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*Holy Resurrection
Orthodox Church*

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June 16, 2024
Sunday of the
Fathers of the
First Ecumenical Council
and
Happy Father's Day

Christ Has Ascended in Glory!

Services	Sat., June 22 nd	Great Vespers with Litya with Confession	6 pm
	Sun., June 23 rd	Pentecost: The Descent of the Holy Spirit (with <i>Kneeling Prayers</i>)	
		Hours	9:15 am
		Divine Liturgy	9:30 am

*Take time to read the scriptures to prepare your heart and mind for Sunday Liturgy.

Epistle: Acts 2:1-11

Gospel Reading: John 7:37-52, 8:12

Tone 6 Troparion

(Resurrection)

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body. Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

Tone 4 Troparion

(Ascension)

Thou didst ascend 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!

Tone 8 Troparion

(Fathers)

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God, Who hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth.

Through them Thou hast guided us to the True Faith. O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

Tone 8 Kontakion

(Fathers)

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 piety.

Tone 6 Kontakion

When Thou hadst fulfilled the dispensation for our sake, and united 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 there is no one against you!”

Tone 4 Prokeimenon

(Song of the Three Holy Children)

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever! *(Song of the Three Holy Children, v. 3)*

V. For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us! (v. 4)

Epistle (*Resurrection*) (Acts 20:16-18, 28-36)

For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he would not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the Day of Pentecost.

From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church.

And when they had come to him, he said to them: “You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you,

“Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

“For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock.

“Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.

“Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.

“So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

“I have coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel.

“Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me.

“I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, **‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’**”

And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

Gospel (*Resurrection*)

(John 17:1-13)

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,**

“as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him.

“And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

“I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.

“And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

“I have 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.

“Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You.

“For 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.

“I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours.

“And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them.

“Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We *are*.

“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.

“But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

Announcements:

DON'T FORGET YOUR DAD TODAY! Stop down to Chef Jack's Father's Day Coffee Hour! Stop by and treat your Special Dad to a relaxing, delicious homemade Brunch! Don't forget to tell your Dad, Grandfather, Uncle, or Godfather that you love them and give them a hug!

Please Note:

- **Monday, June 24th** is the Feast for Saint John the Baptist. We will not be having Liturgy that day. Instead, please join one of our neighbors:
 - **St. John the Baptist, Canonsburg at 9 am;** or
 - **St John the Baptist, New Kensington at 10 am.**

- There will be a special Afterfeast of Pentecost service celebrated at **Holy Trinity Church, Charleroi** on **Wednesday, June 26th** with **Hours at 8:45 am, Divine Liturgy at 9 am.**

Save the Date: On June 20th, Orthodox Christians for Life at St. Alexander Nevsky will have a Moleben Service for Victims of Abortion at 7 pm followed by a presentation by Jessica Patterson about BREATHE, an After-Abortion Care Program at 7:30 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

Please Note: Father Stephan will be attending a continuing education seminar at St. Tikhon's Tuesday, June 18 through Thursday, June 20th. In his absence, please contact Father Andrew Nelko at (757) 705-3285 with any pastoral needs.

Parish Council is also accepting donations to help defray costs of the much needed restroom renovation. Please place your donation in an envelope labelled "Restroom Renovations" and leave in the basket at the candlestand. Many thanks in advance for your generosity!

Note from Council: There is an open position on Parish Council. If anyone is interested, please contact one of the Parish officers: Tim Laciak, Joe Niro or Michelle Meisner.

The 6/9/24 Candlelist will be included in next week's bulletin.