

Epistle: Acts §41 [18:22-28].
Gospel: John §43 [12:36-47].

Note: Following the Liturgy, the Shroud is removed from the altar and taken to its usual place.

Thursday, May 25

THURSDAY OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

Note: Holy Day of Obligation.

+The Third Finding of the Precious Head of the Holy and Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptizer of Our Lord, John. Transferred to Friday**

Passing into Eternal Life (1951) of Blessed Mykola (Nicholas) Tsehelsky, Priest and Martyr.

Bright vestments. Festal Service for Ascension, including proper Antiphons, Entrance Hymn and Irmos. Instead of *We have seen the true light...*, and *May our mouths be filled...* – *Be exalted, O God, above the Heavens* (until Apodosis of Ascension).

Scripture readings for the Feast:

Epistle: Acts §1 [1:1-12].

Gospel: Luke §114 [24:36-53].

Note: The prayer Heavenly King... is not said until Pentecost.

After Liturgy: Anointing of the faithful and distribution of prosfora.

Friday, May 26 Post-Feast of Ascension

(+The Third Finding of the Precious Head of the Holy and Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptizer of Our Lord, John).

The Holy Apostle Carpus, One of the Seventy Disciples.

First Antiphon of the Feast; regular Third Antiphon and Entrance Hymn with refrain of the Feast. Tropar of the Feast; Tropar of the Third Finding; Glory: Kondak of the Third Finding; Now: Kondak of the Feast; Prokimen, Alleluia verses and Communion Hymn of the Feast and of the Third Finding. Instead of *It is truly right* – Irmos of the Feast.

Scripture readings of the Third Finding:

Epistle: 2 Corinthians §176 [4:6-15].

Gospel: Matthew §40 [11:2-15].

Saturday, May 27 Post-Feast

of Ascension

The Holy Priest-Martyr Therapontus (254-59).

First Antiphon of the Feast; regular Third Antiphon and Entrance Hymn with refrain of the Feast. Tropar of the Feast; Glory/ Now: Kondak of the Feast; Prokimen, Alleluia verses and Communion Hymn of the Feast. Instead of *It is truly right* – Irmos of the Feast.

Scripture readings for the Sixth Saturday:

Epistle: Acts §43 [20:7-12].

Gospel: John §48 [14:10-21].

Sunday, May 28

Seventh Sunday of Pascha

Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea (325 AD). Post-Feast of Ascension.

Our Venerable Father Nicetas, Bishop of Chalcedon (716-40).

Tone 6. Matins Gospel X.

Bright vestments. First Antiphon of the Feast; regular Third Antiphon and Entrance Hymn with refrain of the Feast.

Resurrection Tropar (Tone 6); Tropar of Ascension; Tropar of the Fathers; Glory: Kondak of the Fathers; Now: Kondak of the Ascension. Prokimen and Alleluia verses of the Fathers. Communion Hymn of Sunday and of the Fathers. Instead of *It is truly right* – Irmos of the Ascension. Sunday Dismissal.

Scripture readings for the Sunday of the Fathers:

Epistle: Acts §44 [20:16-18, 28-38].

Gospel: John §56 [17:1-13].

