

Epistle & Gospel Reading

Epistle: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesos, 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 Miletos he sent to Ephesos 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 every one 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.

John. 17:1-13

At that time, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, you glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made. I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you did send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are mine; all mine are yours, and yours 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 you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you 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 you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves."

Epistle & Gospel Reading in Greek

Πρ 20:16-18, 28-36

Ἐν ταῖς ἡμέραις ἐκείναις, ἔκριεν ὁ Παῦλος παραπλευσαι τὴν Ἐφεσον, ὅπως μὴ γένηται αὐτῷ χρονοτριβῆσαι ἐν τῇ Ἀσίᾳ· ἔσπευδε γάρ, εἰ δυνατὸν ἦν αὐτῷ, τὴν ἡμέραν τῆς πεντηκοστῆς γενέσθαι εἰς Ἱερουσόλυμα Ἀπὸ δὲ τῆς Μιλήτου πέμψας εἰς Ἐφεσον μετεκαλέσατο τοὺς πρεσβυτέρους τῆς ἐκκλησίας. Ὡς δὲ παρεγένοντο πρὸς αὐτόν, εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· Προσέχετε οὖν ἑαυτοῖς καὶ παντὶ τῷ ποιμνίῳ ἐν ᾧ ὑμᾶς τὸ Πνεῦμα τὸ Ἅγιον ἔθετο ἐπισκόπους, ποιμαίνειν τὴν ἐκκλησίαν τοῦ Κυρίου καὶ Θεοῦ, ἣν περιποιήσατο διὰ τοῦ ἰδίου αἵματος. Ἐγὼ γὰρ οἶδα τοῦτο, ὅτι εἰσελεύσονται μετὰ τὴν ἀφίξιν μου λύκοι βαρεῖς εἰς ὑμᾶς μὴ φειδόμενοι τοῦ ποιμνίου· καὶ ἐξ ὑμῶν αὐτῶν ἀναστήσονται ἄνδρες λαλοῦντες διστραμμένα τοῦ ἀποσπᾶν τοὺς μαθητὰς ὀπίσω αὐτῶν. Διὸ γρηγορεῖτε, μνημονεύοντες ὅτι τριετίαν νύκτα καὶ ἡμέραν οὐκ ἐπαυσάμην μετὰ δακρῶν νοουθετῶν ἕνα ἕκαστον. Καὶ τὰ νῦν παρατίθεμαι ὑμᾶς, ἀδελφοί, τῷ Θεῷ καὶ τῷ λόγῳ τῆς χάριτος αὐτοῦ τῷ δυναμένῳ ἐποικοδομῆσαι καὶ δοῦναι ὑμῖν κληρονομίαν ἐν τοῖς ἡγιασμένοις πᾶσιν. Ἀργυρίου ἢ χρυσοῦ ἢ ἱματισμοῦ οὐδενὸς ἐπεθύμησα· αὐτοὶ γινώσκετε ὅτι ταῖς χρεῖαις μου καὶ τοῖς οὖσι μετ' ἐμοῦ ὑπερέτησαν αἱ χεῖρες αὐταὶ πάντα ὑπέδειξα ὑμῖν ὅτι οὕτω κοπιῶντας δεῖ ἀντιλαμβάνεσθαι τῶν ἀσθενούντων, μνημονεύειν τε τῶν λόγων τοῦ Κυρίου Ἰησοῦ, ὅτι αὐτὸς εἶπε· μακάριόν ἐστι μᾶλλον διδόναι ἢ λαμβάνειν. Καὶ ταῦτα εἰπὼν, θείσ τὰ γόνατα αὐτοῦ σὺν πᾶσιν αὐτοῖς προσηύξατο.

Ἰωα 17:1 - 13

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκεῖνῳ ἐπάρας ὁ Ἰησοῦς τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς αὐτοῦ εἰς τὸν οὐρανόν, εἶπε· Πάτερ, ἐλήλυθεν ἡ ὥρα· δόξασόν σου τὸν υἱόν, ἵνα καὶ ὁ υἱὸς σου δοξάσῃ σέ, καθὼς ἔδωκας αὐτῷ ἐξουσίαν πάσης σαρκός, ἵνα πᾶν ὃ δέδωκας αὐτῷ δώσῃ αὐτοῖς ζωὴν αἰώνιον. αὕτη δὲ ἐστὶν ἡ αἰώνιος ζωὴ, ἵνα γινώσκωσιν σέ τὸν μόνον ἀληθινὸν Θεὸν καὶ ὃν ἀπέστειλας Ἰησοῦν Χριστόν. ἐγὼ σε ἐδόξασα ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, τὸ ἔργον ἐτελειῶσα ὃ δέδωκάς μοι ἵνα ποιήσω· καὶ νῦν δόξασόν με σύ, πάτερ, παρὰ σεαυτῷ τῇ δόξῃ ἣ ἔχον πρὸ τοῦ τὸν κόσμον εἶναι παρὰ σοί. Ἐφανέρωσά σου τὸ ὄνομα τοῖς ἀνθρώποις οὓς δέδωκάς μοι ἐκ τοῦ κόσμου. σοὶ ἦσαν καὶ ἐμοὶ αὐτοὺς δέδωκας, καὶ τὸν λόγον σου τετηρήκασι. νῦν ἔγνωκαν ὅτι πάντα ὅσα δέδωκάς μοι παρὰ σοῦ εἰσιν· ὅτι τὰ ῥήματα ἃ ἔδωκάς μοι δέδωκα αὐτοῖς, καὶ αὐτοὶ ἔλαβον καὶ ἔγνωσαν ἀληθῶς ὅτι παρὰ σοῦ ἐξῆλθον, καὶ ἐπίστευσαν ὅτι σύ με ἀπέστειλας. ἐγὼ περὶ αὐτῶν ἐρωτῶ· οὐ περὶ τοῦ κόσμου ἐρωτῶ ἀλλὰ περὶ ᾧ δέδωκάς μοι, ὅτι σοὶ εἰσι, καὶ τὰ ἐμὰ πάντα σὰ ἐστὶν καὶ τὰ σὰ ἐμὰ, καὶ δεδόξασμαι ἐν αὐτοῖς. καὶ οὐκέτι εἶμι ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ, καὶ αὐτοὶ ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ εἰσὶ, καὶ ἐγὼ πρὸς σέ ἔρχομαι. Πάτερ ἅγιε, τήρησον αὐτοὺς ἐν τῷ ὀνόματί σου οὓς δέδωκάς μοι, ἵνα ᾧσιν ἐν καθῶς ἡμεῖς. ὅτε ἤμην μετ' αὐτῶν ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ, ἐγὼ ἐτήρουν αὐτοὺς ἐν τῷ ὀνόματί σου οὓς δέδωκάς μοι ἐφύλαξα, καὶ οὐδεὶς ἐξ αὐτῶν ἀπώλετο εἰ μὴ ὁ υἱὸς τῆς ἀπωλείας, ἵνα ἡ γραφὴ πληρωθῇ. νῦν δὲ πρὸς σέ ἔρχομαι, καὶ ταῦτα λαλῶ ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ ἵνα ἔχωσιν τὴν χαρὰν τὴν ἐμὴν πεπληρωμένην ἐν αὐτοῖς.



ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
LANCASTER, PA



SUNDAY, May 31, 2020

Hermias the Martyr at Comana; Eusebius and Haralambos

Orthros: Plagal Second

Gospel: John 21: 1-14

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Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council

To the Church fathers of the First Ecumenical Council (ecumenical means universal) at Nicea we owe the formulation of the Creed of our Faith in its original form. What is the Creed? The Creed is a summary of truths about the Holy Trinity — God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, One God existing eternally in Three Persons, all working together for the salvation of the world.

Three hundred and eighteen bishops of the Church from all over the world gathered at Nicea, a city located across from Constantinople in Asia Minor. These are the Church fathers of the First Ecumenical Council we remember this sixth Sunday after Pascha. Among them, according to tradition, were St. Nicholas and St. Spyridon. St. Athanasios the Great was also present as a deacon assisting Bishop Alexander of Alexandria.

The teaching about the Holy Trinity is the foundation of all Christian truth and we recite the Creed as a proclamation of faith during each Liturgy. 56 years after the First Ecumenical Council there was another meeting. This Second Ecumenical Council, held in Constantinople in 381 AD, elaborated upon the teaching about the Holy Spirit. From the Second Ecumenical Council came the Creed as we recite it today during Liturgy.

*Fr. Theodore Stylianopoulos, A Year of the Lord,
Vol. 4, pp. 65-66.*

1. APOLYTIKION OF THE ASCENSION (Fourth Mode)

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, after You filled the Disciples with joy, by promising to send them the Holy Spirit, and You blessed them and established their faith, that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.

2. RESURRECTION APOLYTIKION (Second Mode)

When the angelic powers were at your tomb, then they that guarded You became as dead. And Mary stood beside the grave seeking Your immaculate body. You devastated Hades and were not tried by it. You met the Virgin and granted life to us. O Lord, Who are risen from the dead, glory to You.

3. APOLYTIKION of God-Bearing Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council (Plagal Fourth Mode)

Supremely blessed are You, O Christ our God. You established the holy Fathers upon the earth as beacons, and through them You have guided us all to the true Faith, O greatly merciful One, glory be to You.

4. HYMN OF OUR CHURCH (Fourth Mode)

Today is the beginning of our salvation, and the revelation of the mystery of ages. The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin. And Gabriel proclaims this gift from God. Together with him we cry out to You, O Theotokos: "Hail thou full of grace, the Lord is with you."

5. KONTAKION OF THE ASCENSION (Tone Plagal of the Second)

When You had fulfilled the dispensation for our sake, and united things on earth with the things in heaven, You were taken up thither in glory, O Christ our God, going not away from any place, * but continuing in separable, and to them that love You crying out: * "I am with you, and there is, therefore, none against you."

1. ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΟΝ ΑΝΑΛΗΨΕΩΣ (Ηχ. Δ)

Ἀνελήφθης ἐν δόξῃ, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, χαροποιήσας τοὺς Μαθητάς, τῇ ἐπαγγελίᾳ τοῦ ἁγίου Πνεύματος· βεβαιωθέντων αὐτῶν διὰ τῆς εὐλογίας, ὅτι σὺ εἶ ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, ὁ λυτρωτὴς τοῦ κόσμου.

2. ΑΝΑΣΤΑΣΙΜΟ ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΟΝ (Ηχ. ΠΛ. Β)

Ἀγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις ἐπὶ το μνήμα σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες, ἀπενεκρώθησαν καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητούσα τὸ ἀχραντὸν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεῖς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ, ὑπήνησας τὴν παρθένω, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωὴν. Ὁ ἀναστάς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

3. ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΟΝ ΤΩΝ ΠΑΤΕΡΩΝ (Ηχ. ΠΛ. Δ)

Ὑπερδεδοξασμένος εἶ, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ φωστήρας ἐπὶ γῆς τοὺς Πατέρας ἡμῶν θεμελιώσας, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν πρὸς τὴν ἀληθινὴν πίστιν, πάντας ἡμᾶς ὀδηγήσας, πολυεύσπλαγχνε, δόξα σοι.

4. ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΟΝ ΤΟΥ ΝΑΟΥ (Ηχ. Δ')

Σήμερον τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν τό Κεφάλαιον, καὶ τοῦ ἀπ' αἰῶνος Μυστηρίου ἡ φανέρωσις· ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, Υἱὸς τῆς Παρθένου γίνεται, καὶ Γαβριὴλ τὴν χάριν εὐαγγελίζεται. Διὸ καὶ ἡμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ τῇ Θεοτόκῳ βοήσωμεν· Χαῖρε Κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.

5. ΚΟΝΤΑΚΙΟΝ ΑΝΑΛΗΨΕΩΣ (Ηχ. ΠΛ. Β)

Τὴν ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν πληρώσας οἰκονομίαν, καὶ τὰ ἐπὶ γῆς ἐνώσας τοῖς οὐρανόις, ἀνελήφθης ἐν δόξῃ, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, οὐδαμόθεν χωριζόμενος, ἀλλὰ μένων ἀδιάστατος, καὶ βοῶν τοῖς ἀγαπῶσί σε· Ἐγὼ εἶμι μεθ' ὑμῶν, καὶ οὐδεὶς καθ' ὑμῶν.

Sunday, May 31st

Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

8:15 AM Orthros
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy
11:00 AM Honoring High School & College Graduates
11:30 AM Virtual Coffee Hour
7:30 PM JOY Online Discussion w/Fr. Theodosios

To Join any Parish Online Ministry, sign up at: annunciationorthodox.org/signups/

Monday, June 1st

8:00 PM OCF & YA Online Discussion Group

Wednesday, June 3rd

6:00 PM Live-Streamed/Zoom Bible Study with Fr. Hector
7:00 PM Paraklesis to St. Paisios

Thursday, June 4th

9:30 AM-11:30 AM Crisis Relief Box Food Distribution
10:00 AM Women's Virtual Book Study

Friday, June 5th

9:00 AM Paraklesis to The Theotokos
4:00 PM GOYA Zoom meeting

Saturday, June 6th

Saturday of Souls

8:30 AM Orthros
9:30 AM Liturgy
7:00 PM Vespers
8:15 PM Plugged-In Virtual Study Group

Scholarship Forms are available through the Church Office. AHEPA has extended deadline for submission to **July 2nd**. Please **submit online only** to George Ioannidis @ Vyzantio@aol.com (Mailed forms will not be accepted).

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS

We welcome our non-Orthodox friends and neighbors at all the liturgical services with a reminder that Holy Communion may be received only by *prepared* Orthodox Christians. Please sign the Visitor's Registry in the Narthex if you wish to be contacted by the priest.



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