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Sunday Divine Liturgies: 8:30 a.m.
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DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

MAY 16, 2021

Saturday, May 15, 2021 Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

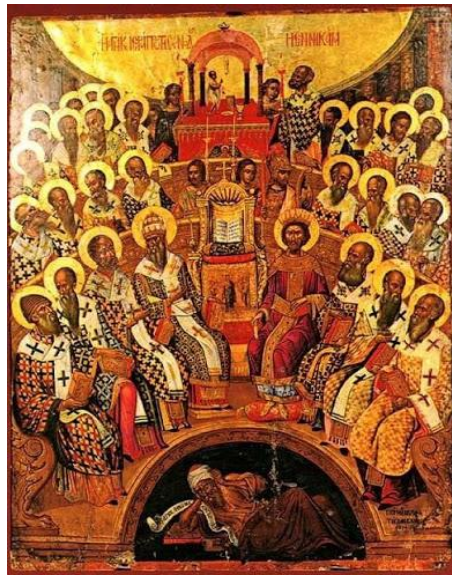
06:00PM – For God’s Blessings on Our Parishioners & in particular in memory of +Harold Haier
 from Martha & John Stine

Sunday, May 23, 2021 Pentecost Sunday – Descend of the Holy Spirit

08:30AM – For God’s Blessings on Our Parishioners & in particular
 For God’s Blessings & the health of Thomas Bergkamp form Ann Woroniak

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Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council



On this the seventh Sunday after Pascha, the Church celebrates the Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council at Nicea in 325 AD. Through these Father’s and Doctors of the Church, God has given as the Creed of our faith, better known as the Nicene Creed, which we still recite and sing in our churches in the context of our liturgies and baptisms.

One of the most important decisions was the proclamation of Christ having the same essence and honor as the Father. This Sunday was specifically placed following the Feast of the Ascension, in order to bear witness to the fact that the Son of God truly became man and, being perfect man and perfect God, ascending into heaven and, “sat at the right hand of the Majesty on high.” (Heb. 1:3)

The glorious achievement of the Church Father’s at Nicea was to affirm forever with absolute clarity the New Testament faith that, “ the Son has Himself the full nature of God.” (Col. 1:19).

We indeed need to acknowledge our gratitude to the Father’s for the formulation of the Creed of Our Faith in its original form and especially in the divine truths of the Holy Trinity.

As we approach the Great Feast of Pentecost let us prepare ourselves for the celebration of the birth of our Christian faith and the Descent of the Holy Spirit!

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SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE NICENE COUNCIL
(Seventh Paschal Sunday) Post-Feast of Ascension.

First Antiphon:

All you peoples, clap your hands; shout to God with cries of gladness.
Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear; great King over all the earth.
Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.
He subdues peoples under us, and nations under our feet.
Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.
God ascends amid shouts of joy; the Lord ascends amid sounds of trumpets. Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.
Glory... Only Begotten...

Third Antiphon:

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; let us acclaim God, our Savior.
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, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.
For God is the great Lord and the great king over all the earth.
Son of God, who ascended in glory, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Entrance Hymn: Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.
Son of God, who ascended in glory, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Troparion and Kontakion:

Troparion (6): Angelic powers were upon Your tomb and the guards became like dead men; Mary stood before Your tomb seeking Your most pure body. You captured Hades without being overcome by it. You met the Virgin and granted life. O Lord risen from the dead, glory be to You!

Troparion - Ascension (4): You ascended in glory, O Christ our God; You delighted the disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through this blessing, they were assured, that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world. **Troparion - Holy Fathers (8):** O Christ our God, You are most glorified, for You established our fathers as lights upon the earth. Through them You led us to the true faith. O most merciful Lord, glory be to You!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion - Holy Fathers (8): The preaching of the apostles and the decisions of the fathers have established the true faith of the Church which she wears as the garment of truth, fashioned from the theology on high. She justly governs and glorifies the great mystery of worship.

Now and for ever and ever: Amen. Kontakion - Ascension (4): When You fulfilled the plan of salvation for us and united all things on earth to those in heaven, O Christ our God, You ascended in glory, never leaving us, but remaining ever-present. For You proclaimed to those who love You: I am with you and no one else has power over you.

Prokimenon (4): Blessed are You, and praiseworthy, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and glorious forever is Your name.

Verse: In all that You have done Your justice is apparent.

Prokimenon (4): Blessed are You, and praiseworthy, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and glorious forever is Your name.

Epistle: Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles. (Acts 20,16-18;28-36) In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus in order not to lose time in the province of Asia, for he was hurrying to be in Jerusalem, if at all possible, for the day of Pentecost. From Miletus he had the presbyters of the church at Ephesus summoned. When they came to him, he addressed them, "You know how I lived among you the whole time from the day I first came to the province of Asia. Keep watch over yourselves and over the whole flock of which the holy Spirit has appointed you overseers, in which you tend the church of God that he acquired with his own blood. I know that after my departure savage wolves will come among you, and they will not spare the flock. And from your own group, men will come forward perverting the truth to draw the disciples away after them. So be vigilant and remember that for three years, night and day, I unceasingly admonished each of you with tears. And now I commend you to God and to that gracious word of his that can build you up and give you the inheritance among all who are consecrated. I have never wanted anyone's silver or gold or clothing. You know well that these very hands have served my needs and my companions. In every way I have shown you that by hard work of that sort we must help the weak, and keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus who himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive'." When he had finished speaking he knelt down and prayed with them all. **Alleluia**

Verses: Verse: The God of gods, the Lord, has spoken and summoned the earth, from the rising of the sun to its setting. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Verse: Summon before Me, My people who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel: (Jn 17,1-13) At that time, Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that he may give eternal life to all you gave him. Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ. I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began. I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you gave me is from you, because the words you gave to me I have given to them, and they accepted them and truly understood that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours, and everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are. When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely."

Instead of It is truly right... (Or the Hirmos of the Feast): O my soul, extol the Lord, Who, in glory ascended bodily into heaven. Hirmos: We, the faithful, with one accord extol you, O Mother of God; for, in a manner beyond our understanding and expression, you gave birth in time to the Lord, Whom time cannot contain. **Communion Verse:** Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Instead of We have seen the true light: Be exalted above the heavens, O God, and let Your glory be over all the earth.

Instead of May our mouths be filled: Be exalted above the heavens, O God, and let Your glory be over all the earth. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.(3)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Parishioners and Friends! We welcome you to our Sunday Liturgy with the indoor service. Please keep in mind that social distancing applies and wearing a mask during the celebration of the Liturgy is mandatory to help stop the spread of coronavirus.

Support your Church In addition to caring for your neighbor and taking care of yourself, one of the most practical ways to help the Church is to continue to do what you have always done: support our parish with your financial resources. Please, continue to contribute to your parish, even during the period you are unable to attend the Liturgy, with your gifts of alms during this Great Fast. Parishioners' weekly contributions are the main source of financial support for our parish, and while some expenses may be a little lower during this time, parishes have many fixed costs that need to be attended to. You may send your donations to PO Box 2735, Manassas VA 20108

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