut us asunder, and spare Thy poor and needy servants with the staying of this pestilence. Most kindhearted, condescending, and accommodating Creator: enclose not with death, the souls of us who fall before Thee in repentance with broken hearts and tears.

FOR THINE it is to show mercy and to save us, O Lord, and unto Thee do we send up glory: ✠ to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Again, let us pray to the Lord saying:

Lord have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Petitions added by direction of the Holy Synod

Again, we pray, that our Lord and Savior, might preserve the Orthodox Church throughout the world in unity and piety, and grant unto her peace, tranquility, love, and accord, let us ask of the Lord:

Again we pray, that Christ our God might look down upon the Holy Orthodox Church with kind-heartedness and mercy, and preserve Her from divisions and schisms, from enmity and strife: That Her unity might be neither diminished nor shaken, but that in Her, Thy Thrice-Holy name might be glorified, let us ask of the Lord:

Again we pray Thee, O Lord our God, that Thou mightest mercifully protect us from the devastating pestilence stirred up against us, and deliver Thy faithful people from spiritual and physical death; grant unto the sick healing and health, and unto all of us Thy divine protection and help; we pray Thee, O kind-hearted Lord, quickly hearken and have mercy.

Again, we pray, that Thou mightest pacify the troubles of men and every fearful thing, compass Thy faithful about with firm hope, and instill in our hearts quietude; we pray Thee, O Lord, hearken and have mercy.

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

A CCEPT, O Lord, the gifts which, in remembrance of the glorious Ascension of Thy Son, we offer unto Thee: and mercifully grant; that we may be delivered from present dangers, and attain unto everlasting life. Through the same Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Lord, ✠ Who lives and reigns with Thee, in the Unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY PROCESSION HYMN

Please refer to the front of your Missalette, where you will find the hymn “**God the Omnipotent**”, on the back of the Entrance Hymn.

THE PREFACE

IT is truly meet and right, | our joy and salvation,
| that we should always, and in all places, | give
thanks unto Thee, | O holy Lord, Father
Almighty, | everlasting God: | Through Christ our
Lord: | Who after his Resurrection, manifestly
appeared to all his disciples, | and in their sight
ascended | up into heaven, | that he might make us
partakers of his Godhead. | And therefore | with
Angels and Archangels, | with Thrones and
Dominions, | and with all the host of the heavenly
army, / we sing the hymn of thy glory, evermore
saying: {And the Sanctus is sung...}

THE POST-COMMUNION COLLECTS

GRANT to us, we beseech Thee, Almighty and
merciful God: that we, who have outwardly
received these holy Mysteries, may inwardly
be partakers of the benefits of the same. Through
Jesus Christ, Thy Son our Lord ✠ Who lives and
reigns with Thee, in the Unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, both now and ever, and unto the ages of
ages. Amen.

And then is said

O Master, Christ our God, King of the ages and Creator of all things! We thank Thee for all the good things which Thou hast bestowed upon us, and for the communion of Thy most pure and life creating Mysteries. We pray Thee, therefore, O Good One and Lover of mankind: Keep us under Thy protection and in the shadow of Thy wings; and grant us, even until our last breath, to partake worthily, with a pure conscience, of Thy Holy Things, unto the remission of sins and life eternal.

(Sung) For Thou art the Bread of life, the Source of holiness, the Giver of good things; and unto Thee do we send up glory, together with the Father ✠ and the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

℣. **Depart in Peace.**
℟. **Thanks be to God!**

BLESSING OF THE
FAITHFUL

THE LAST GOSPEL

BLESSING OF THE BREAD

THE PETITION TO OUR LADY

IT is truly meet to bless thee, O Theotokos, who art ever blessed and all-blameless, and the Mother of our God. More honorable ✠ than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, thou who without stain barest God the Word, and art truly Theotokos: we magnify thee. Amen.

Reader: O MOST HOLY Lady Theotokos, light of our darkened souls, our hope, protection, refuge, consolation, and our joy: we thank thee that thou hast vouchsafed us, the unworthy, to be worthy partakers of the most pure Body and precious Blood of thy Son. But, O thou who gavest birth to the True Light, do thou enlighten the spiritual eyes of our hearts; thou who gavest birth to the Source of immortality, revive us who are dead in sin; O thou lovingly-compassionate Mother of the merciful God, have mercy on us, and grant us compunction and contrition in our hearts, humility in our thoughts, and the recall of our reasoning from captivity. And vouchsafe us, to our last breath, to receive without condemnation the sanctification of the purest Mysteries, for the healing of both soul and body, and grant us tears of repentance and confession, that we may hymn and glorify thee all the days of our lives, for blessed and most glorious art thou unto the ages. **Amen.**

Then the priest says:

℣. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary.
Alleluia!

℟. For the Lord is risen indeed!
Alleluia!

Let us pray.

O GOD, Who, by the Resurrection of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, didst vouchsafe to give gladness unto the world: grant, we beseech Thee; that we, being holpen be the Virgin Mary, His Mother, may attain unto the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

May the Divine Assistance ✠ remain always, with us and our absent brethren. **Amen.**

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