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Sunday, May 29, 2022

Seventh Sunday after Pascha. Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea, Tone 6; Holy Virgin Martyr Theodosia of Tyre

Our Annual Parish Picnic

will be held in the Parish hall on Sunday June 12 after Divine Liturgy.

Adults - \$10.00 Children - \$5.00 Preschool FREE To confirm your attendance, please contact: Roman Workun - workun.pirates@shaw.ca / 780.914.7795 OR Alex Schabel aschabel14@gmail.com / 780.908.3339.





On Sunday June 19th, (Father's Day), Bishop David will be celebrating a Divine Liturgy outdoors at Camp Oselia as an

ALL PARISHES PICNIC.

Because of this there will be **NO LITURGY** here at Dormition on Sunday the 19th of June. See poster on page 4 for more details.

If you need transportation to Camp Oselia, please let a member of the Parish Pastoral Council know and we will do our best to get you there and back.

Also, we ask that you sign up on the sheet at the entrance, so that we can anticipate how many people will attend.

63rd Anniversary of the Dormition Parish UCWLC Branch



Come and join us as we celebrate League Day, a very special date. Dormition UCWLC is sixty - three years old. A group most valuable, as good as gold.

Everyone is invited to make this a special day Take the opportunity to show support and say, UCWLC, we marvel at what you accomplish, Mnolhya Lita, continued success is what we wish.

Join us for fellowship in the hall

Our branch will do one more grocery shop for Our Lady of Peace School before summer break, Wednesday, June 8th. The school has requested fresh fruit and vegetables only.. Cash donations may be made to our UCWLC Branch to assist in covering the cost

Virginia Sharek, - Branch President



Address:

15608 -104 Avenue, Edmonton, AB T5P 4G5

Services:

Sunday Divine Liturgy (Ukr & Eng) at 10 am

Festal Liturgies: Most Major Feast Days at 7pm,

see the calendar section of this bulletin for details.

Parish Website: http://dormition.eeparchy.com

Eparchial Website: www.eeparchy.com

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Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

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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 dissentions, 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. Saint Constantine asked the Council to insert into the text of the Symbol of Faith the word "consubstantial," which he had heard in the speeches of the bishops. The Fathers of the Council unanimously accepted this suggestion.

In the Nicean 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 occured on March 22 in 325).

The First Ecumenical Council is also commemorated on May 29.

Holy Virgin Martyr Theodosia of Tyre

she was subjected to cruel tortures; her sides and breasts were raked with iron claws until her bones were exposed. She endured this in silence with astonishing courage. Again Urban told her to sacrifice, but she mocked him saying: "Foolish man, why do you persist? Can you not see that I have received everything I prayed

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Saint Theodosía of Tyre lived during the III and IV centuries. Once, during a persecution against Christians, which had already lasted for five years, the seventeen-yearold Theodosía visited some condemned Christian prisoners in the Praetorium at Caesarea in Palestine. It was the day of Holy Pascha, and the Martyrs were speaking about the Kingdom of God. Saint Theodosía asked them to remember her when they appeared before the Lord.

When the soldiers saw that the girl had bowed to the prisoners, they seized her and led her before the governor, Urban. The governor urged the Saint to offer sacrifice to the idols, but she refused, professing her faith in Christ. Then



for, and that I am honored to share the fate of these Martyrs for Christ?"

After saying this, she was tormented even more severely than before. The holy virgin was cast into the sea with a stone tied around her neck, but Angels rescued her from the depths. Then they tossed her into the arena to be eaten by wild animals. Seeing that the beasts would not touch her, the soldiers beheaded her.

That night Saint Theodosía appeared to her parents, who had tried to persuade their daughter not to let herself be tortured. She wore radiant garments, a crown upon her head, and held a luminous gold cross in her hand. She said to them, "Behold the great glory of which you wished to deprive me!"

The Holy Virgin Martyr Theodosía of Tyre suffered for Christ on April 3 in the year 307 or 308. She is also commemorated on May 29 (the transfer of her relics to Constantinople, and later to Venice).

HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN UKRAINE

It has been over three months since Ukraine was invaded by Russia, leading to a violent war which has claimed thousands of lives and displaced millions of people.

Through the generosity of our parishes, faithful and friends, the Eparchy of Edmonton alone has raised some \$2.5 million, including \$1.25 million in matching donations, to help the innocent victims whose lives and country are being destroyed in this senseless attack on their sovereignty.

Our donations "follow the people of Ukraine," wherever the need is greatest including:

• Humanitarian Aid to Ukraine supporting organizations on the ground including Caritas Ukraine, Ukrainian Greek Catholic eparchies, Sheptytsky Hospital (L'viv) and others who are helping the more than 15 million people affected by the war, including 8 million displaced internally, and 6.7 million who have fled to neighbouring countries. Donations are forwarded through the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA), an organization providing pastoral and humanitarian support to the most vulnerable people around the globe.

• **Humanitarian Aid to help countries** welcoming the 6.7 million people who have fled to Poland, Romania, Moldova, Slovakia, and other countries, mostly women and children. CNEWA is helping to direct funds where needed.

• Humanitarian Aid for refugees arriving in Alberta and welcomed by families throughout the province. We are working with the Ukrainian Canadian Congress and Ukrainian Canadian Social Services to support the settlement, integration, and spiritual needs of those arriving in our province. Over 300,000 Ukrainians have already applied to come to Canada, with 36,000 already arrived.

The outpouring of love and support has been truly amazing, but the need is great, and it will continue to be as Ukraine defends its freedom for all their citizens in all parts of the country. We ask that you continue to be generous with your gifts, but mostly we ask for your prayers. Let us pray to God our Father and Our Most Holy Mother for an end to the suffering of war and for justice and peace in Ukraine.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support.

Given the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, the annual collection for the **"Aid to the Missionary Church in the World,"** traditionally taken up on Pentecost Sunday, **will not take place this year**.



For more information please go to CampOselia.com or call 780-424-5496

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ordained a deason in the Ukrainian Greco-

Catholic Church. He is married and has evo-

daughters

Parish News

(and news from beyond our parish too)

- **Please pray for** several of our parishioners and family members including (but not limited to): Jennie, Mickey, Sister Andrea, Kristopher, Greg, Peter, Ross, Ron, Peter, Jean, Verna, Miranda, Sarah, Marge, Ann & Louis.
- **Happy birthday** to **Ulana Gnutel** who celebrate(s) his/her/ their birthday(s) this week. May God grant you many happy years. Mnohaya Lita.
- Dormition's **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting this Wednesday** at 7:30 pm. All PPC members are expected to attend as usual for this important regular meeting. Zoom will be available for those who can not come in person.
- We are in **DESPERATE need for ONE remaining volunteer** shift for our major Casino fundraising event on Thursday June 2 at Starlight Casino, West Edmonton Mall. Please contact Alex Schabel if you are able to this shift: **Count room** -**Thursday June 2 - late shift - 11:00 pm to 3:30 am.**
- No Liturgy in Dormition Parish on June 19th due to the "All Parishes Picnic". See poster on page 4.
- Our Parish's Catholic Scouts Group (#221 Our Lady's Scouts) will be meeting online via zoom this Tuesday at 8:00 pm. If you would like to attend, send Fr. Bo an email before the meeting and he will send you an invite.
- Kappella Kyrie Slavic Chamber Choir is proud to partner with Edmonton's Richard Eaton Singers in **G fundraising concert entitled: Peace and Reconciliation** on Sunday, June 19 in support of Ukrainian refugees in Edmonton. The performance will be an outstanding showcase of Ukrainian and classical choral repertoire, featuring music by Bortniansky, Dychko, Kikta, Stetsenko, Bach, Brahms, Rutter, among others, as well as the North American premiere of a recently published sacred concerto by Maksym Berezovsky. Sunday, June 19, 4:00 pm at the Winspear Centre. Tickets starting at \$20. Go to winspearcentre.com or call 780 428 1414 for tickets and details.

• \$200,000 Humanitarian Aid Settlement Grant.

Eparchial parishes and eparchial organizations undertaking projects and initiatives to support Ukrainian families and individuals who are fleeing the war in Ukraine may apply for a grant of up to \$10,000 for their project. The faithful of the Eparchy of Edmonton are preparing to welcome these families and help settle them and establish them into the community. Although each parish may have different means of providing support, we all can do something. **Grant Funding and Projects** Through the generous donations of our parishioners, friends, various organizations, and businesses, \$200,000 of the total amounts collected for Humanitarian Aid has been set aside by Bishop David to help the families fleeing Ukraine and temporarily settling in Alberta. More information can be found at the Eparchial Website: <u>eeparchy.com</u>

- Both Camp Oselia and Camp St. Basil are **looking for** adventure loving volunteers. In particular we are looking for Cooks, Nurses, Life guard(s) and Camp Counsellors (teens). Our camps will take place the week of July 3-9 at Camp St. Basil and July 10-16 at Camp Oselia. We would love it if you can help for both weeks, but we would be happy to have you for as much as you can help. For more information please contact Victoria at <u>oselia@eeparchy.com</u>.
- **St. Basil's Parish Fundraising Pyrohy Supper** (Aid to Ukrainian Newcomers) will be held on Saturday, June 18/22 with seatings at 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM **OR** 6:15 PM - 8:15 PM. Tickets can be purchased in advance at eventbrite.ca or at the door and are \$35 Adults /\$15 Kids (5-11)/ 4 & under – Free. There will be entertainment and a Silent Auction. The supper will be held at St. Basil's Cultural Centre, 10819 71 Ave NW, Edmonton. For more information contact: Lorraine Balko (780) 475 - 6936 email: Isabalko@hotmail.com or Kathy Sosnowski (587) 643 - 8915 email: kathys61@telus.net.
- In preparation for the **10th World Meeting of Families**, the Standing Committee for Family and Life – Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is hosting a **live and nationwide Rosary** for the Family via Zoom Webinar. The virtual event will take place on Father's Day, Sunday, June 19 at 1:00 pm and will be facilitated by several families from across the country. The Zoom registration link can be accessed here.
- The **10th World Meeting of Families (WMF)** will take place with Pope Francis in Rome from June 22 to 26, coinciding with the close of the "Amoris Laetitia Family Year." The Apostolic See, as a result of COVID-19, is only accepting 24 delegates from Canada nominated by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops to participate in the World Meeting of Families. However, parishes are encouraged to celebrate the World Meeting of Families locally. For resources and information to facilitate local celebrations of the World Meeting of Families, you are invited to visit "Celebrating the Amoris Laetitia Family Year" on the CCCB website: https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/family-and-life/ celebrating-the-amoris-laetitia-family-year/
- His Excellency, Bishop Bryan Bayda, will be installed by Metropolitan Lawrence Huculak as the Fourth Bishop of the Eparchy of Toronto and Eastern Canada on Monday, June 27, 11:00 am Divine Liturgy, Saints Peter and Paul Parish, Scarborough, ON.
- The Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Catholic Church will take place from July 7-15 in Przemyśl (Peremyshl), Poland.
- The 2nd World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated on Sunday, July 24. The theme for this 2nd World Day is: "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Psalm 92:15). The intended purpose of the theme is to convey "how grandparents and the elderly are a value and a gift both for society and for ecclesial communities." The Pontifical Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life indicates that a series of pastoral tools will be made available on its website (www.laityfamilylife.va) and that a Message from the Holy Father will also be published.

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Keynote Speakers:

Rev. Dr. John Behr, University of Aberdeen

"Reason Persuading Necessity: Gregory of Nyssa on the Human Being"

Fr. John Behr is the Regius Professor of Humanity at the University of Aberdeen. He previously taught at St Vladimir's Seminary, where he served as Dean from 2007-17, His early work focused on Christian Anthropology in Irenaeus of Lyons and Clement of Alexandria (OUP 2000). He is writing a series of books on "The Formation of Christian Theology", two volumes of which have already appeared: vol. 1, The Way to Nicaea (SVS Press 2001) and vol. 2 The Nicene Faith (SVS Press 2003). He is the author of a full study of St Irenaeus: St Irenaeus of Lyons: Identifying Christianity (OUP, 2013). He has completed a new critical edition and translation of Origen's On First Principles, together with an extensive introduction, for OUP (2017), and John the Theologian and His Paschal Gospel: A Prologue to Theology (OUP 2019). He is currently working on a new edition of the works of Irenaeus for OUP.

Professor Lewis Ayres, Durham University

"Justinian's vision of Christ: necessary for orthodoxy today?"

Lewis Ayres is Professor of Catholic and Historical Theology at the University of Durham, UK. He previously taught at the Candler School of Theology, Emory University. He was also a Distinguished Fellow of the Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study (2014-2015). Among his books are Nicaea and Its Legacy (Oxford 2004/6) and Augustine and the Trinity (Cambridge 2010/14). He is currently working on a book entitled As It Is Written: Ancient Literary Criticism, Hellenization and the Rise of Scripture 150-250 for **Princeton University** Press.

REGISTRATION:

https:// www.eventbrite.ca/e/ sheptytsky-institutestudy-daystickets-348079042787

A <u>limited</u> number of rooms are available at Victoria College, a short walk from USMC, at a reduced rate of \$81.50 + HST for single occupancy and \$109.00 + HST for double occupancy, including breakfast. Please email Tamara at tamara.wajda@utoronto. ca for more information <u>by Friday</u>, June 3, 2022.

Study Days Poster: <u>Study</u> <u>Days 2022 Poster</u>

Study Days Brochure: Study Days Brochure

Study Days Schedule: Schedule

Study Days Workshop Speakers: Workshop Presenters

Dormition Parish Calendar										
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday				
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Seventh Sunday after Pascha. Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea.	Our Venerable Father Isaac, Hegumen of the Dalmatin Monastery (406-25) Acts 21:8-14; John 14:27-15:7	The Holy Apostle Hermas; the Holy Martyr Hermes (138-61) Acts 21:26-32; John 16:2-13	The Holy Martyr Justin the Philosopher and those with him (Second century) Acts 23:1-11; John 16:15-23	Our Holy Father Nicephorus the Confessor (829) Acts 25:13-19; John 16:23-33	Leave-Taking of the Ascension. The Holy Martyr Lucillianus and those with him Abstention from meat	Saturday Before Pentecost - All Souls Saturday. Our Holy Father Metrophanes, Patriarch of				
Octoechos Tone 6. The Venerable-Martyr Theodosia the Virgin (286-305) Matins Resurrectional Gospel	9 am School Presentations about both Camps	11 am appointment 6 pm Camp Oselia Society Meeting	10 am Scouts Appointment I pm Camps Meeting	Vocations Director Workbee Icon cutting day.	and foods that contain meat. Acts 27:1-44; John 17:18-26 Icon cutting day.	Constantinople (312-37) Acts 28:1-31; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17; John 21:15-25; John 5:24-30				
10 Acts 20:16-18, 28-36; John 17:1-13	I pm Scouts Appointment	8 pm #221 Our Lady's Scouts	7:30 pm Parish Pastoral Council	Ulana Gnutel's Birthday	Cathedral's Perogy Supper	Church Decorating for				

Meeting

10 am Divine Liturgy

Panachyda to follow Liturgy for + Bernard Hein, & for + Sohaila, and for the members of the UCWLC who have passed 6 pm Eparchial

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UCWLC "League

Day" Fellowship			-	_		
5:30 pm Appointment						_
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Descent of the Holy Spirit. Holy and Glorious Pentecost. The Holy Priest-Martyr Dorotheus, Bishop of Tyre (361-63). The Holy Priest-Martyr Cosmas, Presbyter of Armenia (1707). Veneration of the Icon of the Mother of God, Of Ihor, so called because it belonged to Ihor Olhovych, Prince of Kiev (+1147) Acts 2:1-11; John 7:37-52; 8:12	Monday of the Holy Spirit. Our Venerable Father Bessarion the Wonderworker (457-74); Venerable Hilarion the New (845-46) A day when the faithful are highly encouraged to participate in the Divine Liturgy. Ephesians 5:9-19; Matthew 18:10-20 Icon cutting day. 5:30 pm Appointment	The Holy Priest-Martyr Theodotus of Ancyra (284-305) Romans 1:1-7, 13-17; Matthew 4:25-5:13 Icon cutting day.	The Transfer of the Holy Relics of the Holy Great Martyr Theodore Tyro Romans 1:18-27; Matthew 5:20-26 I pm Camps Meeting 2pm Appointment 5:30 pm Marriage Prep	Our Holy Father Cyril, Archbishop of Alexandria (444) Romans 1:28-2:9; Matthew 5:27-32	The Holy Priest-Martyr Timothy, Bishop of Prussa (361-63) Romans 2:14-29; Matthew 5:33-41 Essays for Icons Class are due and need to be marked.	The Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas Polyeleos Feast. Romans 1:7-12; Acts 11:19-30; Matthew 5:42-48; Luke 10:16-21 We get ever ything ready for the Parish Picnic Usual Bulletin Prep Raina Nahachewsky's Birthday
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Praying with Icons Course at Newman Theological College (7 weeks - Fr. Bo teaches)

10 am Divine Liturgy

David Kwas' Birthday 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 First Sunday after The Holy Martyr The Holy Prophet The Holy Prophet Most Holy Eucharist. The Holy Martyrs The Holy Martyr Aquilina (286-305); Elisha (9th c. BC); Our Amos (8th c. BC); Our Holy Father and Manuel, Sabel and Leontius (69-79) Pentecost. All Saints Holy Triphillius, Bishop Holy Father Venerable Jerome, Wonderworker Tychon Ismael; Our Venerable Apostles' Fast. Romans Sunday. Octoechos of Leucosia (Nicosia) Methodius, Patriarch Presbyter of of Amathus (408-50) Father Hypatius, 3:19-26; Matthew Tone 1. Our Venerable on Cyprus (343) of Constantinople Stridonium (420) Apostles' Fast. 1 Hegumen of Ruphenia 7:1-8 Father Onuphrius the Apostles' Fast. Romans (847) Apostles' Fast. Apostles' Fast. Corinthians 11:23-32; (446) Apostles' Fast. Great (c. 337); Our Scouts Archery John 6:48-54 2:28-3:18; Matthew Romans 4:4-12; Abstention from meat Abstention from meat Venerable Father Peter Training 6:31-34; 7:9-11 Matthew 7:15-21 and foods that contain and foods that contain of Athos (892); meat. Romans meat. Romans Setup at Camp Krystynopil Icon of the 5:30 pm Appointment 12:30 pm appointment 5:17-6:2; Matthew 4:13-25; Matthew Oselia for All Mother of God Matins Drew Hundt's Birthday 7:21-23 9:14-17 **Parishes Picnic Resurrectional Gospel** 1. Hebrews I pm Camps **Essays for Icons** 11:33-12:2; Matthew Meeting Class are due 10:32-33, 37-38; and need to be 19:27-30

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Pentecost

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Usual Bulletin

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First Antiphon

Clap your hands, all you nations;* shout to God with the voice of joy.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save, us.

For the Lord most high is awesome,* a great king over all the earth.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save, us.

He has subdued peoples to us,* and nations under our feet.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save, us.

God ascended amid shouts of joy;* the Lord at the sound of the trumpet.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save, us.

Glory... Now... Only-Begotten Son...

Third Antiphon

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord,* let us acclaim God, our Saviour.

Son of God, who ascended in glory,* save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Let us come before His face with praise, $\ensuremath{^*}$ and acclaim Him in psalms.

Son of God, who ascended in glory,* save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

For God is the great Lord,* the great king over all the earth.

Son of God, who ascended in glory,* save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Entrance

Come, let us worship* and fall down before Christ.

Son of God, who ascended in glory,* save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Troparia and Kontakia

Troparion: Angelic powers were upon Your tomb* and the guards became like dead men;* Mary stood before Your tomb* seeking Your most pure body.* You captured Hades without being overcome by it.* You met the Virgin and granted life.* O Lord, risen from the dead,* glory be to You!

Troparion: You ascended in glory, O Christ our God,* giving joy to Your disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit,* and assuring

them through your blessing* that You are the Son of God,* the Redeemer of the world.

Troparion: Christ our God, You are glorified above all,* You established our fathers as beacons on earth* and through them guided all of us to the true faith.* Glory to You, most compassionate Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion: The apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrine* confirmed the Church's one faith,* and wearing the garment of truth* woven from theology that descends from on high,* she rightly imparts* the mystery of godliness* and sings its glory.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion: When you had fulfilled Your plan for us* and united things on earth with those in heaven,* You ascended in glory, O Christ our God,* in no way distant, but remaining in separable,* You cried to those who love You:* I am with You and there is none against you.

Prokeimenon:

Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name forever.

VerSe: For You are righteous in everything that You have done to us.

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

In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; he was eager to be in Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. From Miletus he sent a message to Ephesus, asking the elders of the church to meet him. 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, keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after I have gone, savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Some even from your own group will come distorting the truth in order to entice the disciples to follow them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to warn everyone with tears. 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. I coveted no one's silver or gold or clothing. You know for yourselves that I worked with my own hands to support myself and my companions. 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.'" When he had finished speaking, he knelt down with them all and prayed.

Alleluia verses:

The God of gods, the Lord, spoke and summoned the earth from the rising of sun to its setting.

Gather to Him His devout ones, who with sacrifice make covenant with Him.

Gospel: John 17:1-13 (NRSV)

At that time Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom 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 glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.

Hymn to the Mother of God and Irmos:

O my soul, magnify the Lord who in glory ascended bodily into the heavens.

O Mother of God,* you transcended both mind and word,* and in time, ineffably bore the Timeless One:* it is you who, with one accord,* we, the faithful, magnify.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.

Rejoice in the Lord, O you just;* praise befits the righteous.

Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

Instead of "We have seen the true light" and "Let our mouths be filled" we sing:

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, above all the earth be Your glory.