1st **LITYA STICHERON**

in Tone One

Hav-ing as-cend - ed to heaven whence Thou hadst
des-cend - ed, leave us not as or-phans, O Lord!

May Thy Ho-ly Spir-it come, bring-ing peace to the

world; show the sons of men the works of Thy power, O

Lord, Who lov-est man-kind!

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Thou didst ascend, O Christ, to Thy Father, Who is without beginning, though Thou wast never parted from His uncircumscribed bosom, and the heavenly Powers accepted no addition to the thrice-holy hymn of praise, but recognized Thee, O Lord, as one Son, only-begotten
of the Father even after becoming man. In the abundance of Thy compassion, have mercy on us!

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Thine Angels, O Lord, said to the Apostles: “You men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This is Christ God Who has been taken from you into heaven. He will come again in like manner as you have seen Him going to heaven:

[ worship ]
worship Him in holiness and righteousness!

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