Post-Gospel Stichera

The Ascension of the Lord

Kievan Chant
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Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Merciful

One, blot out the multitude of our transgressions.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your great mercy, and according to the multitude of Your tender mercies // blot out my transgressions!

[Today the Powers...]
Today the Powers above beheld our nature in the heavens

and marveled at the strange manner of the ascent, in perplexity

saying to one another: “Who is this who comes?”

But seeing their own Master, they gave the command to

lift up the heavenly gates. With them we unceasingly

[sing in praise of Thee,]
sing in praise of You, Who are coming again from there in the flesh // as Judge of all and God Al-mighty.