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НЕДІЛЯ 7-ма. ПО ПАСЦІ. ГОЛОС 6-ий. СВВ. ОТЦІВ ПЕРШОГО
ВСЕЛЕНСЬКОГО СОБОРУ (325).

7-th. SUNDAY OF PASCHA. TONE - 6. THE HOLY FATHERS OF
THE 1-st. ECUMENICAL COUNCIL. (325).



Please let Father Volodymyr know of anyone who is in the hospital or is convalescing at home or if you may, for any other reason, wish to have a visit from Father please call (306) 581-5600.

Orthodox faith teaches us the importance of interceding on behalf of others through Prayer. In our prayers today please remember the following faithful who are hospitalized, convalescing or ill: Individuals will be kept on the prayer list for one month

Madeline (0604)	Doug 0604	Gladys 0604	William O 0604
Jim 0604	Ksenia 0604	Donna 0604	Anne 0604)
Diana Ov 0604	WallyK 0604	Sophie 0604	Mary R 0604
Bill D 0604	Bill Bo 604	Orest 0604	Steve 0604
Edward B 0605	Fr. Patrick64	Andrea 0604	Bill Ber 0604
Stan G 0604	Marge 0604	Vasyl 0604	Fr. Nazari 0604
Fr. Oleksandr604	Bill W 0604)	Anne W060	Georgina M 0604
Kim 0604	Eunice 0604	Jean T 0604	Larissa C 0604
Fr. Taras 0604	Nick 0604	Eileen G 0604	John S 0604

And those in care homes or similar situations:

Carolina Miller	Bill Warnyca	Larry Trafananko
Christina Spak	Doreen Kuyek	

(Please let Bulletin Editor Yaroslav Lozowchuk (306-501-9200) know if there are others who we should pray for.)

We pray for peace in Ukraine. Вічна Пам'ять! Memory Eternal to all (11,000 plus) who died in the conflict in Ukraine and we pray for the healing of the 20,000 maimed these past weeks and months.

Let us also remember in prayer the needs of those suffering from:

- **persecution and forced migration of the Muslim Rohingya minority by the State of Myanmar.**
- **starvation facing the people Sudan and Yemen.**
- **The continuing horrible destruction in Syria and the Middle East.**
- **Let us also pray that the Lord bless the ministry in our midst of our new pastor.**
- **We thank God – the Holy Trinity for the blessed decision of the Patriarch of Constantinople to grant autocephaly to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church – an answer to prayer of the Ukrainian people over the last number of centuries.**
- **We pray that the Holy Spirit guide the newly instituted autocephalous Orthodox Church of Ukraine in its formation and that it truly become a beacon of God's love in the world in the 21st Century.**
- **We pray that the Lord bless the newly elected President of Ukraine with wisdom and virtue.**
- **We pray for all the souls of all the Christians who died at Easter Service as a result of a terrorist attack and for the speedy healing of all the injured and that the Lord bless their families with his Grace at this time of great loss.**
- **We pray for all those that lost their lives resulting from the hurricanes -cyclones in Mozambique and India.**

FROM the Church Fathers and Mothers

“The psychological trials of dwellers in the last times will be equal to the physical trials of the martyrs. In order to face these trials, we must be living in a different world.” - Father Seraphim Rose

“Does a phobia or disappointment get a hold of you? Turn to Christ. Love him in simplicity, with humility, without demands and He will free you.” - St Porphyrios

ТРОПАР НА ГОЛОС 6

Ангельські сили на гробі Твоїм і ті, що стерегли, умертвіли, і стояла Марія у гробі, шукаючи пречистого тіла Твого. Полонив Ти ад, не спокушений ним, зустрів еси Діву, даруючи життя, Господи, що воскрес із мертвих, слава Тобі.

ТРОПАР ВОЗНЕСІННЯ НА ГОЛОС 4

Вознісся еси у славі, Христе Боже наш, радість вчинивши ученикам обітуванням Святого Духа, утвердивши їх благословенням, що Ти Син Божий, Визволитель світу.

ТРОПАР ОТЦІВ НА ГОЛОС 8

Препрославлений Ти, Христе Боже наш, що Отців наших наче світла на землі поставив і через них до віри істинної нас усіх привів, многомилосердний, слава Тобі.

СЛАВА Отцю і Сину і Святому Духові.

КОНДАК ОТЦІВ НА ГОЛОС 8

Апостолів проповіді та отців догмати єдину віру Цекви потвердили, вона зодягнена в ризу істини, з Богословія небесного виткану, правдиво навчає і славить велику таємницю побожності.

І НИНІ і повсякчас і на віки вічні, Амінь.

КОНДАК ВОЗНЕСІННЯ НА ГОЛОС 6

Сповнивши промисел щодо нас, і з'єднавши земних із небесними, вознісся Ти у славі, Христе Боже наш, ніяк не відлучаючись, але невідступно перебуваючи і взиваючи до тих, що люблять Тебе. Я з вами, і ніхто проти вас.

ПРОКИМЕН НА ГОЛОС 4

Благословен еси, Господи, Боже отців наш. І хвальне, і прославлене Ім'я Твоє навіки.

Бо праведний еси в усьому, що сотворив Ти нам.

TROPAR IN TONE 6

The angelic powers were at Your tomb. The guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Your grave seeking Your Most Pure Body. You captured hades, not being tempted by it. You came to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord Who arose from the dead. Glory to You.

TROPAR OF THE ASCENSION IN TONE 4

You have ascended in Glory, O Christ our God, having gladdened Your disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. They were assured by the blessing that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.

TROPAR OF THE HOLY FATHERS IN TONE 8

You are most glorious, O Christ our God. You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth, and through them You have guided us all to the True Faith. Glory to You, O most Compassionate One.

GLORY to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

KONDAK OF THE HOLY FATHERS IN TONE 8

The preaching of the Apostles and doctrines of the Fathers have confirmed the One Faith of the Church. Wearing the Robe of Truth, woven from theology on high, she rightly dispenses and glorifies the mystery of piety.

NOW AND FOREVER and to the ages of ages. Amen.

KONDAK OF THE ASCENSION IN TONE 6

When You had accomplished Your Divine Plan for us and had united things on earth with the heavens, You ascended in glory, O Christ our God. Yet in no manner did You depart from us. Rather, You abide with us forever and You cry out to those who love You: I am with you and none shall be against you.

PROKIMEN IN TONE 4

Blessed are You, Lord God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name to the ages.

For You are righteous in all that You have done for us.

Апостол - Epistle

Діянь 20:16-18; 28-36

Читання книги Діяння святих апостолів.

Ukrainian Bible (UKR)

¹⁶ Бо Павло захотів поминути Ефес, щоб йому не баритися в Азії, бо він квапився, коли буде можливе, бути в Єрусалимі на день П'ятдесятниці.¹⁷ А з Мілету послав до Ефесу, і прикликав пресвітерів Церкви.¹⁸ І, як до нього вони прибули, він промовив до них: Ви знаєте, як із першого дня, відколи прибув в Азію, я з вами весь час перебував,²⁸ Пильнуйте себе та всієї отари, в якій Святий Дух вас поставив єпископами, щоб пасти Церкву Божу, яку власною кров'ю набув Він.²⁹ Бо я знаю, що як я відійду, то ввійдуть між вас вовки люті, що отари щадити не будуть...³⁰ Із вас самих навіть мужі постануть, що будуть казати перекручене, аби тільки учнів тягнути за собою...³¹ Тому то пильнуйте, пам'ятаючи, що я кожного з вас день і ніч безперестань навчав зо слізьми ось три роки.³² А тепер доручаю вас Богові та слову благодаті Його, Який має силу будувати та дати спадщину, серед усіх освячених.³³ Ні срібла, ані золота, ні одежі чиеїсь я не побажав...³⁴ Самі знаєте, що ці руки мої послужили потребам моїм та отих, хто був зо мною.³⁵ Я вам усе показав, що, працюючи так, треба поміч давати слабим, та пам'ятати слова Господа Ісуса, бо Він Сам проказав: Блаженніше давати, ніж брати!³⁶ Проказавши ж оце, він навколішки впав, та й із ними всіма помолився.

Acts 20:16-18; 28-36

The reading of the Acts of the Holy Apostles.

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹⁷ From Miletus he sent a message to Ephesus, asking the elders of the church to meet him. ¹⁸ When they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you the entire time from the first day that I set foot in Asia,²⁸ Keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God^[a] that he obtained with the blood of his own Son.^[b] ²⁹ I know that after I have gone, savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. ³⁰ Some even from your own group will come distorting the truth in order to entice the disciples to follow them. ³¹ Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to warn everyone with tears. ³² And now I commend you to God and to the message of his grace, a message that is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all who are sanctified. ³³ I coveted no one's silver or gold or clothing. ³⁴ You know for yourselves that I worked with my own hands to support myself and my companions. ³⁵ In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"³⁶ When he had finished speaking, he knelt down with them all and prayed.

ALLELUIA IN TONE 1

The God of gods, the Lord, has spoken and He has called the earth from the rising of the sun unto its setting. Alleluia.

Gather together unto Him, His holy ones, who have established His covenant upon sacrifices. Alleluia.

АЛИЛУЯ НА ГОЛОС 1

Бог богів, Господь промовив і призвав землю від сходу сонця до заходу. Алилуя.

Зберіте Йому святих Його, що склали при жертвах заповідь Його. Алилуя.

Євангелія – Gospel

Євангеліє від Іоана 17: 1-13

Отак мовив Ісус, а підвівши очі свої до неба, проказав: «Отче, прийшла година! Прослав свого Сина, щоб Син твій тебе прославив, 2. згідно з владою, що її ти дав йому над усяким тілом: дарувати життя вічне тим, яких ти передав йому. 3. А вічне життя у тому, щоб вони спізнали тебе, єдиного, істинного Бога, і тобою посланого - Ісуса Христа. 4. Я тебе на землі прославив, виконавши те діло, яке ти дав мені до виконання. 5. Тепер же прослав мене, Отче, у себе - славою тією, що її я мав у тебе перед тим, як постав світ! 6. Я об'явив твоє ім'я людям, яких ти від світу передав мені. Вони були твої, ти ж передав мені їх, і зберегли вони слово твоє. 7. Нині збагнули вони, що все, тобою дане мені - від тебе; 8. слова бо, тобою мені дані, я їм дав, і сприйняли вони їх, і справді збагнули, що від тебе я вийшов, і увірували, що ти мене послав. 9. Молю ж за них: не за світ молю, лише за тих, яких ти передав мені, бо вони - твої. 10. І все моє - твоє, твоє ж - моє, і в них я прославився. 11. Я вже більш не у світі, а вони у світі, і я до тебе йду. Отче Святий! Заради імени твого бережи їх, тих, що їх ти мені передав, щоб були одно, як ми! 12. Бувши з ними у світі, я беріг їх у твоє ім'я; тих, яких ти передав мені, я їх стеріг, і ніхто з них не пропав, лише син загибелі, щоб збулося Писання. 13. Тепер же іду до тебе, і кажу те, у світі будучи, щоб вони радощів моїх мали у собі вщерть.

Saint John – 17:1-13

At that time, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son. Then your Son will glorify you, for you have given him authority over all mankind, and empowered him to grant eternal life to those whom you have entrusted to him.”

“Now, eternal life means to know you as the only true God, and to know Jesus Christ as your messenger. I have glorified you on earth, I have accomplished the task you have given me to do. Now, Father, glorify me in your presence with that glory which I had with you before the world was created.”

“I have manifested your name to the men you gave me out of the world. They were yours, and you have given them to me, and they have kept your commandments. Now they know that all my gifts come from you, because I gave them your doctrines, they have received them, they know that I have come from you, and they believe that you have sent me.”

“I have a request to make for them. I do not make this request for other men, but for those you have entrusted to me. For they are yours, all that is mine is yours, what is yours is mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am not remaining in this world any longer, but they still remain in this world, because I am coming to you!”

“Holy Father, keep in thy name those you have entrusted to me. Then they will be united also, as we are. As long as I was with them in this world, I kept and protected in thy name those whom you entrusted to me. None of them was lost except the Son of perdition in fulfillment of the Scripture. But now I am coming to you, and I am speaking these words while I am still in this world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy in themselves.”

INSTEAD OF: “ IT IS TRULY WORTHY...” “ЗАМІСТЬ ДОСТОЙНО.

Magnify, O my soul, Christ the Life-Giver, Who has ascended from earth to heaven.

ЗАМІСТЬ ДОСТОЙНО. Величай душе моя, Христа Життедавця, що вознісся від землі на небо.

IRMOS, IN TONE 5

Beyond understanding and word, You are the Mother of God and ineffably brought forth in time the Timeless One. With one accord, we, the faithful, magnify You.

ІРМОС НА ГОЛОС 5

Ти понад розум і вислів, Матір Божу, яка Надвічного в часі неказанно породила, ми, вірні, однодушно величаємо.

COMMUNION VERSE

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Alleluia.

ПРИЧАСНИЙ

Хвалить Господа з небес, хвалить Його в вишніх. Алілуя.

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, praise befits the upright. Alleluia.

Радуйтеся, праведні, в Господі, праведним належиться похвала. Алілуя.

INSTEAD OF “ We have seen the true light...”

We sing the Ascension Tropar: “ You have ascended in glory.....”

ЗАМІСТЬ – “ Ми бачили Світло Істинне.....”

Ми співаємо Тропар Вознесіння – “ Вознісся єси у славі.....”

[Ascension of our Lord](#)

Introduction

The Feast of the Ascension of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ is celebrated each year on the fortieth day after the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha (Easter). Since the date of Pascha changes each year, the date of the Feast of the Ascension changes. The Feast is always celebrated on a Thursday. The Feast itself commemorates when, on the fortieth day after His Resurrection, Jesus led His disciples to the Mount of Olives, and after blessing them and asking them to wait for the fulfillment of the promise of the Holy Spirit, He ascended into heaven.

Historical Background

The story of the Ascension of our Lord, celebrated as one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Church, is found in the book of the Acts of the Apostles 1:3-11. It is also mentioned in the Gospels of Mark (16:19) and Luke (24:50-53). The moment of the Ascension is told in one sentence: "He was lifted up before their eyes in a cloud which took Him from their sight" (Acts 1:9).

Christ made His last appearance on earth, forty days after His Resurrection from the dead. The Acts of the Apostles states that the disciples were in Jerusalem. Jesus appeared before them and commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the "Promise of the Father". He stated, "You shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now" (Acts 1:5).

After Jesus gave these instructions, He led the disciples to the Mount of Olives. Here, He commissioned them to be His witnesses "in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8). It is also at this time that the disciples were directed by Christ to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19).

Jesus also told them that He would be with them always, "even to the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20).

As the disciples watched, Jesus lifted up His hands, blessed them, and then was taken up out of their sight (Luke 24:51; Acts 1:9). Two angels appeared to them and asked them why they were gazing into heaven. Then one of the angels said, "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as you have seen Him going into heaven" (Acts 1:11).

Icon of the Feast

The icon of The Ascension of Our Lord is a joyous icon. It is painted with bright colors. Christ is shown ascending in His glory in a mandorla. A mandorla is a design which is almond-shaped or round. Inside the mandorla is the figure of a holy person. Christ blesses the assembly with His right hand. In His left is a scroll. The scroll is a symbol of teaching. This icon shows that the Lord in heaven is the source of blessing. In addition, Jesus is the source of knowledge. The icon reminds us that Christ continues to be the source of the teaching and message of the Church, blessing and guiding those to whom He has entrusted his work.

The Theotokos occupies a very special place in this icon. She is in the center of the icon, immediately below the ascending Christ. The gesture of her hands is gesture of prayer. She is clearly outlined by the whiteness of the garments of the angels. The Theotokos is depicted in a very calm pose. This is quite different from the appearance of the Disciples. They are moving about, talking to one another and looking and pointing towards heaven. The entire group, the Theotokos and the disciples represent the Church.

The icon of the Ascension includes some who did not witness the Ascension. St. Paul is shown to the left of the Theotokos, but we know that he was not present at the Ascension. At that time, St. Paul did not yet believe in Jesus. But he became a Christian and one of the greatest Apostles and missionaries of Church.

The icon expresses the sovereignty of Christ over His Church; He is its Head, its guide, its source of inspiration and teaching; it receives its commission and ministry from Him, and fulfils it in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Orthodox Christian Celebration of the Feast of the Ascension

This Feast of our Lord is celebrated with the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom, which is conducted on the day of the Feast and preceded by the Matins service. A Great Vespers is conducted on the evening before the day of the Feast. Scripture readings for the Feast are the following: At Vespers: Isaiah 2:2-3, 62:10-63:9; Zechariah 14:1,4,8-11. At the Orthros (Matins) Mark 16:9-20; At the Divine Liturgy: [Acts 1:1-12](#); [Luke 24:36-53](#).

Святі Отці Першого Вселенського Собору - о. Ігор Куташ

"«Світло від Світла, Бога істинного від Бога істинного...»

У 7-му Неділю по Святій Пасці Св. Церква вшановує Святих Отців Першого Вселенського Собору. Цей Собор був скликаний у 325 р. Б. у місті Нікеї (сьогодні це місто Ізнік у Туреччині – там виробляють чудову і популярну синю кераміку) Св. Рівноапостольним Константаном, римським імператором, який припинив переслідування Віри Христової і зробив її вірою Римської імперії. Св. Константин побачив, що треба знести поділ у Церкві, який повстав через навчання олександрійського священника Арія, блискучого проповідника, який учив, на підставі раціонального аргументу, що наш Господь Ісус Христос не може бути одноістотний з Отцем Небесним, а мусів би бути найвищим і найпершим з Його творинь.

Навчання Арія суперечило досвідіві Церкви, яке описане у Св. Письмі. Християни завважили, що Бог у Своєму відношенні до людського роду об'явив Себе в Трьох виразних Особах: Отець і Син і Святий Дух. А разом з тим Св. Письмо рішуче проголошує, що Бог - Єдиний.

Наш Господь Ісус Христос молився до Бога, називаючи Його «Отче Мій» і навчав Своїх учнів молитись до Нього називаючи Його «Отче наш». Він також говорив, що Він і Отець – Одне, і що той хто побачив Його бачив і Отця та що Він пошле Духа Святого від Отця.

Хоч звичайна людська логіка каже, що одне і три не тотожне, досвід Церкви і Боже об'явлення ясно вказують на те, що в Бога те, що людям виглядає неможливим і нелогічним справді таки дійсне. Бог – Один, і рівночасно Він – Три Особи Одноістотні.

Не зважаючи на красномовну раціоналістичну проповідь Арія, Святі Отці таки підтвердили досвід Церкви і свідчення Св. Письма, і його вчення було відкинене і засуджене. Віру Православну оформили в Символі Віри, якого вживаємо у щоденних молитвах і особливо на початку Євхаристійного канону в Божественній Літургії, таким чином підтверджуючи, що єднання поміж Богом і людьми ґрунтується на тому, що є правдивим і реальним.

Ті що твердять наче б то те, що вірить людина про Бога – не важливе, та що навчання про Святу Тройцю – даремна формальність, не зрозуміли, що ця істина – конечно потрібна. Вона проголошує не тільки про те, що є дійсним по відношенні до Бога, але також про те, що відноситься до всього Його творіння: до людей, до Ангелів, та до всього, що Він створив. Він – досконала Єдність у Різноманітності, Один у Трьох Особах. Він і нас закликає проявляти той Образ і ставати чимраз більш подібними до Нього, живучи так, як вічно живе Він. Сварки і насилля, які проявляються між людьми – не сумісні з Його Волею! Вони – наслідок гріха. А джерело гріха – гординя, яка наполягає, що все повинно бути таким, як Я його бачу і бажаю, що все має бути підчинене моїй волі та бажанню. Так бажав Арій і так бажують усі, що полонені власною мудрістю та красою. Добродіє життя вимагає смирення – готовності підкорятися Волі Божій, яку Він поступово відкриває тим, які смиренні та які люблять Бога і тим самим люблять і Його Волю і Його створіння.

Досконалий приклад такого смирення – Сам наш Господь Ісус Христос, Який завжди підкоряв Себе Отцеві, навіть тоді, коли це виглядало майже неможливим, і молився за тих, які Його зраджували, кривдили, відкидали й розпинали..

Підкоряймося і ми Йому і любімо одне одного, які Він нас полюбив. Він поєднав нас у Своїй любові з Отцем Небесним – і послав нам Святого Духа від Отця, щоб ця єдність ставала досконалою.

Ми дякуємо Йому за це. Ми також дякуємо і вшановуємо Святих Отців Першого Вселенського Собору, які твердо стали на досвіді Церкви і проголосили цю спасаючу істину: що в Господі Ісусові Христові ми бачимо правдиву Людину, досконалий приклад для кожної людини, а разом з тим і Правдивого Бога, Другу Особу Пресвятої Тройці. Він є Тим, чим ми повинні постійно ставати. Їхнє навчання, їхній приклад і їхні молитви дають нам виклик і зміцнюють нас, щоб підносились кожний раз, коли тільки впадемо і прямували до того високого покликання, якого чудово окреслив один з найбільших з-поміж цих Отців, Св. Афанасій Олександрійський, який написав: «Бог став Людиною, щоб людина могла стати богом.»

The Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council - Fr. Ihor Kutash

“Light of Light, True God of True God”

On the Seventh Sunday after Pascha the Holy Church commemorates the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council. This Council was convened in 325 A.D. in the city of Nicea (today Iznik in Turkey, a

source of popular brilliant blue ceramics) by St. Constantine, Equal-to-the-Apostles, the Emperor of Rome who stopped all persecution of the Faith of Christ and made it the faith of his Empire.

St. Constantine found that it was necessary to put down the division in the Church that arose as a result of the teaching of the Alexandrian priest, Arius, an eloquent preacher, who taught, on the basis of rationalistic argumentation, that Our Lord Jesus Christ could not possibly be of the same essence or nature as the Heavenly Father, but must be the greatest and most pre-eminent of all His creatures. Arius' teaching was contrary to the witness of the Church which is recorded in the Holy Scriptures. Christians noted that in God's dealings with the human race He has revealed Himself as Three distinct Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. At the same time the Scripture is very clear in proclaiming that there is only One God.

Our Lord Jesus Christ prayed to God calling Him "My Father" and teaching His disciples to pray to Him as "our Father". He also said that He and the Father are One and that whoever saw Him saw the Father also and that He would send the Holy Spirit from the Father.

Although the usual human logic says that one and three are not the same, the experience of the Church and the revelation of God shows clearly that, with God, that which to humans appears to be impossible and illogical – is actually so! God is One and He is also Three Consubstantial Persons.

Notwithstanding the eloquent preaching of Arius, the Holy Fathers confirmed the experience of the Church and the witness of the Holy Scripture and his teaching was refuted and condemned. The Orthodox Faith was formulated in the Symbol of the Faith which we use in our daily prayers and especially at the beginning of the Eucharistic Canon in the Divine Liturgy, thereby showing that union between God and humans is based upon that which is true and real.

Those who say that what a person believes about God is not important, and that the teaching about the Holy Trinity is a useless formality, have not understood that this truth is a crucial one. It proclaims not only that which is true of God, but also that which is true of all His creation: humans and Angels and all that He has made. God has created us in His Image. He is perfect Unity in Diversity, One in Three Persons. He has also called us to manifest that Image and become like Him by living as He eternally lives. The quarrels and violence that come about among humans is not in keeping with His will. They are the result of sin. The source of sin is pride, which insists that everything must be as I perceive and desire it to be, that everything must be submitted to my will and desire.

Such was the wish of Arius, and such is the wish of all who are captivated by their own wisdom and beauty. A virtuous life requires humility, the willingness to submit to the will of God which He gradually unfolds to those who are humble, who love God and thus also love His will and His creation.

The perfect example of such humility is our Lord Himself, Jesus Christ, Who always submitted Himself to the Father even when this appeared nearly impossible to do, and Who prayed for those Who betrayed, wronged, rejected and crucified Him.

Let us also submit to Him and love one another as He has loved us. He has united us in His Love with the Heavenly Father – and has sent us the Holy Spirit from the Father to make this union perfect!

We thank Him for this. We also thank and honour the Holy Fathers of this First Ecumenical Council who stood firm upon the experience of the Church and proclaimed this saving truth: that in our Lord Jesus Christ we find the true Man, the perfect Model for every human, and also the True God, the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity. He is as we must ever keep on becoming.

Their teaching, their example and their prayers challenge and strengthen us to rise again each time we fall, and to keep pressing on to the high calling eloquently proclaimed by one of the greatest of these Fathers, St. Athanasius of Alexandria, who wrote: "God became Man so that man might become god".

JUNE SERVICES

Saturday JUNE 8	6:00 pm Vespers – Selo Chapel
Sunday JUNE 9	10:00 am - Divine Liturgy - Sobor
Wednesday JUNE 12	6:00 pm Akathyst – Sobor
Saturday JUNE 15	6:00 pm Vespers – Selo Chapel
Sunday JUNE 16	10:00 am - Divine Liturgy – KHRAM - Sobor 4:00 pm – KHRAM BBQ
Wednesday JUNE 19	6:00 pm Akathyst – Sobor
Saturday JUNE 22	6:00 pm Vespers – Selo Chapel
Sunday JUNE 23	10:00 am - Divine Liturgy - Sobor

ANNOUNCEMENT

- 1. We extend a hearty thanks to the Selo Gardens Personal Care Home kitchen staff** for preparing a wonderful dinner on Sunday May 12th. The occasion was the Khram for the Myrrh Bearing Women chapel. In particular, thanks are extended to Nina Pyrogova, Oleksandra Lustiv and all others who helped with the preparation and serving of the meal and tidying up thereafter.
- 2. A much appreciative thanks to the Selo Gardens Personal Care kitchen staff** for preparing the lunch at Selo Gardens on Thursday afternoon, May 23 for the Canadian Bandurist Capella. In particular to Nina and Lisa who worked on Thursday and Zoryana who helped Nina with the prepping the day before. And of course, Lorelei who provided oversight and assistance as needed. Thanks again
- 3. Khram – Father’s Day Barbeque – Sunday June 16 – 4:00 pm at Selo Gardens – BBQ supper at 5:30 pm. The event includes a special program for children – including a Bouncy.**
- 4. Used Eyeglasses** - Please donate your used eyeglasses to the Lions International to help those in need in the developing countries. A collection box is located at the church’s back door. If you require additional information – please speak to Wally Kaminski.
- 5. To All Parishioners – Parish Voting Participant:**
You are reminded that to be considered a Voting Participant (formerly Member) of the Descent of the Holy Spirit Sobor **you must make a donation of at least \$150 (individual) or \$300 (family) by June 30.** This will entitle you to participate in all general meetings until the Annual Meeting held in January of the following year (2019).
Only those who meet this criterion will be included in the Parish Levy List which we submit to the Consistory yearly in March. Please insure that your name and amount of donation is on each donation envelope you give in church.
- 6. Remind from Treasurer**
Please put your **name and the amount of your donation** on the donation envelope. This will ensure that your donation is properly entered. This in particular will ensure that cash donations are always properly entered.
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