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We invite you to continue to celebrate the 40 Day Paschal Feast with us.

Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

7th Sunday of Pascha. Tone 6

Martyr Theodotus of Ancyra and seven virgin-martyrs: Alexandra, Tecusa, Claudia, Phaine, Euphraisa, Matrona, and Julia (303). Martyrs Peter, Dionysius, Andrew, Paul, Christina (250).

Epistle: Acts 20:16-18,28-36; Gospel: John: 17:1-13



Ascension Greeting Христос Вознісся! На Небесах із Славою!

Christ is Ascended! Into Heaven with Glory!

Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council Propers and Readings

Tropar of the Resurrection Tone 6

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.

Troparion (Ascension) Tone 4

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,//

Troparion (Fathers) Tone 8

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!

Kontakion (Fathers) Tone 8

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.

Kondak (Ascension) Tone 6

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!"

Prokimen Tone 4

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)

Verse: For You are just in all that You have done for us! (v. 4)

The Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles 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

St John Chrysostom on Confession

"It is necessary to confess our sins to those to whom the dispensation of God's mysteries is entrusted. Those doing penance of old are found to have done it before the saints. It is written in the Gospel that they confessed their sins to John the Baptist [Matt. 3:6], but in Acts [19:18] they confessed to the apostles" (Rules Briefly Treated 288 [A.D. 374]).

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.

Alleluia and Verses Tone 1

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

The reading is from the Gospel according to St. 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 right in truth"

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.

The Communion Verses

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the highest. (Ps 148:1)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! (Ps 32/33:1)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for the good health of the following members of our parish and our loved ones and friends:

Fr. Gregory Becker, Fr. Andrew Gall, Fr. Paisius McGrath, Fr. John Nakonachny, Fr. Steve Repa, Pani-matka Mary Ann Nakonachny, Nora (a beautiful girl born prematurely) Dominick, David Spanja, Mary Goncy, Nancy Racz, Walter Duzzny, Kathy Duzzny, Nancy Tiedeman, Kay Malys, Deborah Harvey, Mary Lapushansky, Mary Ann Owens, Pauline Witkowsky, Dr. Dinah Fedyna, Marianne Carmack, Marty Woloschak, Ruth Graves, Alice Dobransky, Dorothy Mehalko, Eileen Maluk, Michael Maluk, Boris Vuksanovich, Joe Ewanish, Peter Anderson, Alexandra Prychodczenko and all victims suffering from the Corona Virus together with nurses, doctor and all who work for their recovery.

7th Sunday of Pascha May 31st, 2020 Divine Liturgy Live-streamed on our Facebook Page/YouTube at 9:30 AM https://youtu.be/sgX7aKSmla0

(You will be notified when restrictions lift, and we can gather in the Temple)

- May 31, 2020 Seventh Sunday of Pascha, Tone 6, of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council.
- June 6, 2020 Saturday Memorial Saturday
- June 7, 2020, Sunday Eighth Sunday of Pascha, Tone 7, Pentecost
- June 8, 2020, Monday First week after Pentecost, Day of the Holy Spirit. *Fast free week*.

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http://liveliturgy.com/orthodox/north-america/

UPCOMING PARISH AND OTHER EVENTS

Please contact Father Ivan to schedule Panikhidas, request Bulletin Dedications, or make Prosphora Offerings

MEETING NOTICES AND OTHER IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 2, 2020 Tuesday, 6:30PM Parish Board Meeting via Zoom

June 4th, 2020 deadline for submitting **graduate information for the Church Bulletin** that will be published on Sunday June 14.

According to the Parish Board decision, the contract with Lindsey Construction & Design has been signed to change Church roof, and the project is planned to start in June 2020.



Note from the Financial Office:

Our Financial Stewardship Latest 2020 Sunday Offerings to the Lord

> General Offering: \$808.00 Renovation Fund: \$100.00

Online donations on Tithe.ly: \$155.00

Renovation Fund donations to date: \$5,000.75

Our beautiful church has been thoroughly cleaned and sanitized. Please be assured that we are taking all reasonable precautions to protect parishioners and guests. Please

continue to follow the guidelines of our Hierarchs, the CDC, and our Public Health Officials to help stop the spread of the Covid-19.

All the services will be livestreamed from YouTube, the link will be available at our Facebook Page because of COVID-19 restrictions.

All members are directed to stay home. We are be praying for the safety of all members. **Visitation or Confession need to be scheduled**, in order to do so please call the rectory at 330 799 3830, so that it can be made possible for you to come safely. All the visit and Confession are to be scheduled individually ahead of time.

During this time, please send your weekly offering (envelopes) to the rectory to support our church. Do not forget to make an additional donation (second collection on Sunday) designated to the restoration of the church. You can also make a donation through our Webpage www.stspeterpauluoc.org. You can now also donate on line through Sts. Peter & Paul's Webpage. Just click on the following URL or paste in it your browser http://www.stspeterpauluoc.org/ and then, click on the "DONATE" Button. You can use either a credit or debit card or your bank account. The link is secure.'



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"[Regarding confession, some] flee from this work as being an exposure of themselves, or they put it off from day to day. I presume they are more mindful of modesty than of salvation, like those who contract a disease in the more shameful parts of the body and shun making themselves known to the physicians; and thus they perish along with their own bashfulness" (Repentance 10:1 [A.D. 203]).

UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE USA УРАЇНСЬКА ПРАВОСЛАВНА ЦЕРКВА США

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONSISTORY
BIJ ГОЛОВИ КОНСИСТОРІЇ



From the Office of the President of the Consistory: Parishes of the Church Begin the Process of Re-Opening

29 May, 2020

Beloved brethren in the Lord: CHRIST IS AMONG US!

I write today to share some measure of prayerful hope during this difficult time of pandemic and social distancing. In recent weeks, we have watched with relief as various State Governments gradually opened community services of select businesses and activities, with prudent precautions firmly in place to prevent a severe "second wave" of the coronavirus pandemic. In keeping with this gradual reopening of our society, it is necessary that we make similar arrangements within our Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA to allow once again for the communal celebration of Sacred Liturgical Services, which are the most "essential" activity known to our world.

In the <u>Pastoral Letter of the Council of Bishops of the UOC of the USA</u>, issued on 20 May, 2020, the blessing has been given to the clergy and parishes of the Church to initiate preparation steps towards reopening of our parish communities. Each parish

is MANDATED to submit to the Council of Bishops a detailed plan for reopening, and having held a ZOOM conference with the hierarchs, a blessing will be given for the opening of each parish individually. The liturgical services that you will attend in our parish communities in the weeks ahead will look and feel quite different from the services you remember from two months ago. It will be imperative for all of us – pastors, parish staff, volunteers, and all the faithful – to work together during these times. The pandemic is not over, and safety precautions must be followed in order to promote the continued health and safety of everyone in our community.

Through it all, we must remember that this virus does not discriminate between gatherings; a group gathered for sacred worship is not immune by the merits of its gathering. It is only through our careful observance of these precautions that we make it possible to resume public liturgical services.

When this pandemic began, both Metropolitan Antony and I have directed priests of our Church to suspend all public liturgical services as we assessed the situation and explored a safe way to bring Christ to the people, both through the Word of God and the Holy Masteries. This was an unfortunate but necessary decision in light of the severity of the pandemic and the number of unknowns associated with this new and deadly virus. Know that we have prayed during this time for you, the faithful of the Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, especially during our private and livestreamed services. I pray you have felt the loving comfort of Christ as you awaited the day you could return to celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist in our parish communities. And I rejoice with you and thank God today as we move toward the gradual reopening of our parish communities.

The following parishes of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA have completed, submitted for review and received a blessing of the Council of Bishops to resume liturgical services in the local parishes of the Church:

- St. Vladimir Parish, Ambridge, PA
- Four Evangelists Parish, Bel Air, MD
- Sts Peter and Paul Parish, Carnegie, PA
- St. Nicholas Parish, Charlottesville, VA
- Holy Trinity Parish, Cheektowaga, NY
- St. Nicholas Mission, Dover, DE

- Holy Protection Parish, Dover, FL
- St. John the Baptist Parish, Johnson City, NY
- St. Nicholas Pro-Cathedral, Lakewood, OH
- Sts Cyril and Methodius Mission, Madison, WI
- St. Vladimir Cathedral, Philadelphia, PA
- Protection of the Birth-Giver of God Parish, Rochester, NY
- Holy Resurrection Mission, Waynesville, NC
- Holy Trinity Mission, Whalleyville, MD
- Sts Peter and Paul Parish, Wilmington, DE

With prayers in Christ,

+Daniel,

By the Grace of God Archbishop and President of the Consistory

Updated: 05/30/2020

Holy Father, keep them in Thy name...

"Holy Father, keep them in Thy name which Thou has given Me, in order that they may be one, even as We." (Jh. 1:12)

The Lord is praying to the Father that they, the Apostles, be kept in the name of the Christ Who had become the link, the bridge between God the Father and His creation; in the name of the One that was Sent; in the name of the obedience to the Father; in the name of Love. Jesus Christ was obedient to His father until death, and death on



the Cross. That obedience made that name of Jesus the Christ greater than the havens, for everything bows before that 'Name' in heave and under the heaven.

He prays for the apostolic unity through the knowledge and acknowledgment of His equality to the Father. However, that unity cannot be achieved unless they are obedient to the Word of God the Father just as He was obedient to the Father until death. This is the true knowledge of God to obey His Divine Will until the end.

The First Ecumenical Council was gathered in Nicaea in 325 in order to stop the mouth of disobedience which was impersonated in Arius, the accursed, who tried to enter into the Body of Christ, the Church. Thus, the Holy Fathers gathered in Obedience and with one accord as with one mouth cast out from within the Body of Christ the disobedience.

The Lord prayed, "Holy Father make them to be one just as We." To be one in what? One in accord with one another to the fulfillment of the Gospel of Christ. One in the confession of faith, faith in One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, just as the Holy Fathers have established it.

On Lazarus Saturday we heard the Lord say; "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me." (Jh. 11: 41-42) In other words, God the father was obedient to the Son because the Son was always obedient to the Father. This is in truth the mutual love in respect to persons and true humility.

In our case is no different, for the Lord said to His disciples, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you." (Jh. 16: 23) That means that if we will be obedient to the Father, and fulfill His commandments then, He will also be obedient to our requests and bring them to fruition. This is the beautiful exchange of the Divine Will and the new commandment that we received that is "...Love one another as I loved you...", (Jh. 13:34) said the Lord.

Hence no one can be mistaken by being faithful to the 'Divine obedience' and when it is kept to the end it becomes eternal life.

O Holy Obedience, only through you we can call upon the Almighty One, Father.

With love in Christ, St. Sophia U.O.Church Bayonne, NJ

Fr. Myroslav (Mircea)





His Eminence Metropolitan Antony & His Eminence Archbishop Daniel will give a special commencement day presentation on-line.

June 14 3 pm EST

Please submit the following information on your 2020 graduates to His Eminence Archbishop Daniel at <u>Vladykadaniel@aol.com:</u>

- Graduate Name
- · Name of School Graduating from
- · For High School Graduates: Name of School Attending in the Fall
- · For College Graduates: Degree Awarded
- Photo of the graduate
- Name and City of Parish

Submit by June 7



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