

June 5

**Eighth day of the Ascension of our Lord;
Commemoration of the Holy Hieromartyr**

Dorotheos, Bishop of Tyre

(5th Class)

VESPERS

Stichera for the Ascension (Tone 4)

6. Having brought about salvation for all, O Christ, You climbed the Mount of Olives, from which You ascended, Lord, gloriously carried up into the heavens in the sight of the divine Apostles. Amazed at this mystery, the Powers on high cried out to one another, "Lift up the gates for our God who rules over all, who now enters into heaven from which He had come. In His good pleasure, He has wondrously brought about salvation for the whole world!"
5. Seeing You ascend to Heaven, the Apostles in choir called out, "Where are You going that You leave Your servants behind? Where do You go, O You who hold the whole universe in Your hands? We have left all things for You, O God, and have joyfully followed You in the hope of being always with You. As You promised, O good Father, do not leave us orphans, but send us the Paraclete, the Savior of our souls!"
4. Lord, as You gave Your friends Your final blessing, You revealed the secret mystery to them: "Friends, behold I am going to the Father; but I will send you another Paraclete, for I will in no way abandon the flock I have gathered. I will never forget the disciples whom I love. When you are clothed with power from on high, go throughout the world and announce the Good News of salvation to all mankind!"

For Dorotheos (Tone 8)

3. You are the book of the Holy Spirit, O Father Dorotheos, blessed by God, for you bore the writing of the divine teachings together with the knowledge of God. When opened and read, you enlightened those who were in peril through ignorance. As you intercede, obtain great mercy for us all.
2. Having dyed your hierarchical vestment crimson in the streams of your own blood, O Dorotheos, you joyfully entered the temple of Heaven, into the presence of God who grants crowns of victory. There you entreat Him to grant great mercy to us all.
1. Angelic was the life you led, and by your radiant witnessing, you deserved to exult with the angels, filled with joy. On earth, you had shone by your divine miracles and your teaching, O holy hierarch Dorotheos: by your prayers, obtain great mercy for us all.
- v. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Dogmatikon (Tone 6)

God ascended amid shouts of joy, the Lord amid trumpet blasts, in order to save the fallen Adam and to send the Spirit, the Counselor, to sanctify our souls!

"O Joyful Light..." Prokimenon of Wednesday evening.

APOSTICHA *(Tone 6)*

1. You came down to earth to lift up Your servant who fell from Paradise. Assuming my humanity, You took me up and glorified me with You. You even seated me on the throne with the Father in heaven, after having broken the proud rebellion of the enemy who once made me fall on earth. I sing, O Lord, of the unfathomable ocean of Your love for mankind!

All: All you nations, clap your hands; sing a joyful hymn to the Lord.

2. Exult, Adam! Eve, dance with joy! The garment of skin which you once put on in Paradise in the hope of immortality, has been assumed by your Creator in a wondrous fashion. He has transformed it into an immortal body, which He has today deigned to lift up in glory to the right hand of the Father in the heavens.

All: God ascended amid shouts of joy; the Lord amid trumpet blasts.

3. Having brought down the enemy, that rebellious tyrant, by His power, He who assumed my nature without division, confusion or change hastens to ascend with it to the Father in heaven. Let the babblings of the impious heretics cease forever! Let us the faithful reverently glorify Him!

All: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Dogmatikon

Today the heavenly Powers marvel at seeing our human nature brought to heaven by Your glorious Ascension, and say to one another in wonder, "Who is This who is coming?" But recognizing their own Lord, they command the heavenly gates to be lifted up. With them, we ceaselessly sing to You who will come again from Heaven in the flesh as Judge of all and Mighty God!

TROPARION OF DOROTHEOS (*Tone 4*)

Sharer in the Apostle's way of life and successor on their thrones, inspired by God, you found ascetical effort as the means to contemplation. And so, dispensing rightly the word of truth, you fought for the faith unto the shedding of your blood, O hieromartyr Dorotheos. Intercede with Christ God for the salvation of our souls.

- v. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

TROPARION OF THE ASCENSION (*Tone 4*)

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Your disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through Your blessing, they were confirmed in their belief that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world!