The Lord ascended into heaven, that He might send the Comforter into the world. The heavens prepared His throne; the clouds His means of ascent. Angels marvel to see a Man high above them. The Father received Him Whom He holds, co-eternal, in His bosom. The Holy Spirit [commands all His angels:]

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commands all His Angels: "Lift up your gates, you princes! All you nations, clap your hands: //

for Christ has gone up to where He was before!"

Sticheron 2

The Cherubim were amazed at Thine Ascension, O Lord, beholding Thee, the God Who sits enthroned upon them,

[ascending upon the clouds,]
as-cen-ding up-on the clouds; and we glorify Thee,
for Thy mer-cy is good. // Glo-ry to Thee
Sticheron 3

Beholding Thine Ascension on the holy moun-tain, O Christ,
the bright-ness of the Fa-ther’s glo-ry, we hymn the radiant
appearance of Thy coun-tenance; we worship Thy Pas-sion

[we honor Thy Resurrection,
we honor Thy Resurrection, as we glorify

Thy glorious Ascension. // Have mercy on us!

Sticheron 4

Lord, when Thine Apostles saw Thee carried up on the clouds, they were filled with sorrow, O Christ, the Giver of Life; with wailing and tears they lamented and said:

["Master, do not leave us..."]
“Master, do not leave us, Thy servants, as orphans,

whom through pity Thou hast loved in Thy compassion,

but as Thou didst promise, send us Thine All-holy Spirit,

it, // to enlighten our souls!”

Lord, when Thou hadst fulfilled the mystery of Thy dispensation, Thou didst take...
satisfaction, Thou didst take Thy disciples with Thee

up onto the Mount of Olives; and behold! Thou didst

pass through the firmament of heaven. For my sake Thou didst

become poor like me, and didst return to the place from

which Thou wast never parted. Send forth Thine All-holy

[Spirit to illumine our souls.]
Spirit to illuminate our souls!