

The Ascension of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

The Lord Jesus passed forty days on earth after His Resurrection from the dead, appearing continually in various places to His disciples, with whom He also spoke, ate, and drank, thereby further demonstrating His Resurrection. On this Thursday, the fortieth day after Pascha, He appeared again in Jerusalem. After He had first spoken to the disciples about many things, He gave them His last commandment, that is, that they go forth and proclaim His Name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. But He also commanded them that for the present, they were not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait there together until they receive power from on high, when the Holy Spirit would come upon them.

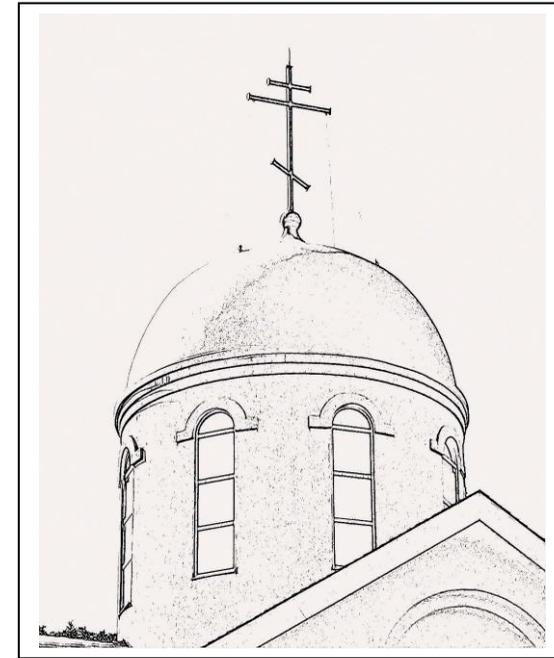
Saying these things, He led them to the Mount of Olives, and raising His hands, He blessed them; and saying again the words of the Father's blessing, He was parted from them and taken up. Immediately a cloud of light, a proof of His majesty, received Him. Sitting thereon as though on a royal chariot, He was taken up into Heaven, and after a short time was concealed from the sight of the disciples, who remained where they were with their eyes fixed on Him. At this point, two Angels in the form of men in white raiment appeared to them and said, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into Heaven? This same Jesus, Who is taken up from you into Heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into Heaven" (Acts 1:11). These words, in a complete and concise manner, declare what is taught in the Symbol of Faith concerning the Son and Word of God. Therefore, having so fulfilled all His dispensation for us, our Lord Jesus Christ ascended in glory into Heaven, and sat at the right hand of God the Father. As for His sacred disciples, they returned from the Mount of Olives to Jerusalem, rejoicing because Christ had promised to send them the Holy Spirit.

It should be noted that the Mount of Olives is a Sabbath's day journey from Jerusalem, that is, the distance a Jew was permitted to walk on the day of the Sabbath. Ecumenius writes, "A Sabbath day's journey is one mile in length, as Clement says in his fifth Stromatis; it is two thousand cubits, as the Interpretation of the Acts states." They draw this conclusion from the fact that, while they were in the wilderness, the Israelites of old kept within this distance from the Holy Tabernacle, whither they walked on the Sabbath day to worship God.

Having ascended to heaven whence Thou hadst descended,
leave us not as orphans, O Lord!
May Thy Holy Spirit come, bringing peace to the world;
show the sons of men the works of Thy power,
O Lord Who lovest mankind!

Litya Verse for the Feast

WEEKLY



BULLETIN

Today is the beginning of our salvation, the revelation of the eternal mystery. The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin as Gabriel announces the coming of Grace. Together with him let us cry to the Theotokos: Rejoice O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you!

Troparion of the Annunciation to the Theotokos

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May 29, 2022
SIXTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA
Blind Man

Tone 5. Virgin Martyr Theodosia of Tyre (307-308). Repose of Bl. John of Ustiug, Fool-for-Christ (1494). Virgin Martyr Theodosia, Nun, of Constantinople (726-730). Icon of the Mother of God, "SURETY OF SINNERS".

Today's Readings:

Epistle: Acts 16:16-34

Gospel: John 9:1-38

Upcoming Service Schedule:

Today – **9:00am Divine Liturgy**

Wednesday – **6:00pm Great Vespers (Ascension)**

Thursday – **9:00am Divine Liturgy (Ascension)**

Saturday – **6:00 Great Vespers**

Sunday - **9:00am Divine Liturgy**

Next Sunday's Readings:

Epistle: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

Gospel: John 17:1-13



Blind Man

Please pray for vocations to the Holy Priesthood!

Special Prayers

We pray for **all** our parish family members, but we pray especially for those who are ill and afflicted. Among them are **Fr. Sergius Kuharsky, Zoran Pejovic, Lidia Zemlanicky, Ingrid Kopec, Betty James, Manya Shark, Deryl Tczap, George Stavrou, Rdr. John Economou, Margaret Makara, Dennis & Ann Marie Gahr, Eileen Zamerovsky, and Dorothy Studier.**

We are happy that you have joined us for worship today and hope that you will join us for coffee hour after the service. Please note that **reception of the Holy Eucharist** is only for baptized members of the Orthodox Church who have prepared with prayer, fasting, and periodic confession. You are encouraged to receive the blessed bread that is **offered at the end of the service and which may also be offered to you by one of your neighbors during Communion.**

Annunciations

TODAY – **Church School sessions** will be held during Coffee Hour. Next Sunday is the last day of Church School for the year.

TODAY – **Team #2** is in charge of today's Coffee Hour. Team #3 is scheduled for next Sunday.

THIS WEDNESDAY – We commemorate the **Leavetaking of Pascha**, and we begin the celebration of the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord.

THIS THURSDAY is the Great Feast of the **Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven**. Please consult the service schedule and participate in the festal celebration.

On this **Memorial Day weekend**, we give thanks to those individuals who sacrificed their lives in service to their country, and we pray that their memory be eternal!

Parish calendars for June 2022 are available in the parish narthex and at the parish website.

Anyone in need of **immediate live-in help** for an elderly or otherwise infirmed person should contact Matushka Mary.

A **2022 Ethnic Fair Committee** is being formed. Please contact Father Gary if you are interested in joining the committee.

Dessert Rolls in various flavors are available for sale at \$15 each. **Pierogis** (potato & cheese) are also available at \$12/dozen. Please see Cathy Berger or Olga Pasick to make your purchases.

Grocery Gift Cards are available for sale. Please see Olga Pasick or Cathy Berger to make purchases.

We continue to pray for peace in Ukraine, for the withdrawal of Russian troops from that land, and for the wellbeing of the Ukrainian people. Lord, have mercy!

MANY YEARS

Birthdays

Today – Meghan Humphrey

Thursday – Matushka Mary

Thursday – Lia Eickhorn

Wedding Anniversaries

Thursday – Tom & Debbie Anderson

Saturday – Lou & Martha Christos

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