

COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

Persecution of Christians ceased during the 4th century, but heresies arose within the Church itself. One of these was Arianism. Arius, a priest of Alexandria with immense pride and ambition, falsely taught that the Savior is not consubstantial with the Father, but is only a created being, denying the divine nature of Jesus Christ.

A local Council condemned Arius' teachings, but he would not submit to their authority. He wrote to many bishops, denouncing the decrees of the Council and receiving support of his false teachings from some.

Holy Emperor Constantine convened an Ecumenical Council in 325 to fight the heresy. 318 bishops from various lands gathered at Nicea, among them many confessors who had suffered during the persecutions and who bore the marks of torture upon their bodies.

Arius, with 17 bishops supporting him, remained arrogant; but his teaching was repudiated, and he was excommunicated from the Church. The Fathers of the Council would not accept a Symbol of Faith (Creed) proposed by the Arians. Instead, they affirmed the Orthodox Symbol of Faith. St. Constantine asked the Council to insert into the text the word "consubstantial," which he had heard in the speeches of the Holy Fathers; the Fathers unanimously accepted this suggestion.

In the Nicene Creed, the Holy Fathers set forth and confirmed the Apostolic teachings about Christ's divine nature. The heresy of Arius was exposed and repudiated as an error of haughty reason. After resolving this chief dogmatic question, the Council also issued Twelve Canons on questions of churchly administration and discipline. Also decided was the date for the celebration of Holy Pascha. By decision of the Council, Holy Pascha should not be celebrated by Christians on the same day with the Jewish Passover, but on the first Sunday after the first full moon of the vernal equinox (which occurred on March 22 in 325).



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(During the Months of September thru May)

Vespers - Every Saturday - 5:00 P.M.
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MAY 28, 2017

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA

Holy Fathers of the First Œcumenical Council

Afterfeast of the Ascension

St. Nicetas, Bishop of Chalcedon; St. Ignatii, Bishop and Wonderworker of Rostov;

St. Eutychius, Bishop of Melitene; Martyr Heliconis of Thessalonica;

Hieromartyr Helladius, Bishop in the East; St. Germaine, Bishop of Paris;

Ven. Nun Elena of Divýevo

“Today, as we honor the memory of those divinely-inspired fathers, with their encouragement, we entreat You, O all merciful Lord: Keep us from being led astray by those who delight in error and falsehood, and deem us worthy of praising Father, Word, and Spirit.”

Exapostilarion, Tone I

“O Nicetas, holy hierarch, your flock has recognized you by the brilliance of your works. You are a model of kindness and rule of faith, a teacher of self-control. Your lowliness has raised you to the heights of fame, and your poverty has filled your hands with riches. Beg Christ, our God, to save our souls.”

Troparion, Tone IV

TODAY'S EPISTLE: ACTS 20:16-18,28-36

TODAY'S GOSPEL: JOHN 17:1-13

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Saturday, June 3

5:00 p.m. Vigil of Pentecost

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, May 29

Acts 21:8-14

John 14:27-15:7

Tuesday, May 30

Acts 21:26-32

John 16:2-13

Wednesday, May 31

Acts 23:1-11

John 16:15-23

Thursday, June 1

Acts 25:13-19

John 16:23-33

Friday, June 2

Acts 27:1-44

John 17:18-26

Saturday, June 3

Acts 28:1-31

John 21:15-25

(Departed)

I Thessalonians 4:13-17

John 5:24-30

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY

COMING EVENTS

MAY:

- 29, Monday 8:30 a.m. Memorial Day Grave Blessings at St. Theodosius Cemetery
- 30, Tuesday Cooking for St. Herman’s House
- 31, Wednesday Serving dinner at St. Herman’s House

JUNE:

- 4, Sunday HTOC Pentecost Celebration
- 5, Monday 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle
- 6, Tuesday 6:00 p.m. Program—Soul Injury: Liberating Unmourned Loss and Unforgiven Guilt
- 9, Friday 6:00 p.m. IOCC 25th Anniversary Banquet
- 23, Friday FOCUS Golf Outing at Hinckley Hills Golf Course

MEMORIAL DAY GRAVE BLESSINGS:

Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall. Father will begin blessing graves at 8:30 a.m.

PENTECOST CELEBRATION:

On Pentecost, June 4, being the Patronal Feast of our Parish, we will have a special Coffee Hour following the services. Matushka Carol and Barbara Filipow are coordinating. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Your participation is welcome!

BOOK CIRCLE:

The St. Elizabeth Book Circle will meet Monday, June 5, at 12:30 p.m. Read pages 28-55 in The Joy of the Holy (St. Seraphim). We will also discuss the conversation with Motovilov, Appendix A.

FOCUS GOLF OUTING:

Please support for the June 23 Golf Outing at Hinckley Hills to benefit St. Herman’s House; golfers or sponsorships or program ads are needed. Please read the flyer in the Fellowship Hall for details.

TRINITARIAN COVERS AND FLOWERS:

The covers and flowers today are offered by the Bellack Family in memory of Bernice Roark.

SOUL INJURY:

See the flier re. this free program with a panel of experienced speakers to help those suffering after a trauma or loss; June 6, 6:00, at Yurch Funeral Home.

IOCC 25TH ANNIVERSARY:

The International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) is celebrating their 25th Anniversary this year. The Cleveland Committee of the IOCC is marking that occasion with a special 25th Anniversary Banquet on Friday, June 9, at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Independence. Our parish and parishioners have been loyal supporters of the great work that IOCC has done, and we look forward to our participation in the historical anniversary celebration. Information is in the Fellowship Hall, and tickets can be purchased from Paula Svilar or Diane Hastings.

SPECIAL COLLECTION:

In conjunction with the IOCC’s 25th Anniversary, we will be holding a special collection to benefit the organization. A collection basket has been placed at the back of the church. Please mark your donation for IOCC; if donating by check, write checks to Holy Trinity Orthodox Church.

SUMMER CAMP:

Camp season is around the corner! Our youngsters are fortunate to have a great Orthodox Camp in the area, which provides both an entertaining and inspiring experience. For information go to the website: stvladimirscampohio.com.

FLOWER DONOR SIGN UP:

Sign up in the Fellowship Hall to donate flowers; cost is \$10 and can be given to Mary Ann Schmidt.

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, MAY 21	\$ 3225.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	425.00
BUILDING FUND	40.00
MORTGAGE FUND	55.00
CANDLES	74.00
IOCC	45.00

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TREASURES FROM THE PENTECOSTARION - V

FROM THE VIGIL OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

While Angels gazed with wonder on Your strange Ascension, and while the disciples were awestruck as You were taken from earth to heaven, O Savior, as God You did ascend in glory while the gates were lifted up for Your sake; and thus the Hosts of the Heavens cried, while marveling in amazement: Glory to Your descent, O Savior Christ. Glory be to Your Kingdom. Glory be to Your Ascension, O You who are the Friend of man.

God the eternal, Who was before all things, taking man's nature on Himself, both mystically has deified it and ascended with it to Heaven. Angels ran before and showed the Apostles their Sovereign Lord as He made His way on high to the Heavens in majesty. And worshipping, they joyously cried to Him, saying: Glory to God at His Ascension.

Coming down out from Heaven to earthly things below, O Christ, as God, with Yourself, You did resurrect Adam's form, which lay below in the keep of Hades' prison-house; in Your Ascension to the heights You did lead it up unto the Heavens and You did seat it upon the throne of Your Father, since You, the Friend of man, are merciful.

Today the hosts on high, beholding our nature in the Heavens, marvel at the strange manner of its ascent and, being perplexed, they say one to another: Who is this that comes? And when they saw that it was their own Master, they were commanded to lift up the heavenly gates. With them we ceaselessly praise You, Who again shall come from thence in the flesh, to be the Judge of all as Lord and Almighty God.

O Lord, by Your Passion and Your Resurrection, You did renew and revive the world which had become old through indifference and weak in long and habitual commission of sin; and riding on a cloud You did ascend up to the things in Heaven, taking up human flesh endowed with spiritual light. For this we praise and honor You with proclamation: Glory to Your glory, O Lord.

Come mortals, abandoning the things of the earth upon the earth, and giving up to the clay that which is but ashes, let us come to our senses and raise our eyes and thoughts on high; let us raise our gaze together with our senses up unto the heavenly gates. Let us consider ourselves present at the Mount of Olives and gaze intently at the Redeemer riding upon a cloud; for it is from there that the Lord has gone up into the Heavens; it is there that He, Who loves to give, has distributed gifts to His Apostles, calling to them as a Father, and strengthening them; He has guided them like sons, and has said to them: I am not separated from you; I am with you always and no one can be against you.

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JUNE 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 5:00 p.m. Vigil of Pentecost
4 8th Sunday of Pascha HOLY PENTECOST HTOC Parish Celebration	5 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle	6	7	8	9 6:00 p.m. IOCC 25th Anniversary Banquet	10 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions
11 1st Sunday after Pentecost All Saints	12 Beginning of the Apostles' Fast 7:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting	13	14	15	16	17 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
18 2nd Sunday after Pentecost All Saints of America All Saints of Russia Father's Day	19	20	21	22	23 FOCUS Golf Outing to benefit St. Herman's House 6:00 Vespers	24 Birth of St. John the Baptist 9:00 Divine Liturgy 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions
25 3rd Sunday after Pentecost All Saints of Britain and Ireland	26	27	28 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers	29 Sts. Peter and Paul 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy	30	