

Sunday after the Ascension

(Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council)

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The Saints Whom We Remember

Venerable Theodore the Sanctified, disciple of Pachomios the Great;
Alexander, archbishop of Jerusalem; New-martyr Nicholas of Metsov;

Venerable Ephraim of Perekop, wonder-worker of Novgorod

This Week's Schedule

Today: 8:00a Orthros; 9:00a Church School; 10:00a Divine Liturgy
Monday: Church Office Closed
Wednesday: 9:15a Third Hour Prayer; 6:30p Daily Vespers
Thursday: 6:30p Eve. Div. Liturgy for Sts. Constantine and Helena
Saturday: 2:30p Baptism; 5:30p Great Vespers
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First Antiphon

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Second Antiphon

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who didst rise from us in glory to the heavens; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Third Antiphon

Hear this, all ye people; give ear, all ye inhabitants of the earth. My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding. I will incline mine ear to a parable; I will open my dark saying upon the harp.

Troparion of the Ascension (Tone 4): Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Thy Disciples

with the promise of the Holy Spirit, having become confident of the blessing. Verily, Thou art the Son of God, and Deliverer of the world.

Little Entrance

† *Entrance Hymn:* "Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia."

† *Troparion for the Resurrection (Tone 6):* When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb. And the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

† *Troparion for Ascension (Tone 4):* (see above)

† *Troparion for the Holy Fathers (Tone 8):* Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

† *Troparion for All Saints (Tone 4):* As with fine porphyry and royal purple Thy Church has been adorned with Thy martyr's blood shed throughout all the world. She cries to Thee, O Christ God, send down Thy bounties on Thy people, grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.

† *Kontakion for Ascension (Tone 6):* When Thou didst fulfill Thy dispensation for our sakes, uniting the terrestrials with the celestials, Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, inseparable in space, but constant without separation, and crying unto Thy beloved, I am with you, and no one shall be against you.

The Trisagion

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us . . .

Scripture

for today and next Sunday

Today: (See insert)

Next Sunday:

Epistle: Acts 2:1-11

Gospel: John 7:37-52; 8:12

Agalynarion

"It is truly meet . . ."

Communion Hymn

Tone 8

"Praise ye the Lord . . . Alleluia."

Parish Notes

Altar Servers Today

William Christopoulos, Christopher Wingenbach, Ilya Moundous, Gabriel Pope, Nicholas Kliwer.

Special Attention

- **Building Project Update—Placing of the central dome:** We are planning to place the central dome onto the new temple in the near future. Due to the expense of a Sunday placement, it now looks like this will happen on a weekday. When the day is chosen we will alert the parish so that we all can witness this important and exciting high point in our building project.
- **Ladies, Save These Dates:** We will have our annual summer Brunch and Bible Study sessions on these dates: June 12, July 10, August 14. We'll meet from 9-11:30 am on those dates. More details will be coming soon. *Kh. Barbara*
- **All Saints Sunday:** This year All Saints Sunday will fall on May 30th. We are planning a very special day: of course, we will enjoy our annual, feast day, North Carolina, barbeque and in addition our first open house for the new building. Adults in our parish will have the chance to walk through the education and temple areas and view the progress so far. Please put this date on your calendar and make this a priority to celebrate with us.
- **Calling All Graduates.** We need to know the names of all in our parish who are graduating from either high school or college so that we can honor them on All Saints Sunday, May 30. Please contact Khr. Barbara (772-9819 or bjsor@juno.com) if you know of one of our students who is graduating.

Today's Epistle and Gospel Readings

Prokeimenon:

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.

For Thou art just in all Thou hast done.

†**Epistle: Acts 20:16–18, 28–36 (RSV)**

In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

†**Gospel: John 17:1–13 (RSV)**

At that time, Jesus lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son that the Son may glorify Thee, since Thou hast given

Him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom Thou hast given Him. And this is eternal life, that they know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ Whom Thou hast sent. I glorified Thee on earth, having accomplished the work which Thou gavest Me to do; and now, Father, glorify Thou Me in Thy own presence with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was made. I have manifested Thy Name to the men whom Thou gavest Me out of the world; Thine they were, and Thou gavest them to Me, and they have kept Thy word. Now they know that everything that Thou hast given Me is from Thee; for I have given them the words which Thou gavest Me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from Thee; and they have believed that Thou didst send Me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom Thou hast given Me, for they are Thine; all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to Thee. Holy Father, keep them in Thy Name, which Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one. While I was with them, I kept them in Thy Name, which Thou have given Me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to Thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves."

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