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***Sunday June 13, 2021 7th SUNDAY OF PASCHA –
Tone 6. Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council.
Afterfeast of Ascension. Martyr Aquilina of Byblos in Syria
(293). St. Triphyllius, Bishop of Leucosia (Nicosia), Cyprus
(ca. 370). Ven. Andronicus (1395), disciple of Ven. Sergius
of Rádonezh, and Ven. Savva (Sabbas), Abbots, of Moscow
(15th c.). Martyr Antonina of Nicæa (3rd-4th c.). St. Anna
and her son, St. John, of Constantinople (9th c.). 10,000
Martyrs. The Finding of the Holy Relics of Saint Nicholas
the Deacon of Lesbos (1960). Transfer of the relics of Saint
Paraskevé the New (1641).***

This Week's Schedule

Saturday 6/19 Memorial Saturday Panakhida 4:00 p.m.

Eve of Pentecost Great Vespers & Litiya 5:00 p.m.

*Sunday 6/20 **Holy Pentecost** Hours 8:40 a.m.*

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Followed by Pentecost Vespers w/ Kneeling Prayers

Please Note Services will also stream Online

Reader Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>3RD HOUR</u>	<u>6th Hour</u>	<u>EPISTLE</u>
Jun-13	DORAZIO	PECK	PECK
Jun-20	WJCIECHOWSKI	VOJACSEK	WALES
Jun-27	LEWIS	SKOMORUCHA	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 captured 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

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 Holy 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. 49:1)

V. Gather to Me My venerable ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice! (Ps. 49:6)

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

Communion Hymn

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. 32:1*)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

This Week's Announcement

Pentecost Sunday On Sunday, June 20th in the life of the Church we celebrate 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!

All Parish Meeting We will have an all parish meeting on Sunday June 27 following the Divine Liturgy. Please be sure to stay to participate as we all do our part to care for Christ's Holy Church.

Memorial Saturday Next Saturday prior to Vespers, at 4:00 p.m., we will serve a memorial service for all the departed. Please add the names of any newly departed to our prayer list.

Study Group Summer Break Our Study group will be taking a break for the Summer months of June /July/August. Thanks to all who participate in this parish education opportunity.

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 lasts just one day this year beginning on June 28th the eve of the feast of Ss. Peter and Paul. We will offer Great Vespers with Litiya for the feast on June 28th at 7:00 p.m. and on June 29th Divine Liturgy commemorating the great Peter and Paul.

Library is Open Our parish library is open. Consider checking out a book or two for your summer reading.

"AND ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN ..."

“And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, ‘Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?’ And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll ... And between the throne and the four living creatures I saw a Lamb, standing, as if it had been slain.” (Rev. 5:2)

The very fact of our Lord’s ascension into Heaven, and His “sitting at the right hand of the Father,” is the source of great joy and profound optimism to the faithful believers. What happened when our Lord returned to Heaven? Revelation gives us some insight.

St. John, the spiritual leader of the churches of Asia Minor had been taken from his churches and exiled to the tiny island of Patmos, in the Mediterranean Sea. Sunday morning comes a time when he is normally preparing himself to celebrate the Holy Eucharist with his faithful gathering. Closed around by his own gloom, he is startled by a voice as loud as a trumpet, behind him. It is the Lord Himself, radiant and transformed in appearance, who takes him to an open door in Heaven for a view of the Heavenly Court.

After he does his best to adequately describe the scene before him: the Throne of the Father, the twenty-four presbyters, the four living creatures and the host of angels, he hears a challenge by a mighty angel: “Who is worthy to open the seals of the scroll?” (Upon which is written the prophecy of the destiny of the universe.)

Nobody in Heaven or on earth was worthy to reveal the future, and John wept, for not even one person had been found worthy. Except, in the center of the Heavenly court, a Lamb was standing as though it had been slain.

Jesus is that Lamb of God, "Who takes away the sins of the world." The image of the lamb comes from the prophecy of Isaiah:

"He was oppressed and afflicted, and he opened not his mouth. Like a lamb that is led to slaughter, and like a sheep that is dumb before its shearers, so he opened not his mouth." (Isaiah 53: 7)

The Lamb has already been sacrificed. Now He is standing, erect and triumphant, glowing with life. The place where he stands is carefully noted; directly in the center of the Heavenly court, in the midst of every living being, between the Throne of the Father and the living creatures. This is the position of a priest who is offering a sacrifice.

The ascension of Jesus Christ is the return of the Son of God to the Father, in the triumph of fulfillment. Before He sits at the right hand of the Father, he offers for all time a single sacrifice for sins; "For by a single offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified." (Heb. 10: 14.)

The Ascension is at once the fulfillment of God's plan for salvation of mankind, and the promise of the Gift of the Holy Spirit, who will come to abide in all who call themselves by the name of Jesus Christ, by Holy Baptism. The specific work of the Messiah is accomplished; now He will work in us, dignifying us with the responsibility for bringing the people of the earth to the Father in His Name, through the Holy Spirit at work in our members.

With the Ascension, then, all is accomplished.

by Rev. Vladimir Berzonsky

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Prayers for the Departed: Mitred Archpriest Eugene Pianovich, Mitred Archpriest Daniel Ressetar

Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need: Fr. John Zabinko, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Daniel Kovalak, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Mat. Myra Kovalak, Lemlem Resat, Olga Riley, James Hicks, Anna Herko, Luke Wales, Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Maria & Doug Dozier, Mona Elia, Mary Anne Farrell, Stephanie Hojnicky, Harry Kutch, Dimitrios Jim Petrides, Albert Shock, Elizabeth Melnik, Alexandra Grishin, Sam Sylvest, Paula Daubert, Elizabeth Clause, Jamie Clause, David Telep, Ned Minnich

Prayers for Catechmens Kristin Mackenzie, John Hill

Date	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>
13-Jun	Whalen	Hojnicki/Najemy	Hines
20-Jun	Father's Day	Telep/Baldychev	Skomorucha/Ashton/Wojc
27-Jun	Wojciechowsk/Dorazio	Bunitsky/Morjana	S.Peck

Upcoming Dates to Keep in Mind

Pentecost.....June 20th

Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul.....June 29th

Dormition Fast Aug. 1-15th