

ALL SAINTS ORTHODOX CHURCH  
 OLYPHANT, PENNSYLVANIA  
***SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE FIRST  
 ECUMENICAL COUNCIL***

7th SUNDAY OF PASCHA *MAY 27, 2012* Afterfeast of the Ascension.

Memorial Day Weekend; Hieromartyr Therapon, Bishop of Sardis (3rd c.)

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**s 20:16-18, 28-36 (Epistle):** For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he would not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the Day of Pentecost. From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church. And when they had come to him, he said to them: "You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you. Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears. So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance

among all those who are sanctified. I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me. I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. **John 17:1-13 (Gospel):** Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as 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 have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

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**Services & Activities:**

**Sunday, May 27**

**Sunday of the Fathers of First**

**Ecumenical Council**

**9:00 am Divine Liturgy**

**Sunday School Ice Cream Social during  
coffee hour.**

**Wednesday, May 30**

**3:00 pm Akathist**

**Saturday, June 2**

**5:30 pm Confession**

**6:00 pm Great Vespers**

**Sunday, June 3**

**Pentecost Sunday; Sunday of the**

**Holy Trinity**

**9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Kneeling Vespers**

**Thursday, June 7**

**7:00 pm talk by Prof. Paul Witek**

**Sunday, June 10**

**ALL SAINTS: OUR PATRONAL FEAST DAY!**

**FEAST DAY CELEBRATION AT COFFEE HOUR AFTER DIVINE  
LITURGY**

**Tuesday, June 19**

**7:00 pm Next Parish Council**

**Meeting**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS: WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!**

**Please join us downstairs for Coffee Hour!**

**GRANT REST O LORD TO THE SOULS OF THE SERVANTS OF  
GOD, ALL THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED IN OUR ARMED FORCES,  
THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES IN THE DEFENSE OF  
OUR COUNTRY, AND ALL THE PARISHIONERS OF ALL SAINTS**

**AND THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD. MAY THEIR MEMORY BE ETERNAL!**

CONGRATULATIONS TO BILL AND DOROTHY MADAY WHO CELEBRATE THEIR 60<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. MANY YEARS!

**MISSION TRIP TO MONGOLIA: JOHN & ELIZABETH HUDANISH'S DAUGHTER THOMAIDA WAS ACCEPTED FOR A TWO WEEK MISSION TRIP TO MONGOLIA IN JUNE FOR CATECHETICAL & BIBLE STUDY IN THE ONE ORTHODOX CHURCH IN ULAN BATOR THE CAPITOL. COUNTRY IS ANIMIST, MUSLIM & BUDDHIST. ANY DONATIONS WILL BE CONSOLIDATED AND SENT ON TO OCMC BY ELIZABETH HUDANISH. Thank you.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** all of the parishioners of **All Saints**, their families, neighbors, and friends, especially Martha, Conor, Laura, Michael, Justin, Liam, Andrew, Allen, Cory Joseph, Michael, George, Gregory, Patricia, Matushka Martha, Vera, Joseph, Andrew, all those serving in the Armed Forces, (Michael & Loreen), all missionaries (Christina), all clergy, monastics, and seminarians, the sick and suffering, those in nursing homes, hospitals and prisons, especially for those for whom we have been asked to pray, **and all the departed members and family members and friends of All Saints, the newly departed:** (among them: Stephen Paulishak, Lawrence, Cynthia, Sharon Scochin). If you would like Fr. Gabriel to remember the living or the departed at the Divine Liturgy, please give the names to Fr. Gabriel to remember at the Proskomedia.

**ALTAR COVERS NEEDED.** Please give your donations to Joni Rezanka.

**PLEASE HELP WITH COFFEE HOUR! PLEASE FORM A NEW COFFEE HOUR TEAM OR JOIN A COFFEE HOUR TEAM! This is an important part of our parish outreach. See Julie Cohen. Thank you to the Scochin & Skorupa families for today's coffee hour and to the Hepplewhite family for next week's coffee hour.**

**T SHIRTS (ALL SAINTS) AVAILABLE \$8 EACH & RECONSECRATION ORNAMENTS AVAILABLE \$3 OR 2 FOR \$5.**

**ST. TIKHON'S MONASTERY MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**

**PILGRIMAGE, FRIDAY MONDAY, MAY 28:** The Myrrh-streaming Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos from Hawaii will again visit the Monastery until Memorial Day May 28th at 4:00 p.m. Healings from cancer, demon possession and blindness have been attributed to the intercessions of the Mother of God through this Miraculous Myrrh-streaming Icon. This event is open to the general public. Monday, May 28: 7:30 a.m. Early Divine Liturgy; 10:00

a.m. Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, Metropolitan Jonah presiding accompanied by other hierarchs;  
2:30 p.m. Healing Service.

**COOKBOOKS: HANYA'S KITCHEN: THE ORTHODOX HERALD RECIPE COLLECTION**, FIFTY YEARS OF RECIPES, INCLUDING FEASTS & FASTS OF THE ORTHODOX CHURCH; PUBLISHED BY ST. TIKHON'S ORTHODOX THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY CENTURY ASSOCIATION. \$20.00 See Nancy Mazur to purchase a copy.

**LOTTERY DRAWING every 2 weeks: \$100 to church, \$50 each Friday & Saturday.**

**Winners 5/18 & 5/19: Barbara Schlasta 495 & Pat Stafursky 349**  
**PLEASE GIVE IN NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF COLLEGE STUDENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS YOU WOULD LIKE ADDED TO OUR MONTHLY BULLETIN MAILING LIST OUTREACH**  
**LOOKING FOR ALL 2012 HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES:** *PLEASE GIVE NAMES TO JONI REZANKA.*

**SPONSORSHIPS: Bulletin (\$30); Web-Site (\$25); & Shut-in mailings (\$25): in memory of John Gima—Thank you to all of our Donors and Sponsors!**

**SAMPLE PLEDGE CARDS: Please prayerfully consider handing in your pledge card to help us with budgeting for 2012.**

**WEEKLY COLLECTION: 5/20/12: \$955.61;; Loose Collection: \$32.05; Second Collection (Church Supplies): \$67.00**

**REMINDER: PLEASE INCLUDE AN EXTRA \$2.00 IN THE DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT ENVELOPE for the increase that was passed at the Diocesan Assembly. The envelopes were already printed and do not reflect the \$2.00 increase.**

**THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD GOD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST:** The Lord Jesus passed forty days on earth after His Resurrection from the dead, appearing continually in various places to His disciples, with whom He also spoke, ate, and drank, thereby further demonstrating His Resurrection. On Thursday, the fortieth day after Pascha, He appeared again in Jerusalem. After He had first spoken to the disciples about many things, He gave them His last commandment, that is, that they go forth and proclaim His Name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. But He also commanded them that for the present, they were not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait there together until they receive power from on high, when the Holy Spirit would come upon them. Saying these things, He led them to the Mount of Olives, and raising His hands, He blessed them; and saying again the words of the Father's blessing, He was parted from them and taken up. Immediately a cloud of light, a proof of His majesty, received Him. Sitting thereon as though on a royal chariot, He was taken up into Heaven, and after a short time was concealed from the sight of the disciples, who remained where they were

with their eyes fixed on Him. At this point, two Angels in the form of men in white raiment appeared to them and said, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into Heaven? This same Jesus, Who is taken up from you into Heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into Heaven" (Acts 1:11). These words, in a complete and concise manner, declare what is taught in the Symbol of Faith concerning the Son and Word of God. Therefore, having so fulfilled all His dispensation for us, our Lord Jesus Christ ascended in glory into Heaven, and sat at the right hand of God the Father. As for His sacred disciples, they returned from the Mount of Olives to Jerusalem, rejoicing because Christ had promised to send them the Holy Spirit.

*O Christ our God, You ascended in Glory and gladdened Your disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Your blessing assured them that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.* Apolytikion in the Fourth Tone

**SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL** The heresiarch Arius was a Libyan by race and a protopresbyter of the Church of Alexandria. In 315, he began to blaspheme against the Son and Word of God, saying that He is not true God, consubstantial with the Father, but is rather a work and creation, alien to the essence and glory of the Father, and that there was a time when He was not. This frightful blasphemy shook the faithful of Alexandria. Alexander, his Archbishop, after trying in vain to correct him through admonitions, cut him off from communion and finally in a local council deposed him in the year 321. Yet neither did the blasphemer wish to be corrected, nor did he cease sowing the deadly tares of his heretical teachings; but writing to the bishops of other cities, Arius and his followers requested that his doctrine be examined, and if it were unsound, that the correct teaching be declared to him. By this means, his heresy became universally known and won many supporters, so that the whole Church was soon in an uproar. Therefore, moved by divine zeal, the first Christian Sovereign, Saint Constantine the Great, the equal to the Apostles, summoned the renowned First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea, a city of Bithynia. It was there that the shepherds and teachers of the Church of Christ gathered from all regions in the year 325. All of them, with one mouth and one voice, declared that the Son and Word of God is one in essence with the Father, true God of true God, and they composed the holy Symbol of Faith up to the seventh article (since the remainder, beginning with "And in the Holy Spirit," was completed by the Second Ecumenical Council). Thus they anathematized the impious Arius of evil belief and those of like mind with him, and cut them off as rotten members from the whole body of the faithful. Therefore, recognizing the divine Fathers as heralds of the Faith after the divine Apostles, the Church of Christ has appointed this present Sunday for their annual commemoration, in thanksgiving and unto the glory of God, unto their praise and honour, and unto the strengthening of the true Faith.

*You are greatly glorified, O Christ our God, who established our Fathers as luminaries upon the earth, and through them led us all to the true Faith. O Most compassionate, glory to You.* Apolytikion

*The Church was strengthened into one faith through the preaching of the Apostles and the doctrines of the Fathers. The Church is robed in truth woven of the word of God from above. It teaches truth, and glorifies the great mystery of faith.* Kontakion ([www.goarch.org](http://www.goarch.org)).

**NORMAL FASTING WEEK: FASTING ON WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY.**