



**SUNDAY OF THE AFTER-FEAST
OF THE ASCENSION &
COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY FATHERS
OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**

MAY 20, 2018

SAINTS OF THE DAY:

MARTYRS THALLELAIOS THE UNMERCENARY HEALER OF PHOENICIA,
AND HIS DISCIPLES ALEXANDER AND ASTERIOS OF CILICIA;
MARTYR ASKELLAS OF EGYPT; VENERABLE NIKITAS,
LYDIA 'THE SELLER OF PURPLE' OF THYATIRA AND PHILIPPI;
ALEXIS THE WONDERWORKER, METROPOLITAN OF MOSCOW

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

Clap your hands, all ye nations; shout unto God with a voice of rejoicing. For the Lord Most High is terrible; is a great King over all the earth.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

He hath subdued peoples under us, and the nations under our feet. God is gone up in jubilation, the Lord with the voice of the trumpet.

(Refrain)

Glory... Both now... *(Refrain)*

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, in His holy mountain. The mountains of Sion on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.

Refrain: O Song of God who ascended in glory, save us who sing to Thee; Alleluia.

God is known in her towers when He cometh to help her. *(Refrain)*

For lo, the kings of the earth were assembled; they came together. *(Refrain)*

Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

Hear this, all ye nations; give ear, all ye that inhabit the world. My mouth shall speak wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding. I will incline mine ear unto a parable; I will unfold my problem on the psaltery.

ENTRANCE HYMN OF REGULAR SUNDAYS

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, that art risen from the dead; for now we sing unto Thee. Alleluia.

Now sing these apolytikia in the following order.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SIX

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb. And the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE ASCENSION IN TONE FOUR

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, granting joy to Your disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing they were assured that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world!

APOLYTIKION OF THE HOLY FATHERS IN TONE EIGHT

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

TROPARION OF ST. GEORGE IN TONE FOUR

As deliverer of captives and defender of the poor, healer of the infirm and champion of kings, victorious Great-martyr George, intercede with Christ our God that our souls may be saved.

KONTAKION OF THE ASCENSION IN TONE SIX

When You fulfilled the dispensation for our sake, and united earth to heaven: You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, not being parted from those who love You, but remaining with them and crying: I am with you and no one will be against you!

THE EPISTLE

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.

For Thou art just in all Thou hast done.

The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (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; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore, be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (17:1-13)

At that time, Jesus lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son that the Son may glorify Thee, since Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom Thou hast given Him. And this is eternal life, that they know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ Whom Thou hast sent.

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I glorified Thee on earth, having accomplished the work which Thou gavest Me to do; and now, Father, glorify Thou Me in Thy own presence with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was made. I have manifested Thy Name to the men whom Thou gavest Me out of the world; Thine they were, and Thou gavest them to Me, and they have kept Thy word. Now they know that everything that Thou hast given Me is from Thee; for I have given them the words which Thou gavest Me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from Thee; and they have believed that Thou didst send Me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom Thou hast given Me, for they are Thine; all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to Thee. Holy Father, keep them in Thy Name, which Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one. While I was with them, I kept them in Thy Name, which Thou have given Me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to Thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves."

Reception of Holy Communion— Protocol and Etiquette

During the Summer months or anytime there is NO Church School in session, children should remain in their pews with their family and approach for Holy Communion with their family. There is no need to line up in the back of the Sanctuary. And, of course, EVERYONE (children and adults) should return to their pews after the Reception of Holy Communion and remain until the Dismissal Prayers and Parish Announcements.

Parish Life UPDATE

Graduation & Church School Recognition Day—TODAY after Divine Liturgy. Congratulations and Many years!

Vespers & Evangelization Presentation—Join us on Thursday, May 31st at 6:00p for a special evening with Fr. John Parker (Chair of the Department of Evangelization for the OCA). He is visiting from South Carolina and will offer a presentation giving practical advice on how to discuss and share our Faith!

Visit to Sister Parish in Bloomington for Feast-day—Join us on Saturday, June 2 at 5:00p for Great Vespers and dinner outing in Bloomington. The Feast of All Saints is their patronal feast; we'd like to celebrate with them!

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS

ROBERT ELLIS	21st
ALAN KASSIS	22nd
CORY A. KASSIS	22nd
JOSEPH "JJ" TANOOS	23rd
DR. STEVEN MAYNARD	24th
MARILYN FARVER	26th



SUMMARY — May 13, 2018

WEEKLY INCOME

Pledges & Assessments	\$ 760.00
Candles/Cash	\$ 95.00
Donations	\$ 30.00
<u>Building Fund</u>	<u>\$ 5.00</u>
Total	\$ 885.00

Divine Liturgy Attendance: 95

HOLY OBLATION



TODAY

Offered by Bill & Sandy Kassis for the health and well-being of their family and on the occasion of the graduation of their grandson, Abraham.

May 27

Offered by Mike & Nancy Ellis, for the health and well-being of their family and on the occasion of their daughter, Katherine's birthday.

June 3

Offered by the Maloof Family, for their health and well-being and in honor of their nephew, Noah Shahadey's, graduation and the June birthdays of Mindy Bement and +Elaine Maloof.

June 10

Offered by Kyle & Eleni Miller, for the health and well-being of their family.

COFFEE (FELLOWSHIP) HOUR

TODAY — Graduation celebration for Abraham Kassis,
hosted by Alan & Julie Kassis

May 27 — Hosted by Mike & Nancy Ellis

June 3 — Hosted by the Maloof Family

June 10 — Hosted by Kyle & Eleni Miller

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Wednesday, May 23	Vespers	6:00p
Saturday, May 26	Great Vespers	6:00p
Sunday, May 27	Festal Matins	9:00a
(Feast of Pentecost)	Festal Liturgy w/ Kneeling Prayers	10:00a

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Church School

OPEN

Teachers

Preschool:

Maria Straub

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Maria David

2nd-3rd:

Paula Powell

4th-5th:

Jimmy Tanoos &
Gina White

6th-8th:

Stacey Bocard

High School:

OPEN