

June 2, 2019

Sixth Sunday of Pascha, Upcoming Services:

Sun. June 2, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy- Blind Man, Hours at 8:45

Sun. June 9, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy- 1st Council, Hours at 8:45

Sun. June 16, 10:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, PENTECOST, Luncheon following

Acts: 16: 16-34

John 9: 1-38

Reader Schedule:

Sun. June 2 - Cynthia Neff

Sun. June 9 - Kurtis Lauser

Sun. June 16 - Wesley Hatch

Sun. June 23 - Greg Kuzmenchuk

The Ascension of the Lord (June 6)

The disciples did not expect the Resurrection. The women did not either. When they came to anoint Jesus with spices, they had but one thought: "Who shall roll away the stone from the door of the sepulcher for us?" And after finding the tomb empty the women fled in fear. Later the disciples listened to Mary Magdalene's mysterious message of glad tidings with fear and amazement, with doubt and mistrust. Of the eleven, only Saint John alone grasped the mystery of the empty tomb: "and he saw, and believed" (John 20:8). The Lord did not rise in order to return again to the fleshly order of life, so as to live again and commune by means of preaching and miracles. Now he does not even stay with them, but only "appears" to them during the forty days, from time to time, and always in a miraculous and mysterious manner. "He was not always with them now, as He was before the Resurrection," He came and again disappeared, He no longer permitted them to continue in their former relationship toward Him, but took effectual measures to secure these two objects: That the fact of His Resurrection should be believed, and that He Himself should ever after be apprehended to be greater than man." There was something new and unusual in His person. His was not an open presence, but rather a testimony of the fact that He was present." That is why the disciples were confused and frightened. Christ arose not in the same way as those who were restored to life before Him. He had suffered, was dead and buried, and now rose to a higher mode of existence in a body of glory, immortal and incorruptible. He ascends to the Father, yet He does not "go away," but abides with the faithful forever (cf. The Kontakion of Ascension). For He raises the very earth with Him to heaven, and even higher. In the phrase of Saint John Chrysostom, "God's power manifests itself not only in the Resurrection, but in something much stronger". For "He was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God" (Mark 16:19). The Ascension is the token of Pentecost, the sign of its coming, the Lord Himself told the disciples, "If I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you"(John 16:11) . "The Lord ascended to heaven and sent the Comforter to the world" "The Church is the fulfillment of Christ," the very existence of the Church is the fruit of the Ascension. It is in the Church that man's nature is truly ascended to the Divine heights.

Birthdays:

June 2 - Mary Seip, Olga Ward

June 3 - Lauren Houck

June 5 - June Marie Buckle, Sue Domsohn

June 8 - Nicholas & Gregory Kuzmenchuk
Michael Shemonski

Upcoming Events:

Sun. June 2 - Catered Lunch following Liturgy, in honor of Fr. Michael & Cathy

Sun. June 9 - Sisterhood Meeting following Liturgy, rescheduled from June 2.

Sun. June 16 - Pentecost Buffet & Father's Day following liturgy in the church hall. Please select a dish from the signup sheet posted on the church hall door to bring to our luncheon.

Tue. June 18 - Executive Board Mtg. 7 pm

Sun. July 14 - Family Picnic following Liturgy at Hibernia Park, Pavilions 5 & 6.

All Saints Camp:

June 14-17: St. Nicholas Program- For campers of all ages with special needs and their families

June 23- July 6: Diocesan church school camp For campers aged 9-13 (1 or 2 week sessions)

July 7-20: Teenage Conference - For campers aged 13-18, (1 or 2 week sessions)

July 29- August 2: - Mommy & Daddy and Me For campers aged 4-8 and their families.

Please contact Tabitha if you are interested in attending.

Bulletin Additions

For bulletin additions please contact Wesley Hatch by Friday 9 pm.

Anniversaries:

None this week

Notices:

Pastoral Announcement

The parish of Holy Ghost wants to thank Father Michael and Pani Cathy for the time they served our parish. We would like to wish them the best of luck in future endeavors.

We will be having a catered meal following divine liturgy today in honor of Father Michael and Pani Cathy.

Fr. Anthony Ugolnik will serve our parish on Jun. 9, 23 & 30.

Fr. Mykola (Nicholas) Dilendorf, will serve on the Pentecost feast day, June 16. Liturgy will begin at 10, followed by a potluck meal.

Students Graduating

We will be honoring those graduating from kindergarten, 5th grade, 8th grade, high school, and college on Graduation Sunday July 14. Give Tabitha Bentley the names of anyone celebrating one of these milestones.

June Charity

FOCUS America

(A national movement of Orthodox Christians helping the poor and needy in North America)

Prayer Corner:

For the Health of: Erin Bove, Salwa, Donna, Karen, Richard Ziegler, Bill Brown, James Kish & Erica Kish