

Divine Liturgy Variables for Sunday, May 31, 2020
Tone 6 / Seventh Sunday of Pascha: Holy Fathers of First Ecumenical Council

TODAY'S SAINTS

Apostle Hermes of the Seventy, Bishop of Philippopolis; Virgin-martyr Petronilla of Rome; Martyr Hermias of Comana; Martyr Philosophus of Alexandria; St. Philotheus, Metropolitan of Tobolsk, Enlightener of Siberia; St. Apollo of Egypt; Martyr Crescentian of Sardinia; Martyrs Cantius, Cantian, Cantianilla, and Protus of Aquileia; St. Lupicinus, Bishop of Verona; St. Paschasius of Rome, Deacon and Confessor

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE SIX

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure Body. Thou hast captured Hell, not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin granting life. O Lord Who rose from the dead: Glory to Thee!

TROPARION OF ASCENSION IN TONE FOUR

O Christ God, Thou hast ascended in Glory, / Granting joy to Thy disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. / Through the blessing they were assured / That Thou art the Son of God, / The Redeemer of the world!

TROPARION OF THE HOLY FATHERS IN TONE EIGHT

You are most glorious, O Christ our God! / You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth! / Through them you have guided us to the true faith! / O greatly Compassionate One, glory to You!

- *Now sing the troparion of Ss. Peter and Paul*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

KONTAKION OF ASCENSION IN TONE SIX

When Thou hast fulfilled the dispensation for our sake, / and united earth to heaven: / Thou ascended in glory, O Christ our God, / not being parted from those who love Thee, / but remaining with them and crying: / "I am with you and no one will be against you!"

PROKEIMENON IN TONE FOUR

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy name forever!
v. For Thou art just in all Thou hast done for us!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Acts of the Sainly and Pure Apostles. (20:16-18 28-36)

In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

ALLELUIA IN TONE FOUR

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

v. Gather to Me My venerable ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice!

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (17:1-13)

At that time, Jesus lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son that the Son may glorify Thee, since Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom Thou hast given Him. And this is eternal life, that they know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ Whom Thou hast sent. I glorified Thee on earth, having accomplished the work which Thou gavest Me to do; and now, Father, glorify Thou Me in Thine own presence with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was made. I have manifested Thy Name to the men whom Thou gavest Me out of the world; Thine they were, and Thou gavest them to Me, and they have kept Thy word. Now they know that everything that Thou hast given Me is from Thee; for I have given them the words which Thou gavest Me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from Thee; and they have believed that Thou didst send Me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom Thou hast given Me, for they are Thine; all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to Thee. Holy Father, keep them in Thy Name, which Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one. While I was with them, I kept them in Thy Name, which Thou have given Me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to Thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves."

COMMUNION HYMN IN TONE EIGHT

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous, praise befits the upright! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- *Instead of singing "We have seen the true light", sing the Troparion of the Ascension.*

TODAY'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Altar Vigils offered by John and Helen Wanko in memory of Lydia Wanko (anniversary of repose). **Sanctuary Lamp** offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Concetta Gloria Royer (anniversary of repose). **Triple Candelabra** offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Irene Felice (tenth anniversary of repose).

PARASTAS

Parastas in memory of Concetta Gloria Royer and Irene Felice, offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer.