



Sunday May 20, 2018 7th SUNDAY OF PASCHA —
Tone 6. Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council. Afterfeast of Ascension. Martyr Thalelæus at Aegæ in Cilicia, and his companions, Martyrs Alexander and Asterius (ca. 284). Uncovering of the Relics of St. Aleksy, Metropolitan of Moscow and Wonderworker of All Russia (1431). Rt. Blv. Prince St. Dovmont (Timothy), Prince of Pskov (1299). Martyr Asclas of Egypt (ca. 287).

This Week's Schedule

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Memorial Saturday 5/26 Memorial Service (Panakhida) 4:00 p.m.

Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 5/27 Holy Pentecost Hours 8:40 a.m.

Pentecost Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

*followed by Pentecost Vespers and Kneeling Prayers
 & Coffee Hour*

Reader Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>3RD HOUR</u>	<u>6TH HOUR</u>	<u>EPISTLE</u>
May-20	WALES	WALES	WALES
May-27 (PENTECOST)	SULPIZI	LEWIS	BRASOWSKI
June-3	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY
Jun-10	WALES	WALES	WALES
Jun-17	LEWIS	PECK	PECK

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 6 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb;
the guards became as dead men.
Mary stood by Thy grave,
seeking Thy most pure body.
Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it.
Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life.//
O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

Tone 4 Troparion *(Ascension)*

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God,
granting joy to Thy Disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit.
Through the blessing they were assured,
that Thou art the Son of God,//
the Redeemer of the world!

Tone 8 Troparion *(Fathers)*

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God,
Who hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth.
Through them Thou hast guided us to the true Faith.//
O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

Tone 8 Kontakion *(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 6 Kontakion *(Ascension)*

When Thou hadst fulfilled the dispensation for our sake
and united earth to heaven,
Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God,
not being parted from those who love Thee,
but remaining with them and crying://
"I am with you, and there is no one against you!"

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

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

v: *For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us!* (v. 4)

Epistle Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he would not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the Day of Pentecost.

From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church. And when they had come to him, he said to them: "You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you, Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock.

Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.

Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.

So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel.

Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me.

I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

Tone 1

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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)*

v: Gather to Me My venerable ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice! (Ps 49/50:5)

Gospel John 17:1-13

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.

(Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing:)

Magnify, O my soul, Christ the Giver of Life, Who has ascended from earth to heaven!

We magnify thee, O Mother of God, who beyond reason and understanding gave birth in time to the Timeless One.

Communion Hymns

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

(Instead of “We have seen the True Light,” we sing the Troparion of Ascension)

This Week’s Announcement

Pentecost Sunday Next week we will celebrate Pentecost Sunday (May 27th). Liturgically, aside from Pascha, Pentecost is the greatest of the 12 Great Feasts. (Pascha is in a category all by itself!) Pentecost is the “Birthday of the Church”, the celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit, a celebration of the very Life that we all embrace as the people of God, members of Christ’s holy church. The traditional Vespers of Pentecost with the special “Kneeling” prayers and petitions is served following the Divine Liturgy on Pentecost Sunday. In Orthodoxy, we go from glory to glory - come let us welcome the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth!

Memorial Saturday Next Saturday prior to Vespers, at 4:00 p.m., we will serve a memorial service for all the departed. Please see Fr. Barnabas or Dn. James Carpenter if you have any newly departed to add to our prayer list.

Study Group Summer Break Our Study group will be taking a break for the Summer months of June /July/August. We will meet one more time this coming Thursday May 24th at 10:00 a.m. We will try to finish our reading of “Courage to Pray” by Met. Anthony. All are welcome to join us.

Parish Pot Luck/ Fellowship Just a reminder that the first Sunday of the month, we will have a parish pot luck. We hope that during the Summer months we can extend our pot lucks to include some extended fellowship outdoors. We invite all to participate in our parish potluck and some extended fellowship outside.

Ss. Peter and Paul Fast The spirit of Holy Pentecost leads us to another feast and fast of the church. The feast of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul is celebrated on June 29th. From the 4th Century on, the Church has celebrated this feast which is spiritually linked with Holy Pentecost. It stands as the witness of the Apostles immediate fruit at the descent of the Holy Spirit when it came upon them. The Feast is preceded by a fasting period called Saints Peter and Paul Fast.” The fast is different from year to year since it always begins on the Monday following the first Sunday after Pentecost (All Saints' Sunday). The fast in preparation for the feast begins this year on June 4th and continues to the feast of Ss. Peter and Paul on June 29th.

Mother’s Day Brunch Thank You! Thanks to Tom Sulpizi, Rashid Elia and all who helped with our Mother’s Day luncheon!

Thank You Church School Teachers! We would like to thank all our church school teachers and helpers for the 2017/2018 church school year! Thanks to Stephen & Maria Peck, Debby Hines, Cindy Peck, Juliana Bunitsky, & Nicholas DiDonato. Many years to you for your service in the building up of our Lord’s holy church!

Greeters Ministry In response to the Paschal season and after discussions with the parish council we would like to, once again, start a greeter’s ministry. St. Michael’s has been blessed with several guests and visitors and what a better way to respond to those who are sent to us than offering a formal welcome. We are looking for at least two people willing to volunteer to lead and organize this ministry. Please consider your calling to be a greeter and see Fr. Barnabas or Jeff Kendall for more details.

Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

“Let all involuntary suffering teach you to remember God, and you will not lack occasion for repentance.”

St. Mark the Ascetic

“...it is not suffering for the sake of the Faith which is painful; what is hard to bear is to fail to fight its battle. The athlete does not so much complain of being wounded in the struggle as of not being able even to secure admission into the stadium.”

St Basil the Great

'If therefore holy men, when they do mighty things, think themselves worthless, what must be said of those who, without fruit of virtue, are yet swollen with pride? But any works, although they be good, are as nothing unless seasoned with humility.'

St. Gregory the Great

'We say that knowledge is not mere talk, but a certain divine knowledge, that light which is kindled in the soul as a result of obedience to the commandments, and which reveals all that is in a state of becoming, enables man to know himself and teaches him to become possessed of God.'

Clement of Alexandria

“Our spiritual life is not something bookish or that follows formulas. Everything we learn has to become part of our life and something natural to us.

"We can be reading about hesychasm and the Jesus Prayer, for example, and begin to say it ourselves—and still be blind to our own passions and unresponsive to a person in need right in front of us, not seeing that this is a test of our Christianity that comes at a more basic level than saying the Jesus Prayer.”

+Fr Seraphim Rose

We had to give up our own life and be so transformed that we would begin to live an entirely new kind of life that would be pleasing to God. This was something we could do only by sharing in the Holy Spirit.

St. Cyril of Alexandria

Prayers for the Departed: Archpriest JohnNehrebecki, Matuska Mary Perez, Matushka Barbara Kucynda, Mark Gundersen, John Berket, Anthony Greer, George Sarmousakis

Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need: Fr. John Zabinko, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Josef Petranin, Fr. John Nightingale, Fr. Deacon James Carpenter, Mat Julia Petranin, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Mat. Jennifer Franchak, Mat. Lisa Weremedic, Matushka Myra Kovalak, Lemlem Resat, Peter Melnik, Olga Riley, Marie Holowatch, Marie Karawulan, Barbara Hicks, James Hicks, Anna Herko, Zack Bajuyo, Luke & Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Mona Elia, Lydia Kendall, Maria and Doug Dozier, Mary Anne Farrell, Catalina(Mary) & Jeremy (John) Finck, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, Benjamin, Charles, Patrica, Lubov, Marilyn Coyle, Alfred Mokhiber, Stephanie Hojnicky, Leah Reed, Jameson Edward Reed, Anastacia Sarmousakis

Prayers for Women and the Child to be born: Rachel Facaros, Jacquelyn Marie Wham, Rachael Irene Shatley, Stephanie Riley

Date	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>	<u>Library</u>
20-May	Shatley/Hines	Hojnicki/Souder	Riley	Skomorucha
27-May	Gerassimakis/Bunitsky	Telep/Baldychev	Bunitsky	Maloney
3-Jun	POT LUCK - Kendall	Bunitsky/Lewis	Farrell	Lewis
10-Jun	Hamwi/Morjana	Elia/Morjana	Clause/Whalen	Gundersen
17-Jun	FATHER'S DAY	Riley/Riley	Hines	Farrell
24-Jun	Whalen/Clause/Gabriel	Sulpizi/Finck	Finck	Skomorucha