

7th Sunday of Pascha Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council of Nicea.

Our Venerable Father Simeon of the "Mountain of Wonders" (596).

** Sunday, May 24th, 2020 **

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Holy Eucharist Cathedral schedule:

Sunday, May 24 & 31 Div. Lit. at 9:00 a.m. (Eng.) & 10:00 a.m. (Ukr.)



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 of 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

We sing the usual Third Antiphon, but with the festal refrain:

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

Troparion, Tone 6: 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, Tone 4: 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, Tone 8: 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, Tone 8: 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 forever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 6: 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 inseparable, * You cried to those who love You: * I am with You and there is none against you.

Prokeimenon, Tone 4: 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: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 20:16-18, 28-36)



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: "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, Tone 1: The God of gods, the Lord, spoke and summoned the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

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

Gospel: John 17:1-13

At that time Jesus 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: O my soul, magnify the Lord who in glory ascended bodily into the heavens.

Irmos Tone 5: 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 (x3).

Instead of "We have seen the true light..." & "Let our mouths be filled..." we sing: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, above all the earth be Your glory.





Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in these Holy Gifts!

I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot receive You now,

I place before You my whole life and hope, O loving Master; and I ask, pray, and entreat You: Make me worthy to partake in a mystical way and with a pure conscience of Your awesome and heavenly Mysteries: for forgiveness of sins, for the pardon of offenses, for communion of the Holy Spirit, for the inheritance of the kingdom of heaven, for confidence before You, and not for judgment or condemnation.

I embrace You as You enter and abide in me, and I unite myself completely to You. Permeate my soul and body, and never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Молитва духовного Причастя

Мій Ісусе! Я вірю, що Ти присутній у цих Святих Дарів! Люблю Тебе над усе і моя душа тужить за Тобою.

Не можу зараз Тебе прийняти в Євхаристії, тому хоча б духовно прийди до мого серця! Запрошую Тебе, відчиняю навстіж двері мого серця, згадаючи Твої слова: «Ось стою під дверима і стукаю. Якщо хто почує Мій голос і відчинить двері, Я ввійду до нього, і буду вечеряти з ним, а він зі Мною». Я ввесь єднаюся з Тобою. Ісусе, моє найвище Добро й моя солодка Любове! Торкнись мого серця і запали його, щоб воно завжди палало любов'ю до Тебе! Амінь.



Announcements



CATECHETICAL SUMMARY

This Sunday is the Sunday of the Fathers of the First Council of Nicea. Obviously, the "fathers" of the council refers to the 318 Bishops that traveled from all over the world to join together to give voice to the Orthodox

Catholic Faith as it was established and received from the Apostles. Primarily, the fathers of the council focused their attention on the Arian heresy and proclaimed with one voice that Jesus is truly God and truly man, an Eternal Divine Person with two distinct natures. One of the bishops that joined the council was the great Saint Athanasios, bishop of Alexandria.

It was Saint Athanasios who, in his debates with the arch-heretic Arius, uttered the famous statement "God became man that man might become god." This truth, so central to our Christian faith, restates the foundational Christian belief that the purpose of the Incarnation, the reason why God became a man in the womb of Holy Theotokos, was so that he might reclaim his creation from the dominion of the devil and reunite us with Him. Through our baptism, we are joined to Christ in a real way so that we are able to say with Saint Paul, "it is no longer I who lives, but Christ who lives in me."

CHALLENGE QUESTIONS:

1. What is the purpose of the Incarnation according to St Athanasios?

- 2. How does Saint Athanasios' statement impact how I see my life as a Christian?
- 3. How does the truth of our real transformation through baptism impact those around us?

THE FATHERS ON THE GOSPEL

The Lord says "all mine are yours," as if he were submitting his lordship over creation to the Father, but he also adds "yours are mine," to show that the creating command came from the Father to him. The Son did not need help to accomplish his work, nor are we to believe that he received a separate commandment for each portion of his work. Such extreme inferiority would be entirely inadequate to his divine glory. Rather, the Word was full of his Father's grace. He shines forth from the Father and accomplishes everything according to his parent's plan. He is not different in essence, nor is he different in power from his Father, and if their power is equal, then their works are the same. Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. All things were made through him, and all things were created through him and for him, not as if he were discharging the service of a slave, but instead he creatively fulfills the will of his Father. BASIL THE GREAT, ON THE HOLY SPIRIT 8.19.



Although the Most Holy Trinity Parish Public Liturgical Services are postponed until Sunday, May 31st, Fr. Andrzej & his family will continue to celebrate daily services and offer their prayers for the intentions of parishioners of the Most Holy Trinity parish.

Sunday, May 24 Liturgy (Eng./Ukr.): God's blessings to all parishioners

Monday, May 25 *** Div. Lit: +Blair Mc Lean

Tuesday, May 26 ** Div. Lit: +Pat Chaplin (1st Anniversary)

Wednesday, May 27 * Div. Lit: God's blessings to Cecil & Muriel S.

Thursday, May 28 *** Div. Lit: +Stefania K.

Friday, May 29 *** Moleben to the Mother of God

Pentecost Sunday, May 31 * Divine Liturgy (Eng./Ukr.): God's blessings to all parishioners (time TBA)

Dear Parishioners, please continue participating in online or televised services and remain united with each other in thought and prayer. Keep up the phone calls and don't forget those who may not receive too many calls, emails, texts, etc.



Please Pray for health of ... All those affected by the coronavirus, and Fr. Josaphat T., Olga P., Sharon B., Zonia R., Brian K., Maria Z., Jayne & Ernie P., Lawrence & Ping B., Allan N., Moris P., Mary W., Piotr & Jadwiga W., Sam D., Ray O., Mary E., Sharon &



Al L., Joe S., Jeanne R., Emily H., Lisa M., Michael L., Greg H., Melynda S., Ann D., Joyce K., Suzanne C., Clay B., Maria W., Anne D., Rose K., Maria S., all sick brothers and sisters in our families and parish community. Please let Fr. Andrzej know if you would like to add names to the prayer list and also notify him about any sick and/or hospitalized parishioners and family members.



Sincerest Thanks — Many thanks to everyone who brought or sent financial support to our parish during this time when our liturgical services are not open to the public. God bless you all. **May income:** \$2,140.00. (Sunday donations - \$1,840; donation - \$300).

Sincerest Condolences! Vichnaya Pamiat! – we extend our prayers & condolences to Mrs. Zonia Rurka & her family as they mourn the death of Zonia's mother, **late Adeline Palsitt**. May Adeline's soul rest in peace. Christ is Risen!

Thank you — Mrs. Mary Emery & Mrs. Elsie Kinaschuk would like to express their gratitude on behalf of Prokop & Pawlyshyn families for your prayers, condolences and cards of support at the time of their sister Jessie Pawlyshyn's death.

Parish Council Meeting – will take place this coming **Wednesday**, **May** 27th at 2:00 p.m.

Next Zoom Meeting for the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Assembly – will take place on Thursday, June 18th.

The Fast of the Holy Apostles – begins on the Monday after All Saints Sunday (Monday, June 8th) and lasts until June 29, the Feast of the Holy Apostles Peter & Paul.

Eastern Catholic Catechetical Resource Website — just to let you know that there is one more great source to increase your spiritual life, please check out the new website for "God with Us" Byzantine Publications:

https://godwithusonline.org (**God With Us Online**) – is an outreach project of the Eparchial Directors of Religious Education and the Eastern Catholic Associates

and is dedicated to the catechetical renewal of Eastern Catholics in the United States in accord with the Church's call for a new Evangelization.)

5th Anniversary of "Laudato si" - Pope Francis invites the Church to celebrate Laudato si' Week from May 16-24.

In a <u>recorded video message</u>, Pope Francis marks the **5th Anniversary** of the publication of his Encyclical Laudato si', **On the Care of Our Common Home**. In the video, he addresses Catholic communities around the world, asking us, "What kind of world do we want to leave to those who will come after us, to children who are growing up?" "Motivated by this question," he says, "I would like to invite you to participate in Laudato si' Week from May 16-24. It is a global campaign on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the encyclical letter Laudato si': On the care of our common home."

For ways to celebrate Laudato si' Week, visit <u>www.laudatosiweek.org</u>.

Pope Francis invites us to bring solidarity to our world in a shared moment of prayer on Sunday, May 24, at 12:00 pm noon local time, to pray this Common Prayer for the 5th Anniversary of Laudato si':

Loving God, Creator of heaven and earth and all that is in them,

You created us in your image and made us stewards of all your creation, of our common home.

You blessed us with the sun, water and bountiful lands so that all might be nourished.

Open our minds and touch our hearts, so that we may attend to your gift of creation.

Help us to be conscious that our common home belongs not only to us, but to all future generations, and that it is our responsibility to preserve it.

May we help each person secure the food and resources that they need.

Be present to those in need in these trying times, especially the poorest and those most at risk of being left behind.

Transform our fear, anxiety and feelings of isolation into hope so that we may experience a true conversion of the heart.

Help us to show creative solidarity in addressing the consequences of this global pandemic.

Make us courageous to embrace the changes that are needed in search of the common good.

Now more than ever may we feel that we are all interconnected, in our efforts to lift up the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Gospel of Luke	From	То	Psalm(s)
21:25-38	May 24, 2020	May 30	Pss 123- Ps 124
22:1-13	May 31, 2020	June 06	Pss 125- Ps 126





Prayer During the Coronavirus Outbreak

Lord, Our God,

We thank you for the life that is your gift, For the providence that sustains us, And for your wisdom that directs the course of

our days. The threat of an infection of coronavirus is upon us today. This disease causes fear among us and has claimed lives. We humbly beg you, loving Lord, Dispel our fear and deliver us from this and other diseases.

Heal those who are afflicted and stop the spread of the virus. Strengthen us in charity to care for one another.

For You are a God of mercy, kindness, and love, and we glorify You Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.



Zenit - Canadian Bishops Urge Ethical Development of Covid-19 Vaccine

Letter to Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, and Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P. Prime Minister of Canada, Langevin Block, Ottawa ON K1A 0A2

May 21, 2020

Dear Prime Minister,

We write to thank you for the federal government's ongoing efforts to prevent transmission of COVID-19, especially among the most vulnerable Canadians. We endorse the earliest possible development of safe, effective anti-viral vaccines and the broadest uptake of vaccination.

We urge your government to fund the development of vaccines that do not create an ethical dilemma for many Canadians. On one hand, the wide uptake of vaccines is essential to protect citizens from the transmission of disease. On the other, a vaccine produced using abortion- derived cell lines raises conscience concerns for anyone who might be offered that vaccine and is aware of its lineage. This dilemma will emerge if there are no alternatives to vaccines developed with the use of human fetal cell lines obtained from elective abortions. COVID-19 vaccine candidates that are ethically unacceptable are produced using human cell lines such as PER.C6 and HEK 293, derived from elective abortions. 1,2 Our ethical objections relate to the use of this abortion-derived lineage, both the destruction and the exploitation of unique human lives. The subsequent manufacture of vaccines using such ethically-tainted human cell lines demonstrates profound disrespect for the dignity of the human person.

Governments must ensure that COVID-19 vaccines that become available do not create an ethical dilemma for Canadians. Fortunately, numerous vaccines under development do not raise ethical concerns. One excellent Canadian example is being developed at the University of British Columbia by Dr. Wilfred Jefferies. His methodology uses self-amplifying mRNA, made entirely in a test tube without cells or tissues, according to email dated May 11, 2020 from David Prentice, PhD, of the Charlotte Lozier Institute (DPrentice@lozierinstitute.org). The reference list follows the signatures on this letter.

Please be assured of our strong support for ethically developed vaccines.

c.c.: The Honourable Patty Hajdu, P.C., M.P. Minister of Health

Yours sincerely,

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