

# Order of the Divine Liturgy

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Sunday of the Holy Fathers

Commemoration of Aquila the Apostle among the 70, Our Holy Father Joseph the Confessor, Archbishop of Thessalonica, Nicodemus the Righteous of Mount Athos

July 14, 2013

APOLYTIKIA

Today is Salvation

*Today is salvation come unto the world. Let us sing unto the Author of our life Who arose from the tomb; for, destroying death by death, He granted us the victory and great mercy.*

Resurrectional Apolytikion -- Second Mode

*When You descended to the realm of death, You as Life immortal rendered to Hades a mortal blow by Your all-radiant divinity. And when You from infernal depths and the darkness below did raise the dead, all the hosts of heaven's powers did proclaim and cry out: O life-giving Christ and our God, we give glory!*

Most glorified art Thou

*Most glorified art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast established our Fathers as luminous stars upon the earth, and through them didst guide us all to the true Faith. O Most Merciful One, glory be to Thee.*

O Holy Apostle Aquila

*O holy Apostle Aquila, intercede with the merciful God that He grant unto our souls forgiveness of offenses.*

As a sharer of the ways

*As a sharer of the ways and a successor to the throne of the Apostles, O inspired of God, thou foundest discipline to be a means of ascent to divine vision. Wherefore, having rightly divided the word of truth, thou didst also contest for the Faith even unto blood, O Hieromartyr Joseph. Intercede with Christ our God that our souls be saved.*

Having seen the image

*Having seen the image of Thy Cross in Heaven, and, like Paul, having received the call not from men, Thine apostle among kings entrusted the commonwealth to Thy hand, O Lord. Keep us always in peace, by the intercessions if the Theotokos, O only Friend of man.*

KONTAKION (relating to the Season or Feast)

O protection of Christians

*O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant: O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honour thee.*

EPISTLE

Titus 3:8-15

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:14-19