The Lord has ascended to heaven, that He might send the Comforter into the world. The heavens prepared His throne, and clouds—His means of ascent. Angels marvel to see a Man high above them. The Father receives Him Whom He
The Holy Spirit 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!”

The Cherubim were amazed at Your Ascension, O Lord,
beholding You, the God Who sits enthroned upon them,
ascending upon the clouds; and we glorify You for Your mercy is good. // Glory to You!

Beholding Your ascension on the holy mountain, O Christ,
the brightness of the Father's glory, we hymn the radiant
appearance of Your countenance; we worship Your sufferings,

we honor Your Resurrection, as we glorify

Your glorious Ascension.// Have mercy on us!

Lord, when Your Apostles saw You carried upon the clouds,

they were filled with despondency, O Christ, Giver of life:
with wailing and tears they lamented and said: "Master, do
not leave us orphans, Your servants whom through pity You have loved,
as You are compassionate; but, as You promised, send
us Your all-holy Spirit to enlighten our souls!"

Lord, when You had fulfilled the mystery of Your dispensation,
You took Your Disciples with You, and were taking them up onto the Mount of Olives; and behold, You passed through the firmament of heaven. For my sake You became poor like me, and ascended to the place from where You had not been parted: // send forth Your all-holy Spirit to illumine our souls!