

**7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA - Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council:**

Today, 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.

**Ascension Thursday (this past Thursday):**

The Church's celebration of the ascension, as all such festal celebrations, is not merely the remembrance of an event in Christ's life. Indeed, the ascension itself is not to be understood as though it were simply the supernatural event of a man floating up and away into the skies. The holy scripture stresses Christ's physical departure and his glorification with God the Father, together with the great joy which his disciples had as they received the promise of the Holy Spirit who was to come to assure the Lord's presence with them, enabling them to be his witnesses to the ends of earth (Lk 24:48-53; Acts 1:8-11; Mt 28:20; Mk 16:16-14).

In the Church the believers in Christ celebrate these very same realities with the conviction that it is for them and for all men that Christ's departure from this world has taken place. The Lord leaves in order to be glorified with God the Father and to glorify us with himself. He goes in order to "prepare a place" for and to take us also into the blessedness of God's presence. He goes to open the way for all flesh into the "heavenly sanctuary ... the Holy Place not made by hands" (see Hebrews 8-10). He goes in order send the Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the Father to bear witness to him and his gospel in the world, making him powerfully present in the lives of disciples.

The liturgical hymns of the feast of the Ascension sing of all of these things. The antiphonal verses of the Divine Liturgy are taken from Psalms 47, 48, and 49. The Troparion of the feast which is sung at the small entrance is also used as the post communion hymn.

*Thou hast ascended in glory O Christ our God, granting joy to Thy disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing they were assured that Thou art the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world!* (Troparion).

*When Thou didst fulfill the dispensation for our sake, and didst unite earth to heaven, Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, not being parted from those who love Thee, but remaining with them and crying: I am with you and no one will be against you!* (Kontakion).

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Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

***You are most glorious, O Christ our God!  
You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth!  
Through them you have guided us to the true faith!  
O greatly Compassionate One, glory to You!***

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**On this day the Church remembers:**

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**Afterfeast of Ascension •** Hieromartyr Dorotheus, Bishop of Tyre (ca. 362) • Translation of the Relics of Bl. Igor (George), tonsured Gabriel, Grand Prince of Chernígov and Kiev (1150) • Bl. Constantine, Metropolitan of Kiev (1159) • Repose of St. Theodore Yaroslavich, older brother of St. Alexander Nevsky (Novgorod—1233) • Finding of the Relics of Ven. Bassian and Jonah, Monks of Pertomsk (Solovétsky Monastery—1599) • Martyrs Marcian, Nicander, Hyperechius, Appolonius, Leonidas, Arius, Gorgias, Selenias, Irenius, and Pambo, of Egypt (4<sup>th</sup> c.) • Ven. Theodore the Wonderworker, Hermit of the Jordan (ca. 6<sup>th</sup> c.) • Ven. Anubius, Confessor and Anchorite, of Egypt (5<sup>th</sup> c.) • Ven. Abba Dorotheus of Palestine (6<sup>th</sup> c.) • St. Peter of Korcha (Albanian).

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**June 5, 2011**

**Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council**

Tone 6 (Tone 4)

| 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday Of Pascha

| Pentecostarion Week 7

**Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:****For the health of:**

**Paul and Linda Jankowski**, on their 30th Wedding Anniversary  
**Bill and MaryAnn Kuzenchak**, on their Wedding Anniversary

**Readings:**

- Acts 20:16-18, 28-36 <sup>(7th Sunday)</sup>
- **John 17:1-13** <sup>(7th Sunday)</sup>

**At that time**, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, you glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made.

"I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you did send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are mine; all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves."

- Acts 1:1-12 <sup>(Holy Ascension)</sup>
- **Luke 24:36-53** <sup>(Holy Ascension)</sup>

**At that time**, Jesus, having risen from the dead, stood in the midst of his disciples and said to them, "Peace to you." But they were startled and frightened, and supposed that they saw a spirit. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do questionings rise in your hearts? See my hands and feet, that it is I myself; handle me, and see; for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy, and wondered, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them.

Then he said to them, "These are my words which I spoke to you, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled. Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city, until you are clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them, and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and they returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

**Sunday service:**

Hours - 9:40 AM

Divine Liturgy - 10:00 AM

Church School - 9:30

(during the school year)

Coffee hour after Liturgy

**We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to joins us after the Liturgy, downstairs, for Coffee hour.**

**Announcements:**

- **Visit by Bishop Michael, Saturday, June 18, 2011**  
The parish is happy to announce that His Grace, Bishop Michael will visit our parish on Saturday, June 18. There will be a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy followed by a luncheon; the cost of which will be \$10.00 per person. There will be no advanced sale of tickets, but **luncheon reservations should be made by using the sign up sheet at the candle stand.** Greeting and vesting of the Bishop will be at 9:30 AM with the Liturgy starting around 10:00AM.

**Special Announcements:**

- **Church school has ended for the school year.** We would like to thank the parents and grandparents of our students for bringing them to church early these past few weeks. It has helped to allow the Divine Liturgy to begin on time. Look for Sunday School special awards to be given out within the next few weeks.
- Upcoming bulletins can be sponsored; this can be done with the signup sheet at the candle stand.
- Special Announcements for the bulletin can be submitted by E-Mail to: [Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org](mailto:Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org)
- There will be a **meeting of the Sisterhood of the Protection of the Theotokos today** after coffee hour.
- The next **meeting of the Parish Council** will be **June 26**, after coffee hour.