



Sunday July 16, 2017 . 6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 5. Fathers of the 1st Six Ecumenical Councils. Hieromartyr Athenogenes, Bishop of Heracleopolis, and his ten disciples (ca. 311). Martyrs Paul and two sisters, Chionia (Thea) and Alevtina (Valentina), at Cæsarea in Palestine (308). Martyr Antiochus, Physician, of Sebaste (4th c.). Virgin Martyr Julia of Carthage (ca. 440 or 613).

This Week's Schedule

Saturday 7/22 Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

*Sunday 7/23 Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
followed by Coffee Hour*

Reader Schedule

DATE	3RD HOUR	6TH HOUR	EPISTLE
July 16	WALES	WALES	WALES
July 23	BUNITSKY	BUNITSKY	FINCK
July 30	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY
Aug 06	BUNITSKY	BUNITSKY	LEWIS

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 5 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born for our salvation from the Virgin;
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
to endure death,
and to raise the dead//
by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 8 Troparion *(Holy Fathers)*

You are most glorious, O Christ our God!
You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth.
Through them You have guided us to the true Faith//
O greatly compassionate One, glory to You!

Tone 5 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

You descended into hell, O my Savior,
shattering its gates as Almighty,
resurrecting the dead as Creator,
and destroying the sting of death.
You have delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man,//
and we cry to You: “O Lord, save us!”

Tone 8 Kontakion *(Holy Fathers)*

The Apostles’ preaching and the Fathers’ doctrines have established one
Faith for the Church.
Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology,//
it defines and glorifies the great mystery of piety.

Tone 5 Prokeimenon

You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation
forever. (*Ps 11/12:7*)

v: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly! (Ps 11/12:1)

Tone 4 Prokeimenon (*Song of the Three Children*)

Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever! (*Song of the three Holy Children, v. 3*)

Epistle Romans 12:6-14

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

Hebrews 13:7-16 (*Holy Fathers*)

Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Tone 5

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation. (Ps 88/89:1)

v: For You have said: "Mercy will be established forever; My truth will be prepared in the heavens." (Ps 88/89:2)

Tone 1

v: The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. (Ps 49/50:1)

Gospel Matthew 9:1-8

So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city.

Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you."

And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!"

But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts?"

For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'?

But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" – then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."

And he arose and departed to his house.

Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

John 17:1-13 (Holy Fathers)

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You,

as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him.

And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.

And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.

Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You.

For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.

I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours.

And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are.

While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! (*Ps 32/33:1*)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

This Week's Announcement

Blessing of Vehicles July 23rd In commemoration of the holy prophet Elijah (July 20) who was taken into heaven on a fiery chariot, we will be offering the blessing of vehicles. The glorious prophet Elijah is therefore known as the patron saint of vehicles, reminding us that we must struggle to manifest holiness in our lives, especially when we travel. The honoring of this great prophet of the Old Testament in our Holy Church dates back to Apostolic times. In the fourth century, the feast was already generally known. Our holy fathers John Chrysostom, St. Ambrose and St. Augustine have testified to his greatness, a fact which alone would prove the antiquity of this feast. The Blessing of Cars and any kind of Vehicle (Kids bring your bikes) will take place following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday July 23rd.

Dormition Fast and August Feast Days The liturgical calendar comes to

its close in August with the fourth and final fasting season of the Church year along with two major feasts. Every year the Orthodox Church sets aside the first fourteen days of August in honor of the Virgin Mary. This fast period begins on August 1st and peaks on August 15th, when the Church gathers to celebrate the great feast of the Dormition (Falling-Asleep) of the Theotokos. On Aug 6th, the Church celebrates the feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord. This feast commemorates our Lord's transfiguration before his disciples on Mt. Tabor. In His Transfiguration He reveals His glory to the disciples. In Him they (and we) now see for themselves the glory of God present in the person of Christ.

Parish Pot Luck/ Fellowship August 6th We invite all to stick around for our next parish potluck and extended fellowship outside (weather permitting), Sunday August 6, 2017 (Transfiguration). This day we will also be blessing of the "First Fruits". We hope that during the Summer months we can extend our pot lucks to include some extended fellowship outdoors.

Missionaries from Albania to Speak Holy Ascension Antiochian Orthodox Church in West Chester will host the Hoppe family who are missionaries to Albania. The Hoppe family will offer presentations on their mission work in Albania. The presentations will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1p.m. today and next Saturday July 22 from 2p.m. until 5 p.m. See more details at holycension.net.

Church Library Summer Reading: Now that the nice weather is upon us, recharge your spiritual life by checking out one of the books at the library table, outside the Church Hall. Our library team has set out a new selection of books, and there's something to inspire everyone: Saint's lives, books on the spiritual life, books on prayer, and books for the kiddos. Check it out today.

Traveling this Summer? Try to Go to Church! Visit the "Orthodoxy in America" website to find an Orthodox Church wherever you are heading. All the canonical Orthodox jurisdictions (OCA, Greek, Antiochian, Serbian, etc.) are listed together on this one helpful site: www.orthodoxyinamerica.org - Check it out! Also, Father Barnabas can contact a priest ahead of time for you to inform him that you would like to come for Holy Communion at the Liturgy. If you do travel, also please remember to not take a vacation from your Financial support of our parish! We are here even when you are not! Thank you, God bless your travels and come back safe and sound!

Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

“We ought to have the most lively spiritual union with the heavenly inhabitants, with all the saints, apostles, prophets, martyrs, prelates, venerable and righteous men, as they are all members of one single body, The Church of Christ, to which we sinners also belong, and the living Head of which is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. This is why we call upon them in prayer, converse with them, thank and praise them, It is urgently necessary for all Christians to be in union with them, if they desire to make Christian progress; for the saints are our friends, our guides to salvation, who pray and intercede for us.”

+ *St. John of Kronstadt*

When your faith in the Lord, either during your life and prosperity, or in the time of sickness and at the moment of quitting this life, grows weak, grows dim from worldly vanity or through illness, and from the terrors and darkness of death, then look with the mental eyes of your heart upon the companies of our forefathers, the patriarchs, prophets, and righteous ones:

St. Simeon, who took the Lord up in his arms, Job, Anna the Prophetess, and others; the Apostles, prelates, venerable Fathers, martyrs, the disinterested, the righteous, and all the saints.

See how, both during their earthly life and at the time of their departure from this life, they unceasingly looked to God and died in the hope of the resurrection and of the life eternal, and strive to imitate them.

These living examples, which are so numerous, are capable to strengthen the wavering faith of every Christian in the Lord and in the future life.

Those Christian communions who do not venerate the saints and do not call upon them in prayer lose much in piety and in Christian hope. They deprive themselves of the great strengthening of their faith by the examples of men like unto themselves.

+ *St. John of Kronstadt*

Prayers for the Departed: Protodeacon Gregory Hatrack, Anwor Kawaja, , Joseph Fetchina

Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need:, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Josef Petranin, Fr. John Nightingale, Sister Theophano, Mat Julia Petranin, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Mat. Jennifer Franchak, Mat. Lisa Weremedic, Matushka Myra Kovalak, Lemlem Resat, Alfred Mokhiber, Peter Melnik, Olga Riley, AnnaHotrovich, Marie Holowatch, Marie Karawulan, Barbara Hicks, JamesHicks, Anna Herko, Zack Bajuyo, Luke & Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Mona Elia, Lydia Kendall, Maria and Doug Dozier, Mary Anne Farrell, Michael Vannello, Catalina(Mary) & Jeremy (John) Finck, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, Carson, George Coyle, Joanna Carey, Anthony, Nedwin & Pearl Minnich, Patricia, Ketevan, & Claramond Sensor, Jamie (James) Clause

Prayers for Women and the Child to be born: Tatyana Klimova, Elizabeth Clause, Mary (Misty) Robinson

Prayers for Catechumens: Stephanie Smiertka Riley

Prayers Newly Illumined/ Chrismated: Josephine Didonatos, Carolyn Peck, Johan Asfeha-WatersPeck

Date	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>	<u>Library</u>
16-July	LaChance /Shatley /Hines	Riley	Skomorucha/Lewis	Lewis
23-July	Gerassimakis /Bunitsky	Sulpizi/Finck	Hines	Gundersen
30-July	Hamwi / Morjana	Hojnicki/Souder	Baldychev/Shatley/ Sylvest	Farrell
06-Aug	Pot Luck	Sheeler/Baldychev	Suplizi	Skomorucha

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Jul-16

Andrew

Jul-23

Luke

Jul-30

Nicholas