

## SAINT NICETAS, BISHOP OF CHALCEDON

Saint Nicetas lived during the second half of the eighth century. For his God-pleasing life, he was consecrated as Bishop of Chalcedon.

Saint Nicetas distinguished himself by his charity - he always helped the poor, he lodged travelers in his home, he cared for orphans and widows, and he interceded for those who had been wronged.

During the reign of the iconoclast Leo the Armenian (813-820), St. Nicetas bravely denounced the Iconoclast heresy and urged his flock to venerate the holy icons of Christ, the Theotokos, and the saints. St. Nicetas endured much suffering from the impious emperor and his like-minded cohorts. He was subjected to tortures and sent off to exile.

The holy confessor Nicetas died at the beginning of the ninth century. From his relics occurred many miracles of healing. The Canon of the service, written by the priest Joseph of Constantinople, also includes St. Nicetas' brother, St. Ignatius, among the saints.

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## **SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PASCHA**

*Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council*

*Afterfeast of the Ascension*

*St. Nicetas, Bishop of Chalcedon; St. Eutychius, Bishop of Melitene;*

*Martyr Heliconis of Thessalonica; St. Germain, Bishop of Paris;*

*Hieromartyr Helladius, Bishop in the East; St. Ignatii, Bishop and Wonderworker of Rostov;*

*Ven. Nun Elena of Divéyev*

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 Orthodoxy!

Kontakion, Tone VIII

You shone with the splendor of your deeds, venerable Nicetas. You became an heir to the throne of the apostles. Completely filled, O Father, with the teachings of God, you shone like the sun upon your flock. Therefore we cry out to you, "Rejoice, beauty of Chalcedon."

Kontakion, Tone VIII

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

TODAY'S GOSPEL: JOHN 17:1-13

### **HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:**

Monday, May 29

8:00 a.m. Memorial Day Blessing of Graves at St. Theodosius Cemetery

Saturday, June 3

5:00 p.m. Vigil of Pentecost

### **WELCOME GUESTS!**

We are very glad you have come to worship the Holy Trinity with us this morning! Please participate in the services at your comfort level. Our greeters will kindly assist you with whatever questions or needs you may have. The communion of Christ's Body and Blood is reserved for practicing Orthodox Christians. All are invited to come forward at the end of the service to receive the blessed bread. Please stay after the Divine Liturgy for coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall so we can get to know you better!

### **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

**COMING EVENTS**

**MAY:**

28, TODAY	Church School Recognition Day
29, Monday	8:00 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	Pentecost Potluck Brunch
10, Saturday	9:00 a.m. HTOC "Work Day"
11, Sunday	Second Sunday Food Sale
	Parish Council meeting
26, Monday	10:00 a.m. 10th Annual Golf Classic and Auction, supporting St. Herman's House

**GRAVE BLESSINGS:**

Father Christopher will bless graves at St. Theodosius Cemetery on Memorial Day. The Panikhida will begin at 10:00 a.m. There are sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall and in the vestibule.

**A NOTE FROM PARISH COUNCIL:**

The Parish Council continues to meet monthly for the administration of the parish and to foster our community's spiritual and material welfare. Approved minutes from the Council meetings are available in the church office for parish members to review upon request. Please see Fr. Christopher or council president MaryAnn Bobulsky for assistance.

**PENTECOST:**

To celebrate our parish Feast Day, we will have a Potluck Brunch on June 4, following the service. A sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall.

**SUMER CAMP:**

St. Vladimir's Orthodox Summer Camp in Farmdale, OH, offers several sessions: July 2-8, for ages 8-12; July 9-15, for ages 10-17; and July 16-22 for ages 13-17. Photos and registration information can be found at: [www.stvladimirscampohio.com](http://www.stvladimirscampohio.com)

**RUMMAGE SALE:**

Please start saving items for our Rummage Sale, as well as plastic bags and newspaper. The date for bringing rummage to the Hall will be announced soon.

**TRINITARIAN COVERS:**

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

**PARISH DEVELOPMENT FORUM:**

Holy Trinity will host the 10th Parish Development Forum from July 13-15th. The Forum will bring together Orthodox Christians from a broad area who are interested in sharing ideas about how to keep our parishes thriving in the future amidst societal, cultural, demographic and technological trends. Sessions and break-out groups will discuss clergy-laity dynamics, attracting and integrating converts, and connecting parishes with their neighborhood. This is a great opportunity for all of us at to learn from and participate in! A link to register can be found on our website.

**CHURCH WORK DAY:**

We will have another "Work Day" to brighten our church and grounds, Saturday, June 10, 9:00 a.m. There are jobs for all ages and abilities; bring outdoor work gloves and lawn-care tools if you have them.

**ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC & AUCTION:**

FOCUS - St. Herman's House will hold their annual golf classic on June 26 at Tanglewood Golf Club in Chagrin Falls. Registration and lunch is 10:00-11:15; golf starts at 11:30. There are various levels of support needed, even if you do not golf. To donate or register visit: [www.sainthermans.org/golf](http://www.sainthermans.org/golf)  
An online auction to support the day-to-day operations of St. Herman's House will run June 19-June 26. Visit: <https://www.32auctions.com/sthermans2023>

**COFFEE HOUR:**

Our refreshments today are donated by the Stone Soup Ladies.  
We are very much in need of donors for Coffee Hour in the upcoming weeks! Please sign up in the kitchen!

**THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE**

REGULAR COLLECTION, 5/21/23	\$ 8948.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	200.00
BUILDING FUND	502.00
CANDLES	148.00
SPECIAL PROJECTS	307.00
ORTHODOX SEMINARIES	50.00
ORTHODOX MISSIONS	20.00
KITCHEN OVENS	500.00

## ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY

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### **WHY IS YOUR APPAREL RED, AND YOUR GARMENTS LIKE HIS WHO TREADS IN THE WINEPRESS?**

Someone asked me a few months ago when we were looking at icons of Christ in our church, “Why in the icon of Christ’s ascension are his clothes all red instead of the traditional red and blue?” (In most icons of Christ, his undergarments are red, signifying his divinity, and his outer garments are blue, signifying his humanity. For the Theotokos, the colors are reversed, showing that she has put on Christ’s divinity when she was granted to bear Christ in her womb.)

One of the Old Testament readings from Isaiah that we have for the feast of the Ascension includes the following verses which portray a dialog:

“Who is this who arrives from Edom, with red garments from Bezer, so beautiful in clothing, forceful with strength?”

“I discuss righteousness and a judgment of salvation.”

2 “Why are your clothes red, and your garments as if they came from a trodden winepress?”

“I have trodden the winepress alone, and from the peoples no one was with me; I trod them in my anger and trampled them in my wrath; their juice spattered on my garments and stained all my apparel. 4 For the day of vengeance was in my heart, and my year of redemption had come. 5 I looked, but there was no one to help; I was appalled, but there was no one to uphold; so my own arm brought me salvation, and my wrath upheld me. 6 I trampled down the peoples in my anger, I made them drunk in my wrath, and I poured out their juice on the earth.” (Isaiah 63:1-6)

Here is God portrayed as conqueror. Normally when we think of Christ as conqueror, we think of the images of the resurrection, his descent into Hades, his bursting forth from the tomb in brilliant white apparel. However, here in Ascension icon, Christ is portrayed as conqueror and king. Instead of portraying Christ taking it easy and lounging on a cloud, the Ascension icon portrays Christ the Ancient of Days, the cloud-rider, the conqueror who reigns on his eternal throne. Christ’s Ascension presents the end of his earthly ministry; the culmination of his conquering of the dark powers; death, and sin; and his exaltation to be seated at the right hand of the Father forever. It’s really a recapitulation of the creation story, another portrayal of the timeless God ruling forever in Sabbath rest and reign over his creation.

When you look at the icon of the Ascension of Christ next to the icon of the Resurrection in our church, remember the depths he went to save you and me, and the heights to which he has raised us up. When you see Christ enthroned riding on the clouds and the Cherubim in the Ascension icon, remember that you too will one day reign with him forever if you continue to follow in his ways and choose his path of love.

*Fr. Christopher Moore*

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# JUNE 2023

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
				1	2	3  5:00 p.m. Vigil of Pentecost
4 <b>HOLY PENTECOST</b> Feast of the Holy Trinity  Potluck Brunch	5  <b>T H I S</b>	6  <b>I S A</b>	7  <b>F A S T -</b>	8  <b>F R E E</b>	9  <b>W E E K .</b>	10 9:00 a.m. Church Work Day  EOWG Picnic at Monastery Marcha  5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
11 <b>1st Sunday after Pentecost</b> All Saints  Second Sunday Food Sale	12 <b>Beginning of the Apostles' Fast</b>	13	14	15	16	17  5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
18 <b>2nd Sunday after Pentecost</b> All Saints of America	19	20	21	22	23  6:00 p.m. Great Vespers Followed by Bonfire/Supper	24 <b>Nativity of St. John the Baptist</b> 9:00 a.m. Baptismal Divine Liturgy/ Anika & Elise Baptism 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; General Confession
25 <b>3rd Sunday after Pentecost</b> Afterfeast of Nativity of the Forerunner	26 10:00 a.m. FOCUS / St. Herman's House Golf Classic	27	28  6:00 p.m. Vespers	29 <b>All-Praised Leaders of the Apostles Saints Peter and Paul</b> 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy	30	