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DIVINE SERVICES

Mon-Fri: Divine Liturgy, 7:30 AM

Saturday: Divine Liturgy, 9 AM
Great Vespers, 4:00 PM
Divine Liturgy (Bilingual), 5:00 PM

Sunday: Great Matins, 8 AM
Divine Liturgy (English), 9:30 AM
Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian), 11:00 AM

Sunday, May 21th, 2023

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL OF NICAEA 7TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA

The Holy Great Rulers Constantine (337) and Helen
(330), Equals-to-the-Apostles

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DIVINE LITURGY

First Antiphon

Clap your hands, all you nations;* shout to God
with the voice of joy.

*Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O
Saviour, save, us.*

For the Lord most high is awesome,* a great king
of all the earth.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God...

He has subdued peoples to us,* and nations under
our feet.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God...

God ascended amid shouts of joy;* the Lord at the
sound of the trumpet.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God...

Third Antiphon

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord,* let us acclaim God, our Saviour.

Son of God, who ascended in glory, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

Let us come before His face with praise,* and acclaim Him in psalms.

Son of God, who ascended in glory...

For God is the great Lord,* the great king over all the earth.

Son of God, who ascended in glory...

Entrance

Come, let us worship* and fall down before Christ.

Son of God, who ascended in glory, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

Troparia & Kontakia

Troparion, Tone 4: You ascended in glory, O Christ our God,* giving joy to Your disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit,* and assuring them through your blessing* that You are the Son of God,* the Redeemer of the world.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,* now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 8: The apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrine* confirmed the Church's one faith,* and wearing the garment of truth* woven from theology that descends from on high,* she rightly imparts* the mystery of godliness* and sings its glory.

Prokeimenon, Tone 4

Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name forever.

Verse: For You are righteous in everything that You have done to us.

Epistle (Acts 20:16-18, 28-36)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; he was eager to be in Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of **Pentecost**.¹ From Miletus he sent a message to Ephesus, asking the elders of the church to meet him. When they came to him, he said to them: "Keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you **overseers**², to shepherd the Church of God that He obtained with the Blood of His own Son. I know that after I have gone, savage wolves³ will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Some even from your own group will come distorting the truth in order to entice the disciples to follow them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years⁴ I did not cease night or day to warn everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the message of His grace, a message that is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or clothing. You know for yourselves that I worked with my own hands⁵ to support myself and my companions. In all this I have given you an

¹ **Pentecost:** A religious festival held in Jerusalem 50 days after Passover. Pilgrims came to dedicate the first loaves of bread made from the spring wheat harvest. Paul's desire to arrive in time for the feast may be linked with the collection of money he had taken up among the Gentiles for the poor saints in Jerusalem (Rom 15:25-28). Delivering this gift at the feast would have symbolized the initial harvest reaped among the nations by his gospel.

² **Overseers:** The Greek term here suggests that the Ephesian leaders are "bishops" appointed to succeed the apostles and "elders" (literally who shepherd the local Church only (20:17)). Because ecclesiastical titles were not yet standardized, some degree of fluidity is evidenced in their NT usage. **The Church of the Lord:** The better reading is: "the Church of God" with his own blood: This translation

asserts both the divinity (his = God) and humanity (blood) of Jesus. Others translate it: "with the blood of his Own." This changes the sense of the passage, saying that the Father (his = God) obtained the Church through the redeeming death (blood) of the Son (his Own).

³ **Savage wolves:** False teachers, who invariably attacked the Ephesian flock in later years.

⁴ **Three years:** The approximate duration of Paul's ministry in Ephesus.

⁵ **I worked with my own hands:** Paul often refused stipends from local Churches, preferring instead to support himself with income earned as a tentmaker. He wanted at all costs to make his gospel free of charge.

example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for He Himself said, 'It is more blessed⁶ to give than to receive.'" When he had finished speaking, he knelt down⁷ with them all and prayed.

Alleluia, Tone 1

Verse 1: Look upon me and have mercy. *Verse 2:* Direct my steps according to Your word.

Gospel (John 17:1-13)

At that time Jesus looked up to heaven and said,⁸ "Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son so that the Son may glorify You, since You have given Him authority over all people, to give **eternal life**⁹ to all whom 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 glorified You on earth by finishing the work that You gave Me to do. So now, Father, glorify Me in Your own presence with the glory that I had in Your presence before the world existed. I have made Your Name known to those whom You gave Me from the world. They were Yours, and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they know that everything You have given Me is from You; for the words that You gave to Me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world,

but on behalf of those whom You gave Me, because they are Yours. All Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine; and I have been glorified in them. "And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, protect them in Your Name that You have given Me, so that they may be one, as We are One. While I was with them, I protected them in Your name that You have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to You, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have My joy made complete in themselves.

Hymn to the Mother of God

Verse: O my soul, magnify the Lord who in glory ascended bodily into the heavens.

Irmos: O Mother of God,* you transcended both mind and word,* and in time, ineffably bore the Timeless One:* it is you who, with one accord,* we, the faithful, magnify.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest. (Psalm 148:1)* Rejoice in the Lord, O you just;* praise befits the righteous. (Psalm 32:1); Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth,* and their word unto the ends of the world (Psalm 18:5)* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

⁶ **It is more blessed:** This saying of Jesus is not recorded in the four Gospels but was passed down by the apostles in the form of oral tradition. The Gospels themselves give us only selections from this tradition, which was far too broad and detailed for anyone to make an exhaustive record of it in writing.

⁷ **knelt down:** A traditional prayer posture. Kneeling illustrates the proper relation between God and his servants, who express the submission of their hearts through the lowering of their bodies. Other prayer postures stemming from Jewish practice including raising the hands and standing.

⁸ The high priestly prayer of Jesus, who turns attention from his disciples (chaps. 13–16) to his heavenly Father (chap. 17). The prayer has three parts: Jesus offers up his approaching sacrifice to the Father (17:1–5), pleads for the

preservation of his disciples (17:6–19), and prays for the unity of the universal Church (17:20–26). This is the longest extended prayer recorded in the Gospels.

⁹ **eternal life:** To possess life is to know the living God in his triune glory. Although this knowledge has a cognitive and intellectual dimension, it also includes a relational bond of love, friendship, and communion with God that grows steadily until our union with him is complete in heaven (Eph 1:17; 1 Jn 4:7). ● Personal knowledge of God is a sign of the New Covenant, according to Jer 31:33–34. the only true God: The NT doctrine that God is a Trinity is built on the OT doctrine that Yahweh alone is God (Deut 6:4; 32:39). This ancient belief, held dear both in Israel and in the Church, stands in sharp contrast to the pagan notion that many gods exist and deserve our recognition (Ex 20:3–6; Is 43:10; 1 Cor 8:5–6).

Instead of "We have seen the true light" and "Let our mouths be filled" we sing: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, above all the earth be Your glory.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish

BULLETIN BY EMAIL – if you wish to receive a copy of the bulletin by email, please let us know by calling the parish office (780-422-3181) or send your email request to josaphat@telus.net

HAPPY BIRTHDAY & BEST WISHES – to Linda Bawol, Alexandra Shewchuk, Anna Krupa, and to all who celebrate their birthdays or anniversaries. May God bless you and grant you peace, health and happiness! Many happy years!

MANY HAPPY YEARS – to Fr. Terry Cherwick and Dobr. Lada Tesla Cherwick and to Taras and Lindsay Cherwick, who celebrate their Wedding Anniversary this week. May God bless you and grant you peace, health and happiness! Many happy years!

NO COFFEE SOCIAL TODAY. The UCWLC Pancake Breakfast will take place next Sunday, May 28th, after each Divine Liturgy. Sunday Coffee Socials will resume in September.

NO MORNING DIVINE LITURGY – tomorrow, Victoria Day, Monday May 22. We will resume Tuesday morning at 7:30 am.

OFFICE IS CLOSED – on Victoria Day, Monday, May 22. The office will be open Tuesday to Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

SUN. MAY 28: PENTECOST – The feast of Pentecost and the descent of the Holy Spirit will be celebrated next Sunday, May 28th. The day before the feast, May 27th, is an All-Souls Saturday. The Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am will be offered to the repose of all the faithful departed.

JUNE 4-9: NO MORNING LITURGY – Due to the Annual Clergy Retreat, Divine Liturgy will not be

celebrated on weekdays at the Cathedral from Monday, June 4 to Friday, June 9, 2023.

BIBLE STUDY –We will resume this Thursday, May 25, 4:00 PM.

TODAY, MAY 21 – CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CHOIR – We invite you to join us in singing with Ms. Denise Lucyshyn, our conductor, in our auditorium at 10:20 AM, followed by the singing of the Divine Liturgy at 11:00 AM. The next rehearsal will take place on Sunday, May 28th at 7:00 PM in the basement of the church. The next singing after that will be on June 11th for the 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy, rehearsal in the basement at 9:45 AM on that same day, and again singing on June 18th for the 10:00 AM bilingual Divine Liturgy.

MAY 25th: UCWLC MEETING – is scheduled for Thursday, MAY 25th, 2023, 7:00 PM. It will take place in the Cathedral basement. For further information, please contact Carol Batty at 780-476-5834.

SUN. MAY 28: U.C.W.L.C. ANNUAL LEAGUE DAY AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST. Please Join us to enjoy Pancakes, Sausages, coffee and juice after both Divine Liturgies at 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM. **COST** - \$8.00 for adults; \$5.00 for children 12 and under; free for children 5 years old and under. Door prizes. New and gently Used items for sale. Borscht for Sale. Ladies visit our league "information" display. Your support for our organization would be greatly appreciated.

PARISH HALL AND KITCHEN RESTORATION UPDATE – The restoration of the Parish Hall kitchen is almost complete. New tiles been installed, along with new kitchen cabinets, and a new floor. We are still waiting for the delivery and installation of two new stoves, two convection ovens, and a new dishwasher. The downpayment of \$35,000.00 has been paid to Nella West Food Equipment, and we will need to make the final payment of \$35,000.00 once the equipment has been installed. Two contractors have been hired by St. Michael's Health Group to begin the major work of

removing the old walk-in freezer and walk-in cooler and installing new ones, removing the old hall floor and installing a new one, and completing the required restoration work in the women's washroom. **If you haven't made a donation towards the restoration of our Parish Hall kitchen, please consider doing so. We need to collect \$35,000.00 dollars by the end of June 2023.**

SUN. JUNE 18: FATHERS' DAY PARISH PICNIC – will take place on Sunday, June 18th. One Divine Liturgy (Bilingual) will be celebrated at 10:00 AM, followed by the Parish Picnic on Cathedral grounds.

PYROHY AND HOLUBTSI AND OTHER ITEMS FOR SALE – frozen pyrohy (cheddar, cottage cheese, sauerkraut and onion), frozen cabbage rolls, frozen soups and other items are available for sale and pick-up through the parish office, Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Please call the parish office at (780) 422-3181.

DIRECT DEPOSIT – If you are interested in transferring your Sunday donations to a monthly direct deposit, please contact Ivone at the parish office, (780) 422-3181 or email at josaphat@telus.net.

Eparchy & Community

UFEST AT BORDEN PARK – FRIDAY, MAY 26 & SATURDAY, MAY 27 – UFest Edmonton Ukrainian Festival is a celebration of free entertainment from Ukrainian culture, food, music, visual arts, crafts and dance. This two-day event, which began in 2018, brings together people of Ukrainian heritage, as well as attracts audiences of many diverse cultures. **WHERE:** BORDEN PARK. **WHEN:** Friday May 26th @ 4:55PM - 11:00PM & Saturday May 27th @ 11:00AM - 11:00PM. Bring your own lawn chair or blanket to take in the entertainment. There will be the Main Stage Performances, a Food Fair, the Kozak Kid's Zone, the Beer Gardens, the Kava Kafe, the Guest Culture, the Vendors Village and Workshops and Demos. Guest Culture this year is Poland. **FREE ENTRANCE.** Visit their website for up-to-date information

and for the schedule: <https://www.ufest.ca>; <https://ufest.ca/schedule/>

CAMP OSELIA EPARCHIAL CHILDREN'S CAMP!!! – will take place from July 2-7 and July 9-14 for children 7-14 years old. This year's theme is "Kingdom Quest: The Seven Holy Mysteries." Each week is filled with Eastern Catholic catechesis and a variety of camp activities (swimming, archery, sports, canoeing, campfires, arts-and-crafts, etc.). Programing (including catechesis) will be offered in both English and Ukrainian. Campers may attend one or both weeks. See our promotional video at <https://youtu.be/CbjYmch8NnY>. To register, visit <https://camposelia.eeparchy.com/> or call 780-242-5496.

MISSION DAYS: ASCENSION TO PENTECOST AND THE VIBRANT PARISH PROGRAM – In 10 days we will be celebrating Pentecost! These 10 days are the perfect time to focus on our mission as the Church. All of the faithful are encouraged to use the "Mission Days Guidebook" provided to us through the Vibrant Parishes Program, to discover and understand anew that our parish communities and families are missionary in nature. Find these booklets by visiting our website (eeparchy.com/2022/05/20/vibrant-parish-program-books/). They can be downloaded and printed and prayed and reflected upon, in small groups, in parishes, as families or individually. May this time of reading, praying and reflecting inspire in all of us that missionary spirit that was instilled by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. *Bernadette Mandrusiak (Co-Director of Family & Life Ministries – Eparchy of Edmonton).*

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SUNDAY, MAY 14TH, 2023

SUNDAY COLLECTION	
Sunday Envelopes	\$3,372.00
Direct Deposit – Sunday	\$1,252.50
Tithe.ly	\$539.10
Loose Donations	\$62.75
Candles	\$108.10
TOTAL:	\$5,334.45

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Ascending in Holiness Through the Body of Christ: Homily for the Sunday of the After-Feast of the Ascension and the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

By Fr. Philip LeMasters

We are now in the season of the Ascension, when we celebrate our Lord's ascent into heaven forty days after His Resurrection. It is easy for us to pass over this feast without paying much attention because it comes between Pascha and Pentecost. The danger of doing so, however, is that if we do not attend to the importance of uniting ourselves to Christ as He ascends into heavenly glory, we will have a very impoverished understanding of how to share in the eternal life of our Savior even as we remain in the world as we know it.

Contrary to much popular opinion, the aim of Christianity is not simply to find a way for our souls to be in a better place after we die by escaping the limitations of our bodies. Forty days after His resurrection, Christ ascended into heaven as a whole, complete human being with a glorified body that still bore the wounds from His crucifixion. He remained fully human, even as He sat down at the right hand of the Father. The Savior's ministry did not end with His victory over death, but extends to making us participants by grace in the eternal life of the Holy Trinity. He raises us up not only from the tomb, but into heavenly glory in every dimension of our existence. His Ascension manifests the complete fulfillment of what it means to be a human being in God's image and likeness.

The good news of this season is that, even as we live and breathe in this world with all of its and our problems, we may participate already in the life of heaven. We may ascend with Christ into the holiness for which He created us in the first place. In praying to the Father, the Lord said, "And this is eternal life, that they know You the only true God, and Jesus Christ Whom you have sent." The Savior has healed every aspect of our corruption

and brought us into full, personal union with Himself, making us "partakers of the divine nature" by grace. He enables us truly to know God, not as an idea or concept, but through personal spiritual encounter. By ascending in glory as the God-Man, He calls us all to embrace the blessedness of the Kingdom.

The question that the Ascension presents to each of us is whether we will answer that call by rising up with Him into the life of heaven even as our feet remain firmly planted on the ground. If we do not do so, we simply cannot celebrate this feast with integrity. We celebrate feasts of the Lord by participating more fully in the particular dimension of the life of Christ that the feast manifests. In this light, the Ascension is neither only a past memory nor a future hope, but an epiphany of what it means to unite ourselves to the Savior. If we do not recognize the extraordinary calling presented to us by this feast, we will miss the point entirely.

At the very heart of what it means to ascend with Christ in holiness is our participation in the life of His Body, the Church. Next Sunday is the feast of Pentecost, when we commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit on our Lord's followers, which transformed them into the Church. The Lord prayed to the Father that His followers "may be one even as We are one." As hard as it may be to believe, our unity in faith, worship, and spiritual discipline manifests the unity of the Persons of the Holy Trinity. Our life together in the Church is our life in God, our unity with the Lord and one another in the new life of the Kingdom. He is the vine and we are the branches, organically sharing a common life with Him and one another.

As our epistle reading makes clear, we must never take this unity for granted. We must always be on guard against anything that would weaken the common life of the members of Christ's Body. St. Paul warned of those who would attack the Church like "fierce wolves" to divide the flock. Paul lived a very difficult life, struggling for many years to build up and maintain the unity of the Church despite persecution, opposition from false teachers, and disagreement at times even with other apostles. He supported himself through his own

labor, even as he was consumed with the challenges of ministry. Through his many struggles, Paul showed “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.’” With all of his other cares, this saint did not neglect to share with the poor and needy.

St. Paul’s work was not easy, but his example shows us that a life of difficult challenges is no barrier to ascending with Christ into holiness. Indeed, it was through his awareness of His own weakness and inadequacy before the problems that he faced that Paul knew the Lord’s strength and peace. That is how he offered his life, literally to the point of martyrdom, for the well-being of the Church and became a great saint. Remember that our Lord ascended in glory still bearing the wounds of crucifixion in His glorified body. No matter how painful our wounds may be in any area of life, they do not preclude us from sharing in the holiness of the Savior. They do not keep us from knowing God. If anything, they should make us even more aware of our dependence on His mercy, of our weakness and need for His grace. We will never ascend with Christ into heavenly glory purely on the basis of what we have earned by our own power or virtue. The more that we know our brokenness and weakness, the more we will have the humility to expose even our deepest wounds to Him for healing that we cannot give ourselves. In order to ascend with Him in holiness, we must recognize our own inability to rise up by ourselves from the weakness and corruption that remain so powerful in our lives.

Today we also commemorate the 318 Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea, at which the Church taught that the Son is truly divine, begotten of the Father eternally, and of the same nature or essence as Him. This proclamation was necessary because the heretic Arius had denied the full divinity of Christ, and thus threatened to make it impossible to proclaim how the Lord could make us participants in eternal life by grace. For only One Who is truly God may conquer death and enable us to ascend with Him into the divine

glory. If Christ were not truly the God-Man, He would not be able to share the divine life with us. The rejection of Arius’ teaching by the Fathers of Nicaea is absolutely crucial for giving an account of how we may ascend with Christ, of how we may be united with Him and one another in His Body, the Church for our salvation.

In every celebration of the Divine Liturgy, we ascend mystically into the eternal worship of the heavenly kingdom. Our small offerings of bread and wine are fulfilled by the power of the Holy Spirit as the Body and Blood of Christ; we commune with Him as members of His own Body, even as His Bride. We become not only “one flesh” with the Savior, but also with one another. We grow in union with the Lord as we grow in union with our fellow members of His Body. Like St. Paul, we must offer ourselves to Christ for the strengthening of the Church. Despite our sufferings and imperfections, that is how we will unite ourselves to Him and one another in holiness; that is how we will receive healing and fulfillment beyond what we can give ourselves. There is no other way to manifest the life of heaven in the midst of our world of division and corruption. There is no other way to celebrate the Ascension than to embrace our calling to be one even as are the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit, One God, to Whom be glory, laud, and honor, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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PROLIFE REFLECTIONS

“Preach the message; be persistent in doing so, whether in season or out of season; convince, reprove, and encourage, but with great patience and instruction” – 2 Timothy 4:2

Reflection: Do you want to hear your parish priest talk more about abortion and the pro-life movement? The first place to start is to listen to your priest and learn how he thinks. What is he

most interested in and passionate about? Then, when you find out, link that issue with the abortion issue.

Prayer: Lord, bless our priests and all who preach and teach Your Word. Free their hearts and open their lips, that they may speak up for the defenseless. Amen.

<https://www.priestsforlife.org/pro-life-reflections/>

СЛУЖБА БОЖА

Перший Антифон

Всі народи заплещіте руками,* воскликніть Богові голосом радості.

Молитвами Богородиці, Спасе, спаси нас.
Бог Господь Всевишній,* Цар великий по всій землі.

Молитвами Богородиці, Спасе, спаси нас.
Він покоровив людей нам,* і народи під ноги наші.

Молитвами Богородиці, Спасе, спаси нас.
Зійшов Бог під оклики веселі,* Господь під голос сурми.

Молитвами Богородиці, Спасе, спаси нас.
Слава Отцю ... Єдинородний Сину ...

Вхідний Антифон

Прийдіте, радісно заспіваймо Господеві, воскликнім Богу, Спасителеві нашому.

Спаси нас, Сину Божий, що вознісся у славі, співаємо Тобі: Алілуя!*

Прийдім з похвалами перед обличчя Його, і псальмами воскликнім Йому.

Спаси нас, Сину Божий, що вознісся...*

Бо Бог великий Господь,* і Цар великий по всій землі.

Спаси нас, Сину Божий, що вознісся...*

Вхідне

Прийдіте, поклонімся і прадім до Христа.

Спаси нас, Сину Божий, що вознісся у славі, співаємо Тобі: Алілуя!*

Тропарі і кондаки

Тропар, глас 4: Вознісся Ти в славі, Христе Боже наш,* учинивши учням радість обітуванням Святого Духа,* і скріпив їх Твоїм благословенням,* бо Ти Син Божий, Визволитель світу.

Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові, і нині, і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінь.

Кондак Отців, глас 8: Апостолів проповідування і отців догмати* єдину віру утвердили Церкві,* яка і, ризу істини з богословія вишнього носячи,* право править і славить* благочестя велике таїнство.

Прокімен, Глас 4

Благословен єси, Господи Боже Отців наших,* і хвальне і прославлене ім'я Твоє на віки.

Стих: Бо праведний єси в усьому, що створив Ти нам.

Читання Апостола (Діяння 20:16-18, 28-36)

Діянь Святих Апостолів Читання.

Тими днями Павло вирішив плисти попри Ефес, щоб по змозі, на день П'ятдесятниці бути в Єрусалимі. З Мілету він послав у Ефес і прикликав пресвітерів Церкви. Коли ж вони прийшли до нього, він до них промовив: «Зважайте на самих себе й на все стадо, над яким Дух Святий поставив вас єпископами, щоб пасли Церкву Божу, що її Він придбав кров'ю власною. Я знаю, що по моїм відході ввійдуть поміж вас самих вовки хижі, які не щадитимуть стада. Та й з-поміж вас самих повстануть люди, що говоритимуть погубні речі, щоб потягнути за собою учнів. Тому чувайте, пригадуйте собі, що я три роки, ніч і день, не переставав кожного з вас із сльозами наводити на розум. А тепер передаю вас Богові і слову його благодаті, що може збудувати й дати вам спадщину між усіма освяченими. Ні срібла, ні золота, ані одежі я не вимагав ні від кого. Ви самі знаєте, що моїм потребам і тих, які зо мною, служили оці руки. У всьому я показав вам, що, так працюючи, треба допомагати слабосильним

і пам'ятати слова Господа Ісуса, що сам сказав: 'Більше щастя давати, ніж брати.'» Промовивши це, він упав на коліна і з усіма ними почав молитися.

Стихи Алілуя

1. Бог богів Господь промовив, і призвав землю від сходу сонця до заходу. 2. Зведуть Йому преподобних Його, що заповідають завіт Його в жертвах.

Євангеліє (Від Івана 17:1-13)

В той час Ісус, підвівши очі до неба, сказав: «Отче, прийшла година. Прослав Свого Сина, щоб Син Твій Тебе прославив, згідно з владою, яку Ти дав Йому над усяким тілом: дати життя вічне тим, яких Ти дав Йому. Це вічне життя, щоб пізнати Тебе, єдиного істинного Бога, та Ісуса Христа, якого Ти послав. Я прославив Тебе на землі: виконав діло, яке Ти дав Мені виконати. Тепер, отже, прослав Мене, Отче, у Себе, тією славою, яку Я мав у Тебе, перше ніж постав світ. Я об'явив Твоє ім'я людям, яких Ти дав Мені зо світу. Вони були Твої, і Ти дав їх Мені, і вони зберегли Твоє слово. Тепер вони зрозуміли, що все, що Ти дав Мені, від Тебе походить; слова бо, що Ти дав Мені, Я дав їм, і вони прийняли і справді зрозуміли, що Я від Тебе вийшов, і увірували, що Ти Мене послав. Я молюся за них, не за світ молюся, а за тих, яких Ти дав Мені, бо вони Твої. І все Моє - Твоє, а Твоє - Моє, і Я прославився в них. Я більше не у світі, але вони у світі, і йду до Тебе. Отче святий, ради імени Твого бережи їх, тих, яких Ти дав мені, щоб вони були одно, як і Ми. Коли Я був з ними у світі, Я беріг їх у Твоє ім'я; Я стеріг тих, яких Ти дав Мені, і ніхто з них не погіб, крім сина погібелі, щоб збулося Писання. Тепер же йду до Тебе і говорю це у світі, щоб вони мали у собі радість Мою повну.»

Вознесіння, Ірмос

Замість «Достойно»

Величай, душе моя, Господа, * що з плоттю во славі вознісся на небеса. * Тебе вище ума і слова Матір Божу, * що в часі безлітнього

несказанно родила, * вірні однодумно величаємо.

Причасні Стихи

Хваліте Господа з небес, * хваліте Його на висотах. * Радуйтеся, праведні, в Господі, * правим належить похвала. * Алілуя. (3)

Замість «Ми виділи світло» і «Нехай сповняться» Вознесися на небеса, Боже, і по всій землі нехай буде слава Твоя.

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ОГОЛОШЕННЯ

МНОГАЯ ЛІТА! – 3 днем народження, складаємо найщиріші побажання *Линді Бавел, Олександрі Шевчук, Анні Крупа*, та всім що святкують свої уродини. Нехай Господь Бог благословить на многі і благі літа!

З ЮВІЛЕЄМ І НАШІ НАЙКРАЦІ ПОБАЖАННЯ о. Тарасові та добр. Ладі Черевик. Нехай Господь Бог благословить на многі і благі літа!

28 ТРАВНЯ: ДЕНЬ ЛУКЖК – відбудеться в слідуочу неділю, 28-го травня. СПІЛЬНЕ СНІДАННЯ для всіх – після кожної Служби Божої.

МАТЕРІ В МОЛИТВІ – 4-го червня після Служби Божої об 11:00 ранку.

НЕДІЛЬНА КАТЕХИТИЧНА ШКОЛА (УКР) - Наука для дітей відбудеться в неділю, 4-го червня - Неділя всіх святих.

ПОНЕДІЛОК, 22 ТРАВНЯ – Ранньої Служби Божої не буде. Канцелярія закрита.

ДИТЯЧО-МОЛОДІЖНИЙ ХОР - Запрошуємо вас співати разом з пані Деніз Луцишин, нашим диригентом, у нашій аудиторії о 10:20 ранку, після чого буде співати Божественна Літургія об 11:00 ранку. Наступні співи будуть 14 та 22 травня, а наступна репетиція відбудеться у неділю 28 травня 2023 року о 19:00 у підвалі храму.

МОЛЕБЕНЬ ДО МАТЕРІ БОЖОЇ – що п'ятниці протягом місяця травня, о год. 6:30 веч.

НЕДІЛЯ СВЯТИХ ОТЦІВ ПЕРШОГО ВСЕЛЕНСЬКОГО СОБОРУ В НІКЕЇ

Цієї неділі ми вшановуємо пам'ять Святих Отців Першого Вселенського Собору, який відбувся в Нікеї в 325 році. На перший погляд вона не має нічого спільного із цими святами. Вознесіння і Зіслання Святого Духа тісно пов'язані між собою часом та значенням. Прихід Святого Духа став завершенням вознесіння Христа на небо та сповненням обітниць, даної Ним апостолам – послати Утішителя – допомогу для них.

Перший Вселенський Собор у Нікеї віддалений від цих подій на 300 років та не має прямого зв'язку з апостолами. Та слова Євангелія цієї неділі своїм змістом відкривають нам її значення, показують як духовний місток між вознесінням Христа та Зісланням Святого Духа.

Отці Першого Вселенського Собору зібрались, щоб пояснити стосунки Ісуса Христа з Богом Отцем. Цей Собор було скликано проти лжевчення олександрійського священика Арія, який відкидав Божество і предвічне народження другого Лиця Св. Тройці, Сина Божого, від Бога Отця, і вчив, що Син Божий є тільки вище творіння. Цю ересь засудили єпископи, які були присутні на цьому першому Вселенському Соборі.

Широко визнано, що кількість присутніх єпископів становила 318 ієрархії, серед них більшість були зі Сходу. У Соборі брали активну участь патріарх Олександрійський Олександр і Антіохійський Євстафій. Були присутні також папські легати. Святи отці цього першого Вселенського собору походили з усіх регіонів Римської імперії та з християнських спільнот у межах Сасанідської імперії. Учасники приїхали з Олександрії, Антіохії, Єрусалиму, Сирії, Палестини, Фінікії, Аравії, Ассирії, Месопотамії, Кесарії, Сардики, Фесосалії, Карфагена, Індії, Вірменії, Грузії, Калабрії, Дунаю, Галлії (Франція) та інших.

У відповідь на хибне вчення Арія, що Ісус був «створений», Собор стверджував, що Ісус Христос *«був народжений, а не створений»*. У

відповідь на хибне вчення Арія, що Ісус був створений з нічого або з чогось іншого, Святи Отці Собору заявили, що Ісус Христос був народжений *«з тієї самої субстанції або сутності Отця»*. Рішення засудити ересь, яку сповідував Арій, і скинути Арія було майже однотайним. Цю постанову прийняли всі єпископи, крім двох. Справді, питання арианства було їх першочерговою проблемою. Крім того, Святи Отці Собору також займалися встановленням дати святкування Пасхи (Великоддя) та оприлюдненням канонів (церковних законів чи постанов) щодо стандартів рукоположення священнослужителів, а також роль дяконів у літургійному житті Церкви.

Святи Отці Першого Вселенського Собору в Нікеї оберігали святу віру від помилок, ересі арианства і прагнули чітко й адекватно сформулювати стосунки між Ісусом, Сином Божим, і Богом Отцем. Вони підтвердили вірну і повну божественність Христа. Вони стверджували свою віру *«в єдиного Господа Ісуса Христа, Сина Божого, народженого від Отця (Єдинородного; тобто від сутності Отця, Бога Божого), Світло від Світла, істинного Бога від істинного Бога, народжений, не створений, одноістотного з Отцем...»*

Це кредо або віровчення Нікеї разом із вченням та проголошеннями Константинопольського Собору 381 року допомогло б сформулювати «Нікейсько-Константинопольський символ віри», який східні католики та православні сповідують на кожній Божественній Літургії. Шануймо непохитність Віри Святих Отців Вселенських Соборів.

Приклад Отців 1-го Вселенського Собору показує нам, що апостоли були духовним містком віри між Ісусом Христом та Отцями Церкви. Так само і святи Отці стали таким містком віри в єдиного правдивого Бога між апостолами та наступними поколіннями християн.

Подібно і ми повинні бути таким духовним містком віри й образу Бога між нашими попередниками та наступними поколіннями.

Для цього маємо самі глибше пізнавати Бога через Ісуса Христа з допомогою ширшої молитви, Святого Письма та Святих Тайн. Тобто створювати щораз тісніший зв'язок любові з нашим Богом, ставати учасниками спільноти Отця, Сина і Святого Духа. Так зможемо словом і ділом наповнити світ правдивим образом та присутністю Бога. Тоді Христос буде постійно берегти, освячувати та провадити нас у земному житті, як знак своєї присутності у світі, та вчинить нас учасниками своєї спільноти в небі. *Амінь. о. Юрій Ворощак*
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THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

SUN. May 21: SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS

4:00 PM (SAT) – Great Vespers.

5:00 PM (SAT) – **Divine Liturgy (for Sunday)**; for the needs of all parishioners; for the health and intentions of Nick Danilak; for intentions of Georgina Hecker.

8:00 AM – Great Matins.

9:30 AM – **Divine Liturgy (Eng)**; for the needs and intentions of all parishioners; for the repose of +George Korpany; for the intentions of Georgina Hecker.

11:00 AM – **Divine Liturgy; (Ukr)** for the needs and intentions of all parishioners; repose of +Wasył Hanas with Panakhyda.

Monday, May 22: Martyr Basiliscus (Office closed)

NO MORNING DIVINE LITURGY.

Tuesday, May 23: Confessor Michael; Ven. Euphrosyna

7:00 AM – Rosary Prayer (Joyful Mysteries)

7:30 AM – **Divine Liturgy**; for All Married Couples, for their relationship and family, that the Lord may grant them blessings of guidance, strength, courage and renewal, and that they may live according to their Baptismal and Marriage Vows; for intentions of Georgina Hecker.

Wednesday, May 24: Ven. Simeon of the "Mountain of Wonders"

7:00 AM – Devotion to the Face of Christ.

7:30 AM – Divine Liturgy; for repose of +Steve Zawalak.

Thursday, May 25: Third Finding of the Head of John the Baptist

7:00 AM – Rosary Prayer (Luminous Mysteries)

7:30 AM – Divine Liturgy; for the repose of +Don Hucal.

Friday, May 26: Apostle Carpus

7:30 AM – Divine Liturgy; for the repose of +Bill, +Ann, and +Sophie Palichuk.

6:30 PM – Moleben to Mary

Saturday, May 27: All-Souls Saturday

8:30 AM – Rosary Prayer (Glorious Mysteries)

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy; for the repose of all souls; for the repose of +Steve Michyluk.

11:00 AM – Wedding.

3:30 PM – Great Vespers and Lytia.


5:00 PM – Divine Liturgy (for Sunday); for the needs and intentions of all parishioners; for the repose of +Margaret Ann Barlow with Panakhyda (40-Day).

SUN. May 28: PENTECOST SUNDAY

8:00 AM – Great Matins.

9:30 AM – **Divine Liturgy (Eng)**; for the needs and intentions of all parishioners; for the health and intentions of Nick Danilak; for all members of the St. Josaphat UCWLC.

11:00 AM – **Divine Liturgy; (Ukr)** for the needs and intentions of all parishioners; for the repose of +Bronyslaw Vyshnevsky; for the repose of +Steve Zawalak.



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