

**Pentecostarion**

Wednesday of Mid-Pentecost

**LITURGY**

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**Antiphon I. Mode 2. Psalm 65.**

**Verse 1:** *Shout to God, all the earth.* [SAAS]

Through the intercessions of the  
Theotokos, Savior, save us. [GOA]

**Verse 2:** *Sing now to His name; give glory to His praise.* [SAAS]

Through the intercessions of the  
Theotokos, Savior, save us. [GOA]

**Verse 3:** *Say to God, "How fearful are Your works.* [SAAS]

Through the intercessions of the  
Theotokos, Savior, save us. [GOA]

**Verse 4:** *Let all the earth worship You and sing to You.* [SAAS]

Through the intercessions of the  
Theotokos, Savior, save us. [GOA]

Glory. Both now.

Through the intercessions of the  
Theotokos, Savior, save us. [GOA]

**Antiphon II. Mode 2. Psalm 66.**

**Verse 1:** *May God be gracious to us, and bless us.* [SAAS]

Save us, O Son of God, risen from the  
dead. We sing to You, Alleluia. [GOA]

**Verse 2:** *May He cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy on us.* [SAAS]

Save us, O Son of God, risen from the  
dead. We sing to You, Alleluia. [GOA]

**Verse 3:** *That we may know His way on the earth, Your salvation among all the Gentiles.* [SAAS]

Save us, O Son of God, risen from the  
dead. We sing to You, Alleluia. [GOA]

**Verse 4:** *Let the peoples give thanks to You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.* [SAAS]

Save us, O Son of God, risen from the  
dead. We sing to You, Alleluia. [GOA]

*Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.*

*Both now and ever and to the ages of ages.  
Amen.*

Only begotten Son and Logos of God,  
being immortal, You condescended for  
our salvation to take flesh from the holy  
Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary and, without  
change, became man. Christ, our God, You  
were crucified and conquered death by death.  
Being one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with  
the Father and the Holy Spirit: Save us. [GOA]

**Antiphon III. Mode pl. 1. Psalm 67.**

**Verse 1:** *Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered, and let those who hate Him flee from before His face.* [SAAS]

Christ is risen from the dead, by death  
trampling down upon death, and to those in  
the tombs He has granted life. [GOA]

**Verse 2:** *As smoke vanishes, so let them  
vanish, as wax melts before the fire.* [SAAS]

Christ is risen from the dead, by death  
trampling down upon death, and to those in  
the tombs He has granted life. [GOA]

**Verse 3:** *So shall the sinners perish from the  
face of God. And let the righteous be glad.* [SAAS]

Christ is risen from the dead, by death  
trampling down upon death, and to those in  
the tombs He has granted life. [GOA]

**Verse 4:** *This is the day the Lord made; let us  
greatly rejoice and be glad therein.* [SAAS]

Christ is risen from the dead, by death  
trampling down upon death, and to those in  
the tombs He has granted life. [GOA]

**Entrance Hymn. Mode 2.**

Bless God in the churches, the Lord from  
the fountains of Israel. Save us, O Son of God,  
risen from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

[GOA]

*An optional alternative to the Antiphons are the Typika (Psalms 102 and 145), and the Beatitudes with the appointed troparia, which are provided here.*

**Psalm 102.**

**Psalm 145.**

**The Beatitudes.**

**Mode 4.**

In Your kingdom. Remember us, O Lord, when You come in Your kingdom. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven [RSV]

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. [RSV]

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. [RSV]

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

[RSV]

**Canon 1 of Mid-Pentecost.**

**Ode iii. Mode 4. N/M (Your Church rejoices.)**

From Pentecostarion - -

*Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.* [RSV]

You opened springs of life-giving waters for the Church, O Good One, as you cried: If any thirst, let them with fervour come and drink. [EL]

*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.* [RSV]

You opened springs of life-giving waters for the Church, O Good One, as you cried: If any thirst, let them with fervour come and drink. [EL]

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.* [RSV]

You said clearly that you would be lifted up from earth to heaven; but you promised to send the Holy Spirit from heaven. [EL]

*Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.* [RSV]

**Theotokion.**

The Lord, by nature giver of life and born of a Virgin, as he is compassionate has given immortality to all the faithful. [EL]

**Canon 2 of Mid-Pentecost.**

From Pentecostarion - - -

**Ode vi. Mode pl. 4. N/M (The waves of life.)**

*Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely [for my sake].* [RSV]

O Jesus, who control the ends of the earth, you went up and taught the crowds in the temple the word of truth at the mid-point of the feast, as John declares. [EL]

*Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.* [RSV]

You opened your lips, Master, and proclaimed to the world the immaculate Father and the all-holy Spirit, keeping your identity of nature with them even after the incarnation. [EL]

Glory.

We all glorify one Godhead in Trinity, Being in three Persons, uncreated, inseparable, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, as being three yet one. [EL]

Both now. **Theotokion.**

As Virgin after childbirth we hymn you; as alone Virgin and Mother we glorify you,

pure Maiden, bride of God; for from you God  
was truly incarnate, making us new. [EL]

**Entrance Hymn. Mode 2.**

Come, let us worship and bow down  
before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, risen  
from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia. [GOA]

**Hymns After the Small Entrance.**

**Apolytikion.**

From Pentecostarion - - -

**Mode pl. 4.**

O Lord, midway through the feast, give drink to my thirsty soul from the waters of true religion. For to all You the Savior cried aloud, "Let whoever is thirsty come to Me and drink." O Christ our God, the fountain of life, glory to You. [SD]

From Pentecostarion - - -

**Kontakion.**

**Mode 4. *You who were lifted.***

The feast according to the Law at its midpoint, O Christ our God, as the Creator and Master of everything, You said to all those who were present there, "Come that you might draw from Me the water of immortality." Hence with faith we cry to You as we prostrate before You. Your tender mercies grant to us, we pray. You are the fountain and source of our life, O Lord. [SD]

**THE TRISAGION HYMN**

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3) [GOA]

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

**The Epistle**

WEDNESDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK, MID-PENTECOST

**Prokeimenon. Mode 1. Psalm 73.**

Remember Your congregation You acquired from the beginning. [SAAS]

**Verse:** *God is our King before the ages; He worked salvation in the midst of the earth.* [SAAS]

The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles.

14:6-18

In those days, the apostles fled to Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and to the surrounding country; and there they preached the gospel. Now at Lystra there was a man sitting, who could not use his feet; he was a cripple from birth, who had never walked. He listened to Paul speaking; and Paul, looking intently at him and seeing that he had faith to be made well, said in a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." And he sprang up and walked. And when the crowds saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in Lycaonian, "The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!" Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, because he was the chief speaker, they called Hermes. And the priest of Zeus, whose temple was in front of the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates and wanted to offer sacrifice with the people. But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their garments and rushed out among the multitude, crying, "Men, why are you doing this? We also are men, of like nature with you, and bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to a living God who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. In past generations he allowed all the nations to walk in their own ways; yet he did not leave himself without witness, for he did good and gave you from heaven rains and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness." With these words they

scarcely restrained the people from offering sacrifice to them. [RSV]

**Alleluia. Mode pl. 4. Psalm 131.**

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Verse 1:** *Arise, O Lord, into Your rest, You and the ark of Your holiness.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Verse 2:** *The Lord swore to David this truth, and He shall not reject it, "I shall set upon your throne one from the fruit of your loins."* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**The Gospel**

Fourth Wednesday after Pascha, Mid-Pentecost

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to John.

7:14-30

About the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught. The Jews marveled at it saying, "How is it that this man has learning, when he has never studied?" So Jesus answered them, "My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me; if any man's will is to do his will, he shall know whether the teacher is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority. He who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory; but he who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and in him there is not falsehood. Did not Moses give you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law. Why do you seek to kill me?" The people answered, "You have a demon! Who is seeking to kill you?" Jesus answered them, "I did one deed, and you all marvel at it. Moses gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man upon the sabbath. If on the

sabbath a man receives circumcision, so that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because on the sabbath I made a man's whole body well? Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment." Some of the people of Jerusalem therefore said, "Is not this the man whom they seek to kill? And here he is, speaking openly, and they say nothing to him! Can it be that the authorities really know that this is the Christ? Yet we know where this man comes from; and when the Christ appears, no one will know where he comes from." So Jesus proclaimed, as he taught in the temple, "You know me, and you know where I come from? But I have not come of my own accord; he who sent me is true, and him you do not know. I know him, for I come from him, and he sent me." So they sought to arrest him; but no one laid hands on him, because his hour had not yet come. [RSV]

**Hymn to the Theotokos.**

**Mode pl. 4.**

Virginity is a state alien to mothers, \* and childbirth is foreign to those who are virgins. \* But in you, Theotokos, have both of these been accomplished. \* And therefore we of every race on earth \* unceasingly pronounce you blest. [SD]

**Communion Hymn.**

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. So said the Lord. [RSV]

**Hymn after Holy Communion.**

**Instead of "We have seen."**

**Mode pl. 1.**

Christ is risen from the dead, by death  
trampling down upon death, and to those in  
the tombs He has granted life. [GOA]

**THE DISMISSAL**

May He who rose from the dead, Christ  
our true God, through the intercessions of His  
all-pure and all-immaculate holy Mother, the  
power of the precious and life-giving Cross,  
the protection of the honorable, bodiless  
powers of heaven, the supplications of the  
honorable, glorious prophet and forerunner  
John the Baptist, of the holy, glorious, and  
praiseworthy apostles, of the holy, glorious,  
and triumphant martyrs, of our righteous  
and God-bearing fathers, **(local patron saint)**;  
of the holy and righteous ancestors of God  
Joachim and Anna, and of all the saints, have  
mercy on us and save us, for He is good and  
loves mankind.

**Fasting Rule**

*Fish: fish, oil and wine are allowed. Refrain from meat,  
dairy and eggs.*

*It is a major feast.*