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**Typicon of the Divine Liturgy  
 For Sundays and Main Feasts**

**May, 2012**

**Abbreviations & References:**

Gospel Book, English: Bishop Joseph Raya, Alleluia Press, 1978  
 Gospel Book, Arabic: Paulist Fathers, Harissa, 1960  
 Epistle Book, English (Apostolos): Bishop Joseph Raya, Alleluia Press, 1980  
 Epistle Book, Arabic: Paulist Fathers, Harissa, 1967  
 BDW: Byzantine Daily Worship: Bishop Joseph Raya, Alleluia Press, 1980  
 CT: CyberTypicon2012, Fr. Peter Boutros, Phoenix, AZ  
 ED: Prayer Book, Arabic: Bishop N. Edelby of Aleppo, 1962  
 PLC: Patriarchal Liturgical Commission : *Holy and Divine Liturgies*, Arabic, 2006 - Prayers translated by Rev. Alam Alam

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**The Invocation to the Holy Spirit** "*Heavenly King...*" and "*Glory to God in the highest ... Lord, I shall open my lips ...*" are replaced by "*Christ is risen ...*" (3 times).

**After Blessed is the Kingdom** ... "*Christ is risen ...*" (3 times)

**Antiphons of the Pascha** (BDW p. 861), (PLC p. 464), (ED p. 764)

**Entrance Hymn** "*In the assemblies bless God, the Lord, from Israel's wellsprings. O Son of God, Who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!*"

**Trisagion or Instead of the Trisagion** "*All of you who have been baptized...*" (PLC p. 478)

**Post-Communion Hymn** "*Christ is risen ...*" (once)

**Apolysis** "...*Who is risen from the dead...*"

**Instead of** "Through the prayers of our holy fathers..." **We pray** "Christ is risen..."

**This should be observed till Wednesday, May 16, 2012** (PLC p. 462)

1. The Iconostasis Holy Doors remain open until the end of the Ascension Liturgy.
2. Services, such as Baptisms, Funerals, Memorials etc. celebrated between Monday, April 25, and Wednesday, June 1, start as follows: "*Blessed is our God...*" Then "*Christ is risen from the dead...*" (3 times).

*Wednesday, May 2, 2012*  
*Mid Easter*

**Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**

**Antiphon Prayer** (PLC p. 463)

O Christ, the Great and All-holy Passover, Wisdom, Word and Power of God, You died in the flesh and You rose on the third day, raising Adam from corruption and destroying death. O Passover of incorruption and Salvation of the world, grant us to partake of You more perfectly in the Everlasting Day of your Kingdom. For You are our Holiness and our Resurrection, O Christ God, and to You is due Honor and Glory and to your Eternal Father and your All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

**Hymns** Troparion of Mid-Easter, (3 times) (BDW p. 877), (PLC p. 487), (ED p. 801)  
Kondakion of Mid-Easter, (BDW p. 877), (PLC p. 487), (ED p. 801)

**Epistle** Acts of the Apostle, 14:6-18, Page 46 (English) – Page 48 (Arabic)

**Gospel** John 7:14-30, Page 29 (English) – Page 13 (Arabic)

**Hymn to the Theotokos** “Virginitly is incompatible with motherhood...”, (BDW p. 878), (PLC p. 487), (ED p. 802)

**Kinonikon** “He who eats My Flesh and drinks My Blood abides in Me and I in him. Alleluia!” (BDW p. 878), (PLC p. 487), (ED p. 802)

*Sunday, May 6, 2012*  
*Sunday of The Samaritan Woman*

**Tone 4 - Orthros Gospel 7** - Page 271 (English) – Page 177 (Arabic)

**Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**

**Antiphon Prayer** (PLC p. 488)

O Only begotten Son and Word of God, You ordered all people to come to You and drink the Water of Life that purifies from sins. Quench the thirst of our sinful souls with the flow of your Divine Blood. Make us bear the fruits of the divine virtues. Fill us with wisdom by the Grace of your Divine Spirit, For You are our Light and our Resurrection, O Christ God, and to You we render glory and to your Eternal Father and your All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

**Hymns** Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 4  
Troparion of Mid-Easter, (BDW p. 877), (PLC p. 487), (ED p. 801)  
Troparion of the patron of the church  
Kondakion of Pascha, (BDW p. 864), (PLC p. 466), (ED p. 766)

**Epistle** Acts of the Apostle 11:19-30, Page 51 (English) – Page 54 (Arabic)

**Gospel** John 4:5-42, Page 32 (English) – Page 15 (Arabic)

**Hymn to the Theotokos** “The Angel cried out...” (BDW p. 864), (PLC p. 467), (ED p. 769)

**Kinonikon** “Receive the Body of Christ and taste the Source of Immortality. Alleluia!” (BDW p. 864), (PLC p. 467), (ED p. 770)

*Sunday, May 13, 2012*  
*Sunday of the Man Born Blind*

**Tone 5 - Orthros Gospel 8** - Page 272 (English) – Page 177 (Arabic)

**Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**

**Antiphons of the Pascha** (BDW p. 861), (PLC p. 464), (ED p. 764)

**Antiphon Prayer** (PLC p. 490)

O Christ God, Sun of Justice, You touched the man who was blind since his birth and restored to him his sight. Enlighten our minds. Make us children of Light, so that we may cry out to You full of faith: your mercy is beyond description.

For You are our Light and our Sanctification, O Christ God, and to You we render glory, thanksgiving and worship, and to your Eternal Father and your All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

**Hymns**

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 5

Troparion of the Patron of the Church

Kondakion of Pascha, (BDW p. 864), (PLC p. 466), (ED p. 766)

**Epistle** Acts of the Apostle, 16:16-34, Page 59 (English) – Page 62 (Arabic)

**Gospel** John 9:1-38, Page 37 (English) – Page 19 (Arabic)

**Hymn to the Theotokos** “*The Angel cried out...*” (BDW p. 864), (PLC p. 467), (ED p. 769)

**Kinonikon** “*Receive the Body of Christ and taste the Source of Immortality. Alleluia!*” (BDW p. 864), (PLC p. 467), (ED p. 770)

The Leave-taking of the Pascha, May 16, 2012

Same Typicon as for the Pascha Divine Liturgy, with the following exceptions:

**Epistle** Acts of the Apostles 18:22-28, Page 63 (English) – Page 66 (Arabic)

**Gospel** John 12:36-47, Page 41 (English) – Page 21 (Arabic)

**From the Feast of the Ascension, Thursday, May 17 to Pentecost, Sunday May 27;** At the beginning of the Divine Liturgy “*Heavenly King...*” is not said, however, we pray “*Glory to God in the highest ...*” (Twice) and “*Lord, I shall open my lips ...*” (Once). (PLC p. 491)

*Thursday, May 17, 2012*  
*Feast of the Ascension*

**Orthros Gospel 3** - Page 268 (English) – Page 174 (Arabic)

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**Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**

**Antiphon Prayer** (PLC p. 491)

O Christ our God, before your Ascension into Heaven, You promised not to leave us orphans. You filled your all-holy Mother and your Disciples with a joy beyond description; therefore we implore You: let your Holy Spirit bring peace to the world. Let Him proclaim to mankind your mighty deeds; and through the intercession of your holy Apostles, make us worthy of sharing the joy of your elect.

For You are the Way, the Truth and the Life, O Christ God, and to You we render glory, thanksgiving and worship, and to your Eternal Father and your All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever. People: Amen.

**Antiphons of the Ascension** (BDW p. 884), (PLC p. 492), (ED p. 823)

**Entrance Hymn** *"God ascended amid shouts of joy, the Lord amid trumpet blasts. O Son of God, Who gloriously ascended into heaven, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!"* (BDW p. 886), (PLC p. 494), (ED p. 824)

**Hymns** Troparion of Ascension, (3 times) (BDW p. 881), (PLC p. 494), (ED p. 815)  
Kondakion of Ascension, (BDW p. 881), (PLC p. 494), (ED p. 817)

**Epistle** Acts of the Apostle 1:1-12, Page 64 (English) – Page 71 (Arabic)

**Gospel** Luke 24:36-53, Page 41 (English) – Page 22 (Arabic)

**Hymn to the Theotokos** Hirmos of the Ninth Ode (BDW p. 886), (PLC p. 495), (ED p. 827)

**Kinonikon** *"God ascended amid shouts of joy, the Lord amid trumpet blasts. Alleluia!"* (BDW p. 886), (PLC p. 496), (ED p. 827)

**Post-Communion Hymn** Troparion of Ascension, (BDW p. 881), (PLC p. 496), (ED p. 815)

**Apolytis** *"...Who gloriously ascended into heaven and was enthroned at the right hand of God the Father for our salvation..."* (BDW p. 886), (PLC p. 496), (ED p. 827)

*Sunday, May 20, 2012*  
*Sunday of the Fathers of the Council of Nicaea*

**Tone 6 - Orthros Gospel** 10 - Page 273 (English) – Page 178 (Arabic)

**Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**

**Antiphon Prayer** (PLC p. 497)

O Lord, Who are Good beyond description, we ask You through the intercession of your All-pure Mother and the Holy Fathers who participated in the Ecumenical Councils, to support the Church, uphold the faith and make us all partake of your heavenly Kingdom, when You come to judge the whole creation. For You are the Way, the Truth and the Life, O Christ God and we render glory, to You and to your Eternal Father and your All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and for ever and ever.

**Antiphons of the Ascension** (BDW p. 884), (PLC p. 492), (ED p. 823)

**Hymns**

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 6

Troparion of Ascension, (BDW p. 881), (PLC p. 494), (ED p. 815)

Troparion of the Fathers of the Council, (BDW p. 887), (PLC p. 498), (ED p. 829)

Kondakion of Ascension, (BDW p. 881), (PLC p. 494), (ED p. 817)

**Epistle** Acts of the Apostles 20:16-18, 28-36, Page 67 (English) – Page 75 (Arabic)

**Gospel** John 17:1-13, Page 44 (English) – Page 23 (Arabic)

**Post-Communion Hymn** Troparion of Ascension, (BDW p. 881), (PLC p. 496), (ED p. 815)

**Apolytis** “...*Who rose from the dead and gloriously ascended into heaven and was enthroned at the right hand of God the Father for our salvation...*” (BDW p. 886), (PLC p. 498), (ED p. 832)

**The Leave-taking of the Ascension, May 25**

Same Typicon as for the Ascension Divine Liturgy, with the following exceptions:

**Epistle** Acts of the Apostles 27:1-28:1, Page 73 (English) – Page 81 (Arabic)

**Gospel** John 17:18-26, Page 47 (English) – Page 25 (Arabic)

*Saturday, May 26, 2012*  
*Saturday of the Dead*

**Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**

**Antiphon Prayer** (PLC p. 499)

O Christ our God, who have dominion over the living and the dead, remember our fathers and brethren fallen asleep in hope of the resurrection to eternal life and all those who have completed their course in faith and righteousness. Forgive them their transgressions. Rest them in a place of light, in a place of happiness, in a place of peace. Grant them your kingdom, your eternal blessings and the heavenly life which has no end. For You are the Resurrection and the Life and the Repose of your departed servants, O Christ God, and to You we render glory and to your Eternal Father and your All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

**Antiphons of weekdays** (ED p. 833)

**Hymns**

Troparion of the Dead, (BDW p. 889), (PLC p. 499), (ED p. 833)

Troparion of the Patron of the Church

Kondakion of the Dead, (BDW p. 889), (PLC p. 500), (ED p. 834)

**Epistle** 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-17, Page 544 (English) - Page 607 (Arabic) or Acts of the Apostles 28:1-31, Page 76 (English) - Page 85 (Arabic)

**Gospel** John 5:24-30, Page 343 - Page 234 or John 21:14-25, Page 48 (English) – Page 26 (Arabic)

**Kinonikon** *“Blessed are those You have chosen and drawn close to dwell in your courts, O Lord. Their memory will remain for ever and ever. Alleluia!”* (BDW p. 889), (ED p. 834)

**Post-Communion Hymn** Troparion of the Dead, (PLC p. 499)

**After the Divine Liturgy, the Memorial Service for the dead**

*Sunday, May 27, 2012*  
*Sunday of Pentecost*

**Orthros Gospel** John 20:19-23 - Page 49 (English) – Page 27 (Arabic)

**Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**

**Special Petitions** (to be said in the Great Synapte) (PLC p. 501)

After *“For our Father and Archbishop ...”*

1. For the faithful people here present who implore the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.
2. That the Holy Spirit may strengthen us and guide us to attain our ultimate destiny by pleasing Him, let us pray to the Lord.
3. That the Lord God may grant us his abundant mercy and regenerate our life by the grace of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

4. That He may accept our prayer like incense before Him and grant all of us his divine help, let us pray to the Lord.
5. *“For our deliverance from all affliction, etc ...”*

**Antiphon Prayer** (PLC p. 501)

O Lord, Lover of Mankind, You sent the divine grace of your All-holy Spirit upon the Disciples. We pray You to grant Him to us. Illumine our hearts with the light of his presence, so that, with restless voices, we may sing hymns of praise to your All-holy and Undivided Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

**Antiphons of the Pentecost** (BDW p. 894), (PLC p.502), (ED p. 843)

**Entrance Hymn** *“Be exalted O Lord in your Strength; we will sing and chant the praise of your Might. O Holy Consoler, save us who sing to You Alleluia!”* (BDW p. 895), (PLC p.504), (ED p. 845)

**Hymns** Troparion of Pentecost, (3 times) (BDW p. 890), (PLC p. 504), (ED p. 837)  
Kondakion of Pentecost, (BDW p. 891), (PLC p. 505), (ED p. 837)

**Trisagion or Instead of the Trisagion** *“All of you who have been baptized...”* (PLC p. 505)

**Epistle** Acts of the Apostles 2: 1-11, Page 79 (English) – Page 92 (Arabic)

**Gospel** John 7:37-52; 8:12, Page 49 (English) – Page 27 (Arabic)

**Hymn to the Theotokos** Hirmos of the 9th Ode (BDW p. 896), (PLC p. 506), (ED p. 847)

**Kinonikon** *“Your Good Spirit shall guide me on level ground. Alleluia!”* (BDW p. 896), (PLC p. 506), (ED p. 848)

**Post-Communion hymn** Troparion of Pentecost, (BDW p. 896), (PLC p. 506), (ED p. 837)

**Apolysis** *“... Who sent His All-holy Spirit from heaven upon His Apostles and Disciples in the form of tongues of fire for our salvation ...”* (BDW p. 896), (PLC p. 506), (ED p. 848)

The Leave-taking of the Feast of Pentecost is on Saturday, June 2  
Same Typicon as for the Pentecost Divine Liturgy, with the following exceptions:

**Epistle** Romans 1:7-12, Page 87 (English) – Page 101 (Arabic)

**Gospel** Matthew 5:42-48, Page 54 (English) – Page 31 (Arabic)

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