

17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – TONE 8
Hieromartyr Hierotheus Bishop of Athens

Typika (Reader's Service)

When a priest is not present in order to celebrate the Divine Liturgy

NOTE: Choose one person to be the Reader.

Reader: Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us.

All: Amen.

O heavenly King,
the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth,
Who are everywhere and fill all things;
Treasury of blessings
and Giver of life,
come and abide in us,
and cleanse us from every impurity,//
and save our souls, O Good One!

Reader: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. **(3x)**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. O Lord, cleanse us from our sins. O Master, pardon our transgressions. O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Your name's sake. Lord have mercy. **(3x)**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

All: Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespasses against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Reader: Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us.

All: Amen.

Reader: Lord have mercy. **(12x)**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

O come let us worship God our King.

O come let us worship and fall down before Christ our King and God.

O come let us worship and fall down before Christ Himself, our King and God.

The First Antiphon (Ps. 103)

Bless the Lord, O my soul; blessed are You, O Lord.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits:

Who forgives all your iniquity, Who heals all your diseases.

The Lord is compassionate and merciful,

Longsuffering and of great goodness!

Bless the Lord, O my soul; blessed are You, O Lord.

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

The Second Antiphon (Ps. 146)

Praise the Lord, O my soul.

I will praise the Lord as long as I live,

I will sing praises to my God while I have being.

Put not your trust in princes,

In sons of men, in whom there is no salvation.

When his breath departs, he returns to his earth;

On that very day his plans perish.

The Lord will reign forever, Your God O Zion to all generations.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages, Amen.

Hymn of St. Justinian

Only-begotten Son and Immortal Word of God,
Who for our salvation willed to be incarnate
Of the Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary,
Who without change became man and were crucified,
Who are one of the Holy Trinity,
Glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
O Christ, our God, trampling down death by death,
Save us.

Third Antiphon (*Matthew 5*)

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.
Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when men shall revile you, and persecute you,
and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.
Rejoice, and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in heaven.

Tone 8 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

You descended from on high, O Merciful One!
You accepted the three-day burial
to free us from our sufferings! //
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 8 Kontakion (*Resurrection*)

By rising from the tomb, You raised the dead and resurrected Adam.
Eve exults in Your Resurrection,//
and the world celebrates Your rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Trisagion Hymn

Holy God, Holy mighty, Holy Immortal have mercy on us. (3x)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Holy Immortal have mercy on us.

Holy God, Holy mighty, Holy Immortal have mercy on us.

Prokeimenon

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the 8th Tone
Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God! (*Ps 75/76:11*)

All: Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!

Reader: *In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel. (Ps 75/76:1*

All: Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!

Reader: Pray and make your vows

All: Before the Lord, our God!

Epistle

Reader: The Reading is from the Second Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians –
2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

Reader: In the 8th Tone: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Reader: *Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!*

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Reader: Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with
psalms!

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Gospel

Reader: The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

All: Glory to You, O Lord, Glory to You!

Reader: Luke 6:31-36

All: Glory to You, O Lord, Glory to You!

The Creed (Read Together)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God,
the Only-begotten, begotten of the Father before all ages;
Light of Light, true God of true God;
begotten, not made; of one essence with the Father;
by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from
heaven,
and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man;
And He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried;
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures;
And ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father;
And He shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead;
Whose kingdom shall have no end.
And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life; Who proceeds from the Father;
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;
Who spoke by the prophets.
In One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the age to come.
Amen.

Reader: Remit, pardon, forgive, O God, our offenses, both voluntary and involuntary, in deed
and word, in knowledge and ignorance, by day and by night, in mind and thought;
forgive us all things, for You are good and the Lover of mankind.

All: Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Reader: Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us.

All: Amen.

Reader: Lord, have mercy. **(12x)**

All: One is Holy, One is the Lord, Jesus Christ, to the Glory of God the Father. Amen.

Hymn to the Theotokos

It is truly meet to bless you O Theotokos,
Ever-blessed and most pure, and the Mother of our God.
More honorable than the Cherubim,
and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim:
without defilement you gave birth to God the Word:
true Theotokos, we magnify you.

Litanies (optional) – Lead by Reader

General:

O Lord, Jesus Christ our God, in Your mercies and loving-kindness, You regard the humble prayers of all who call upon You with their whole heart. Incline Your ear and hear now our prayer, offered to You in humility.

Be mindful, O Lord, of Your holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. Confirm and strengthen it. Increase it and keep it in peace, and preserve it unconquerable forever.

Be mindful, O Lord, of our Father, Archbishop Irénée, and of every bishop of the Orthodox; the priests and deacons and all the clergy of the Church; which You have established to feed the flock of Your Word; and by their prayers have mercy on us sinners.

Be mindful, O Lord, of all civil authorities, of our armed forces, of this city in which we dwell, and of every city and country; grant them peaceful times that we, in their tranquility, may lead a calm and peaceful life in all godliness and holiness.

Be mindful, O Lord, of those who travel by land, by sea, and by air; of the old and the young; the orphans and widows; the sick, the suffering, the sorrowful, the afflicted, the captives, and the needy poor; and send down Your mercies on all of them, especially ___N___ for You are the Giver of all good things.

Be mindful of us, O Lord, Your humble servants; and grant us Your grace, that we may be diligent and faithful, avoiding evil company and influence resisting temptation ; that we may lead a godly and righteous life, blameless and peaceful, ever serving You; that we may be accounted worthy to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Be mindful, O Lord, of all those who have fallen asleep in the hope of resurrection unto life eternal, especially, _____N____; pardon all their transgressions both voluntary and involuntary, whether in word, or deed, or thought. Shelter them in a place of brightness, a place of green pastures, a place of repose, where all sickness, sorrow, and sighing have fled away, and where the sight of Your countenance rejoices all Your saints from all the ages. Grant them Your heavenly Kingdom and a portion in Your ineffable blessings, and the enjoyment of Your unending Life.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, for You are merciful and compassionate, and love mankind, and to You are due all glory, honor, and worship: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever and unto ages of ages.

All: Amen

For the Sick

O holy Father, heavenly Physician of our souls and bodies, Who have sent Your Only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to heal all our ailments and deliver us from death: Visit and heal Your servant(s) ___N___, granting him/her/them release from pain and restoration to health and vigor, that he/she/they may give thanks unto You and bless Your holy Name: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

All: Amen

Reader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen. Lord, have mercy. **(3x)**

All: O Lord, Bless.

Reader (Facing the Main Icons):

Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us.

All: Amen.

Hieromartyr Hierotheus Bishop of Athens



The Hieromartyr Hierotheus, was converted to Christ by the Apostle Paul.

The saint was consecrated by the Apostle Paul to the rank of bishop. According to some, Hierotheus, the first Bishop of Athens like Saint Dionysius, was a member of the court of Mars Hill the Athenian Areopagos. He, in turn, initiated the divine Dionysius more perfectly into the mysteries of Christ; the latter, on his part, elaborated more clearly and distinctly Hierotheus' concise and summary teachings concerning the Faith. He too was brought miraculously by the power of the Holy Spirit to be present at the Dormition of the Theotokos, when, together with the sacred Apostles, he became a leader of the divine hymnody. "He was wholly transported, wholly outside himself, and was so deeply absorbed in communion with the sacred things he celebrated in hymnology, that to all who heard him and saw him and knew him, and yet knew him not, he seemed to be inspired of God, a divine hymnographer," as Dionysius says (On the Divine Names, 3:2).

Saint Hierotheus died a martyr's death in the first century.

Troparion — Tone 1

We the faithful all praise Hierótheus, the disciple of Paul, /
Hierarch of Athens, /
the world's teacher and a preacher of the Faith, /
who revealed to us Christ's Mysteries /
and poured forth streams of godly doctrine. /
His life was well-pleasing to God, who is greatly merciful.

Kontakion — Tone 8

Hierarch of Athens, we praise you for you have instructed us in awesome and ineffable things, /
and you were revealed to be a divinely-inspired writer of hymns. /
Pray that we be delivered from every kind of sin, so that we may cry to you: /
"Rejoice, divinely-wise Father Hierótheus."