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## Ascension Day

May 13, 2021

**On this day we observe an important day in the Christian calendar which commemorates our Lord Jesus Christ ascent into heaven.**

Ascension Day is traditionally celebrated on the 40<sup>th</sup> day after Easter Sunday and is also known as the Feast of Ascension of Jesus Christ, Ascension Thursday, or Holy Thursday.

Ascension Day takes its name from the ascent of Our Lord Christ, who ascended into heaven on this day.

I encourage you to read these three Biblical references: Mark 16: 14-19, Luke 24: 50-61 and Acts 1: 9-11

The story is that 40 days after the resurrection, Jesus and his disciples went to the Mount of Olives (just 400 yards from the Eastern wall of Jerusalem) Jesus promised his disciples that they would receive the Holy Spirit and asked them to stay in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit come upon them.

Jesus then blessed them and ascended to heaven.

This holy day is celebrated all across the Christian faith. Orthodox Christians celebrate this this event a week latter than Protestants and Catholics because their Easter is a week later.

Our Brothers and Sisters in Christ of the Orthodox Church use the Julian

Calendar and thus have a different date.

The hymns that we sing in church are so descriptive and evoke much thought and emotions. I have one below.

**O Christ, who hast prepared a place.**

O Christ, Who hast prepared a place  
For us around Thy throne of grace,  
We Pray Thee, lift our hearts above  
And draw them with the cords of love,  
Art our exceeding great reward,  
How Transient is our present pain,  
How boundless our eternal gain!  
With open face and joyful heart,  
We then see Thee as Thou art,  
Our love shall never cease to glow,  
Our praise shall never cease to flow.

### **Note from the Editor.**

Due to circumstances that is nobody's fault. This is not the story that I had intended to publish. Sometimes an Editor must fill in at the very last minute. As I sat down to type my mind recalled the story. I could see so clearly For I had stood at the spot of the Ascension and sat in the Mount of Olive and could see the Eastern Wall of the city of Jerusalem. when I went on the Holy land Pilgrimage with the Grand Encampment acouple of years ago.

If you really want to deepen your faith. I encourage to take the Holy land Pilgrimage Tour.