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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA



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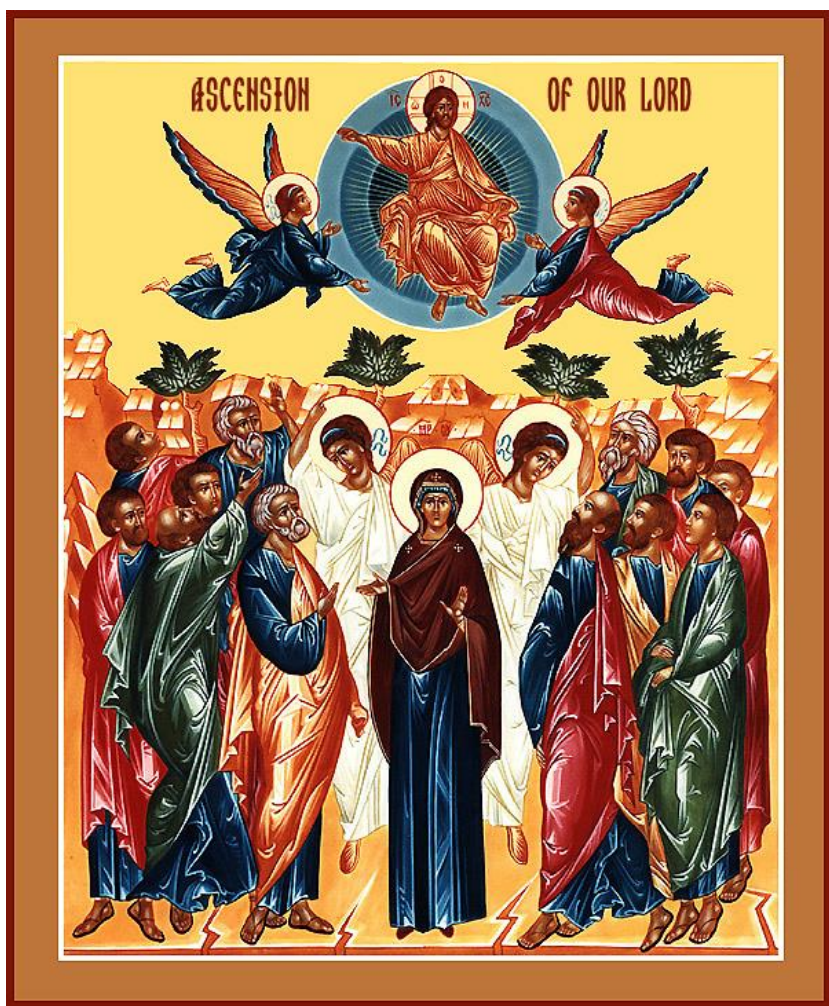
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*His Eminence Alexander, Archbishop of Toledo, Bulgarian Diocese, OCA
Very Rev. Mitred Archbishop Father Don Anthony Freude, Parish Rector
Rev. Protodeacon James M. Gresh, Attached*



***“Be Thou exalted above the heavens,
O God, and let Thy glory be over
all the earth”***

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 6 – HOLY FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL.

Afterfeast of the Ascension of our Lord

Saturday, June 12

NO VESPERS SCHEDULED

Sunday, June 13

9:10 am 3rd & 6th Hours: Subdeacon Terrence Bilas

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Anastasia Bohush

Epistle: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36 Gospel: John 17:1-13

MEMORIAL SATURDAY

Friday, June 18

6:00 pm Vespers of Memorial Saturday

**General Panakhida for all those who have
departed this life in the hope of the
Resurrection**

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 7

HOLY PENTECOST. FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY

Saturday, June 19

5:00 pm Vigil of Pentecost

Sunday, June 20

9:10 am 3rd & 6th Hours: Sue Ellen Turscak

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Sue Ellen Turscak

Epistle: Acts 2 1-11 Gospel: John 7:37-52;8:12

**VESPERS OF PENTECOST and
KNEELING PRAYERS**

FAST FREE WEEK – JUNE 21 – 26

Today's Gospel Reading

John 17:1-13

Jesus Prays for Himself

17 Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, ²as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He ^[a]should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. ⁴I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. ⁵And now, O Father, glorify Me together ^[b]with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

Jesus Prays for His Disciples

⁶"I have ^[c]manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. ⁷Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. ⁸For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received *them*, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.

⁹"I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. ¹⁰And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep^[d] through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may

be one as We are. ¹² While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves

Tone 4 *(for the Fathers)*

Today we, the Orthodox, celebrate the annual memory of the God-bearing Fathers who assembled in Nicea. They laid low the godless doctrines of Arius, driving him from the unity of the Catholic Church ,and teaching us how to confess the consubstantial and co-eternal Son of God. They expressed this clearly in the Symbol of Faith, and we follow their divine doctrines, believing in and serving the Son with the Father and the all-Holy Spirit, the consubstantial Trinity and one Divinity.

Tone 4 *(for the Ascension)*

Fulfilling, O Lord, in Your goodness the mystery hidden from ages and generations, You came with Your Disciples to the Mount of Olives, together with the Mother who bore You, the Maker and Creator of all; for it was fitting that she who as a mother had been grieved beyond all at Your Passion, should also be filled with exceeding joy at the glory of Your flesh. In this joy we also partake at Your ascent into heaven, O Master ,and we glorify Your great mercy that has come upon us.

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

On the seventh Sunday of Pascha, we commemorate the holy God-bearing Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council.

The Commemoration of the First Ecumenical Council has been celebrated by the Church of Christ from ancient times. The Lord Jesus Christ left the Church a great promise, "I will build My Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Mt. 16:18). Although the Church of Christ on earth will pass through difficult struggles with the Enemy of salvation, it will emerge victorious. The holy martyrs bore witness to the truth of the Savior's words, enduring suffering and death for confessing Christ, but the persecutor's sword is shattered by the Cross of Christ.

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

A local Council, convened with Patriarch Alexander of Alexandria presiding, condemned the false teachings of Arius. However, Arius would not submit to the authority of the Church. He wrote to many

bishops, denouncing the decrees of the local Council. He spread his false teaching throughout the East, receiving support from certain Eastern bishops.

Investigating these dissensions, the holy emperor Constantine (May 21) consulted Bishop Hosius of Cordova (Aug. 27), who assured him that the heresy of Arius was directed against the most fundamental dogma of Christ's Church, and so he decided to convene an Ecumenical Council. In the year 325, 318 bishops representing Christian Churches from various lands gathered together at Nicea. Among the assembled bishops were many confessors who had suffered during the persecutions, and who bore the marks of torture upon their bodies. Also participating in the Council were several great luminaries of the Church: Saint Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia (December 6 and May 9), Saint Spyridon, Bishop of Tremithos (December 12), and others venerated by the Church as holy Fathers.

With Patriarch Alexander of Alexandria came his deacon, Athanasius [who later became Patriarch of Alexandria (May 2 and January 18)]. He is called "the Great," for he was a zealous champion for the purity of Orthodoxy. In the Sixth Ode of the Canon for today's Feast, he is referred to as "the thirteenth Apostle."

The emperor Constantine presided over the sessions of the Council. In his speech, responding to the

welcome by Bishop Eusebius of Caesarea, he said, "God has helped me cast down the impious might of the persecutors, but more distressful for me than any blood spilled in battle is for a soldier, is the internal strife in the Church of God, for it is more ruinous."

Arius, with seventeen bishops among his supporters, remained arrogant, but his teaching was repudiated and he was excommunicated from the Church. In his speech, the holy deacon Athanasius conclusively refuted the blasphemous opinions of Arius. The heresiarch Arius is depicted in iconography sitting on Satan's knees, or in the mouth of the Beast of the Deep (Rev. 13).

The Fathers of the Council declined to accept a Symbol of Faith (Creed) proposed by the Arians. Instead, they affirmed the Orthodox Symbol of Faith. 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).

”Save the date”



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This coming Labor Day Weekend 2021– September 4-5, -our Parish will celebrate **75 Years** as a Christ centered Parish community! Our Father and Archbishop Alexander will be with us for the weekend.

The **75th Anniversary Committee** has met and is making plans for the 75th Celebration and Parish Homecoming event.

We need your help ... we are collecting photos to create a video of St. Elia memories. Please send or share any photos to Kathy Gray from past years to the present. We need all photos by August 10th and your photos will be returned to you.

Here is the tentative schedule:

Saturday, September 4:

5:00 pm Great Vespers with Social following

Sunday, September 5

9:30 am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

**Tonsuring of Joshua Herman Wherley
as Reader and Cantor**

**Family Centered Barbecue catered by the
Waterloo Restaurant**

More details to come...!

REMEMBER THOSE IN THERMED FORCES

Subdeacon Anthony Freude, son of Fr .Don and Popadia Donna

Egor Cravcenco. Son of Serghei and Ludmila Cravcenco

REMEMBER OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Metropolitan Herman

Joseph Boyle (brother of Kathy Gray)

Sandra Dodovich (mother of Tony Dodovich)

Phyllis George (sister of Rose Marie Vronick)

Angelo Lambo and Florence Lambo

Larissa Freude Newman

Reader William Paluch

Subdeacon Martin Paluch

Martin Vronick and Rose Marie Vronick

Niki Bober (President of the Orthodox Christian Women)

Matushka Myra Kovaiak and Mitred Archpriest Daniel Kovalak

Matushka Chrisitne Zebren;

Matushka Laryssa Huntyan

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, June 17 at 7:30 pm

Our Stewardship - Sunday, June 6, 2021

Candles:	\$ 23.00
Improvement Fund:	155.00
Sunday Offering:	556.00
TOTAL	\$734.00

Hebrews 12:1-2 ¹*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*



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Dearly Beloved in Christ,
Christ is risen!

Since the beginning of the Covid-19 Pandemic we have been taking every precaution to protect the health and well-being of all of our people. In accordance with the CDC, the State of Ohio, and our Diocesan Directives, St. Elia Parish will follow the re-opening plan:

- 1) If you are sick and/or exhibit coronavirus symptoms, you must refrain from attending Services.
- 2) While the CDC and the State of Ohio have lifted the mask mandate, the social distancing and capacity restrictions, the State officials recommend that unvaccinated people continue to wear the mask indoors. The Diocesan Directives stress that everyone is welcome to continue wearing face coverings if there is any level of discomfort with this new guidance.
- 3) The kissing of Icons, the Cross, the Gospel Book and the priest's hand when receiving the blessing is permitted if you are comfortable doing so.
- 4) The sanitizer and masks will be in the vestibule for your convenience.
- 5) `Coffee Hour, hosted by Bohush Family, this Sunday, June 13, following the Divine Liturgy.

Love in our Risen Lord, Fr. Don Anthony Freude