

**May 28, 2023**

**Sunday of the After-Feast of the Ascension**

**Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ecumenical Council**

*As we enter the Church let us pray.....*

*I will come into Thy House In the multitude of Thy mercy;  
And in Thy fear I will worship toward Thy Holy Temple.*

**Resurrectional Apolytikion - Tone 6**

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 – Tone 4**

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Thy Disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit, making them confident through the blessing that Thou art the Son of God, and Deliverer of the world.

**Apolytikion of the Holy Fathers – Tone 8**

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.

**Apolytikion of St. John Chrysostom - Tone 8**

Grace shining forth from your lips like a beacon has enlightened the universe. It has shown to the world the riches of poverty. It has revealed to us the heights of humility. Teaching us by your words, O Father John Chrysostom, intercede before the Word, Christ our God, to save our souls!

**Kontakion of the Ascension – Tone 6**

When Thou didst fulfill Thy dispensation for our sakes, uniting the terrestrials with the celestials, Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, inseparable in space, but constant without separation, and crying unto Thy beloved: I am with you, and no one shall be against you.

**SYNAXARION**

On May 28 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Hieromartyr Eutychios, bishop of Melitene; and Martyr Heliconis of Thessalonica.

On this day, the seventh Sunday of Pascha, we celebrate the first Ecumenical Council of the 318 God-bearing Fathers, which took place in Nicaea in Bithynia. Arius, the notorious heretic, began to blaspheme against God and His Son the Word, saying that the latter was not God consubstantial with the Father, but that He was created as a stranger to the Substance of the Father and His glory. Alexander, the Archbishop of Alexandria, tried to constrain Arius from disturbing the faithful with this teaching; even though Alexander excommunicated him, Arius did not cease his blasphemy, which spread throughout the Church in all nations. Thus, Emperor Constantine the Great called the First Ecumenical Council, which gathered bishops and teachers in the Church from all lands. They all proclaimed, as by one mouth, the equality of the Son of God with the Father in Substance, thus laying down the noble Confession of Faith, The Creed, which we Orthodox Christians recite to this day. The Church regards these divine Fathers as preachers of the Faith next to the holy Apostles. By the intercessions of the 318 God-bearing Fathers, O Christ God, have mercy on us. Amen.

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**St John Chrysostom Antiochian Orthodox Church is a parish of the Antiochian Archdiocese of North America**

His Eminence Metropolitan Saba, Metropolitan of New York and North America

His Grace Bishop Thomas, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Charleston, Oakland and the Mid-Atlantic

The V. Rev. Peter Pier, Pastor

The Rev. David Hyatt, Parish Administrator for Liturgics, Outreach and Youth Work

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**The Inquirer's Class** – will meet next on Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> following the Divine Liturgy. These classes are for those studying the Orthodox Christian Faith, and those wishing to deepen their understanding of the Faith. All are welcome.

**Weis and Giant Grocery Gift Cards** – are available for purchase. You pay the face amount of the card and the church receives 5% of the value of the card. Please see Marjorie Barrett after any Divine Liturgy to purchase a card. Purchases benefit the general fund of St. John Chrysostom Church.

**Attendance Last Sunday 160**

**Operating Fund Offering Received: \$5,407.00**

**Amount Needed Each Week To Meet Operating Fund Budget: \$7,443.00**

**Church Calendar**

**May 28** 8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy.  
**May 30** 6:30 pm Lancaster Fellowship.  
**May 31** 6:00 pm Daily Vespers.  
**June 3** 8:00 am Orthros. 9:00 am Divine Liturgy. Saturday of Souls. 6:00 pm Vespers.  
**June 4** 8:50 am Festal Orthros. 10:00 am Festal Divine Liturgy. Kneeling Vespers.

**Remember In Your Prayers**

*Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear" (Is. 65:24)*

**The Living – for their health & wellbeing**

Metropolitan Saba  
Bishop Thomas  
Denise Zakula  
Olena Bassarab  
Jayme Miller  
Matthew Miller  
Officer Jamie Miller  
Joyce "Kassiane" Williams  
Michael Acierno  
Helen Diamond  
Jerry "David" Desautels  
Christopher Reese  
Beverly Kushner  
Michelle Prince

Donnell Gregory and Mary "Rebecca" Beck  
Michael Bogosh  
Christos Tsakiris  
Harry and Grace Dorion  
Marianne Rupp  
Mary Bincarowsky  
Gene "Paul" Strayer  
Katherine Monsour  
George and Darla Feeser  
Cindi "Monica" Bennett  
Mary Kopey  
Martha Allen  
Mary Lou Grove  
Melinda "Magdalena" Stika  
James Fetter  
Andrew Himes

**The Departed – Memory Eternal!**

Metropolitan PHILIP  
Bishop Antoun  
Priest Boniface Black  
Angela Burke  
Wayne "Stephen" Coleson  
Georgette Habib Soliman  
Leavitt "George" Keener  
Mary Jane Glagola  
Norm "Nourhan" and Eva "Marie" Kailian  
Nicholas Raptapolus  
Walter and Mary Damm

Patty May  
Julie Acierno  
Vincent Michael Terzano-Borovic  
Steven Smith  
Edward Boner  
Cheryl "Alexandra" Bury  
Thomas Lehman  
Barry "John" Hart  
Angela Pandelidis  
Kathryn Velen  
Karl and Nancy Usner