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Sunday June 9, 2019 7th SUNDAY OF PASCHA –
Tone 6. Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council.
Afterfeast of Ascension. St. Cyril, Archbishop of
Alexandria (444). Ven. Kirill, Abbot of Belozérsk (1427).
Ven. Alexander, Abbot of Kushta (Vologdá – 1439). Five
Nuns beheaded in Persia: Martyrs Thecla, Mariamne,
Martha, Mary, and Ennatha (346). St. Columba,
Enlightener of Scotland (597).

This Week Schedule

Wednesday 6/12 Little Angels 9:30 a.m.

Saturday 6/15 Memorial Service 4:00 p.m.

Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 6/16 Chrismation Service (Reception of Converts) 8:00 a.m.

Hours 8:40 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

followed by Coffee Hour

Reader Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>3RD HOUR</u>	<u>6TH HOUR</u>	<u>EPISTLE</u>
Jun-9	SULPIZI	PECK	PECK
Jun-16	WALES	WALES	WALES
Jun-23	BUNITSKY	BUNITSKY	FINCK
Jun-30	LEWIS	SOUDER	LEWIS



Hymns and Prayers

Tone 6 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

The angelic powers were at Your tomb;
the guards became as dead men.
Mary stood by Your grave,
seeking Your most pure body.
You took captive hell, //
not being tempted by it.
You came to the Virgin, granting life. //
O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

Tone 4 Troparion *(Ascension)*

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

Tone 8 Troparion *(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 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 You had fulfilled the dispensation for our sake,
and united earth to heaven,
You ascended in glory, O Christ our God,
not being parted from those who love You,
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 are You, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever! (*Song of the three Holy Children, v. 3*)

v: For You are just in all that You have 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 you, the 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 you 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 June 16th Following the Ascension the next feast in the life of the Church is the Great Feast of Pentecost. Liturgically this 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. Just a reminder that next week immediately following the Divine Liturgy, the traditional Vespers of Pentecost with the Special Kneeling prayers is served. In Orthodoxy, we go from glory to glory - come let us welcome the coming of the Holy Spirit!

Chrismation Next Sunday Next Sunday June 16th at 8 a.m. we will welcome into the Church Susan Dorazio by the Sacrament of Holy Chrismation. Please join us to welcome this newly enlisted warrior for Christ.

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 All Saints' Sunday (1st Sun. after Pentecost). The fast in preparation for the feast begins this year on June 24th and continues to the feast on June 29th

Vacation Church School Help Please mark your calendars, our vacation church school will be held Thursday, August 1st through Saturday, August 3rd, 2019. We are asking for parents and volunteers to help and

share in this work. Please see Fr. Barnabas if you are interested in taking the lead in organizing our 2019 VCS. Please save the date and look for more information to come.

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, contact the priest ahead of time to inform him that you would like to come for Holy Communion at the Liturgy. May God bless your travels and come back safe and sound! * *If you do travel, please do not take a vacation from your Financial support of our parish! The Church is here working even when you are not. Thank you for your mindfulness and continued support!**

Study Group Summer Break Our Study group will be taking a break for the Summer months of June /July/August. We will resume once again in September. Thanks to all who continue to attend and participate in this parish education opportunity.

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 Coffee Hour room. 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.

Young Adults In, or Out of, the Church

A few years ago, a book called "Soul Searching" investigated the spiritual lives of teenagers. It found that religion can be important to teens, but it also determined that many of them adhere to what it called "moralistic therapeutic deism." This can be defined as a belief in a kind, loving God who is not connected to any particular faith tradition, and who is there largely to help in solving personal problems. "Souls in Transition" is author Christian Smith's follow-up to the earlier book, and it gives valuable insights into the lives of those he terms "emerging adults" between the ages of 18 and 23. Emerging adults marry relatively late, may spend several years in higher education, and rarely stay for decades at the same job because of the unreliable global

economy. Many are unaffiliated with any institution, and have no commitment to a worshipping community.

So which, if any, of these emerging adults might make or keep a commitment to faith? Smith answers that it is those who as teenagers had examples of older people who practiced their faith. There are other factors (such as prayer, reading of Scripture, multiple religious experiences and the absence of strong doubts in the teen years) but the example of practiced faith is the strongest indicator of future commitment. Teens who have had no such example are unlikely to develop their spiritual lives as emerging adults and will probably follow the societal trend of indifference, and sometimes hostility, to faith. Smith rejects the idea that parents (or adult caretakers) become less significant in their children's lives during the teen years. In fact, parents' perception that their children don't want them to promote or "impose" religious beliefs and their resulting fear of doing so leaves the teens "floating in a directionless murk to figure out completely on their own some of life's most basic questions concerning reality, truth, goodness, value, morality and identity." It isn't that these children don't want their parents' involvement, Smith says. It's rather that they want it on "renegotiated" terms that "take seriously their growing maturity and desired independence."

Not only teens, but also the emerging adults who are the subject of this book benefit from the counsel, mentoring and simple presence of caring older people. Smith calls on the churches in America to recognize the unsettled and often disconnected years of emerging adulthood as a fairly new phenomenon in our fast-changing culture. Churches should create ways to reach out to emerging adults, just as they have created ways to reach out to other groups such as the elderly and families with young children.

But it really begins in the teen years, and well before. Children need relationships with adult faith models. Smith, being interviewed about "Souls in Transition," put it this way: "The most important factor is parents. For better or worse, parents are tremendously important in shaping their children's faith trajectories. That's the story that came out in 'Soul Searching.' It's also the story that comes out here."

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Prayers for the Departed: Mat Julia Petranin Peter Melnik, Michael Sinovich, Marie Karawulan, Virginia Sekerak Marie Holowatch,

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. Ellen Chupeck, Lemlem Resat, Olga Riley, Barbara Hicks, James Hicks, Anna Herko, Luke & Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Maria & Doug Dozier, Mona Elia, Mary Anne Farrell, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, Lubov Baldychev, Stephanie Hojnicky, Laura Cristina Najemy, Harry Kutch, Dimitrios Jim Petrides, Albert Shock, David Rex

Prayers for Catechumen: Sue D’Orazio

Prayers for Women and the Child to be born: Ruth Kendall

Date	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>	<u>Library</u>
9-Jun	Hojnicki/Flynn/Roberts	Hojnicki/ Souder	Carey	Farrell
16-Jun	Gerissimakis/Bunitsky	Telep/Baldychev	Hines	Skomorucha
23-Jun	Bacuta/Fravel	Bunitsky/Morjana	Baldychev/Sylvest	Maloney
30-Jun	Shatley/Hines	Riley/Riley	Suplizi	Gundersen
7-Jul	Elia/Gunderson/Farrell	Sulpizi/Finck	Riley	Farrell

Upcoming Dates to Keep in Mind

Holy Pentecost June 16th

Ss. Peter and Paul Fast June 24th-29th

VCS August 1st- 3rd