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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA: Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council (Tone 6)

SERVICES THIS WEEK

7TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA (Tone 6)

Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

Saturday, 27 May (14 May, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 28 May (15 May, o.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;
Trapeza (coffee hour)
12:30 PM Adult Study

Trinity Saturday: Saturday of Souls

Friday, 2 June (20 May, o.s.)

6:00 PM Ninth Hour, Vespers
6:45 PM General Pannykhida

PENTECOST: Trinity Sunday

Saturday, 3 June (21 May, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 4 June (22 May, o.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy
11:15 AM Kneeling Vespers;
Trapeza (coffee hour)

FASTING DAYS THIS WEEK

Day	Date	Commemoration & Type of Fast
<i>Wednesday</i>	31 May (18 May, o.s.)	MM Theodotus; Peter & Dionysius Fast: wine, & oil permitted
<i>Friday</i>	2 June (20 May, o.s.)	Relics of St Alexis, Met. of Moscow Fast: wine, & oil permitted

NAMEDAYS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Week of 21 May

Namedays – 21st (Apostle John the Theologian): John Morrow, John (Jack) Welsh; 23rd (Blessed Thais of Egypt): Taisia Seneko.

Birthdays – 24th: Gabriel Chemodakov.

Wedding Anniversaries – 26th: Frank & Nina Fitzgerald (1996).

Week of 28 May

Namedays – May 28th (St Colman of Oughaval): Colman (Hugh) O’Beirne; June 3rd (St Helena): Leana Brangwynne, Elena Golikov, Elena Kostin, Elena Kasimova (Vishnyakova).

Birthdays – May 28th: Johan Mladineo; 31st: Valentina Babitsch; June 2nd: Tatyana (Tanya) Morrow.

MONTH OF JUNE

Namedays – 3rd (St Helena): Leana Brangwynne, Elena Golikov, Elena Kostin, Elena Kasimova (Vishnyakova); 14th: (St Justin Martyr): Justin Neidig, Justin Whitacre; 18th: (St Igor of Chernigov): Igor Artemov; 25th: (St Anna of Kashin): Anna Morin-Szydowski.

Birthdays – 2nd: Tatyana (Tanya) Morrow; 7th: Oleg Kostin; 10th: Gabriel O’Brien; Edmund Titus; 13th: Michael Golikov; 17th: Timothy Morrow; 18th: James Whitacre; 20th: Reader Nicolas Schidlovsky, Katharine Markevich; 22nd: Sergey Efuni, Jr., Evgeny Efuni; 23rd: Joanna Kostin; 24th: Gabrielle Komleski.

Baptism Anniversaries – 7th: Sbdcn Daniel Lieuwen (1993); 16th: Cliff Paul Brangwynne (2007).

Wedding Anniversaries – 10th: David & Gulya Seneko; 17th: Sbdcn Philip & Jennifer Mary Hotz (1989).

Fallen Asleep in the Lord – 10th: Abraham Zimmerman (+2015).

SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK

SEVENTH WEEK OF PASCHA	
<i>Su</i>	7th Sunday of Pascha: Fathers of the 1st Council
	<i>Vespers Paramia:</i> (1) Genesis 14:14-20 • (2) Deuteronomy 1:8-11, 15-17 • (3) Deuteronomy 10:14-21
	<i>10th Resurrectional Matins Gospel:</i> John §66 (21:1-14)
	Acts §44 (20:16-18a, 28-36) John §56 (17:1-13)
<i>M</i>	Acts §45 (21:8-14) John §49 (14:27b-15:7)
<i>Tu</i>	Acts §46 (21:26-32) John §53 (16:2b-13a)
<i>W</i>	Acts §47 (23:1-11) John §54 (16:15-23)
<i>Th</i>	Acts §48 (25:13-19) John §55 (16:23b-33a)
<i>F</i>	Acts §50 (27:1-44) John §57 (17:18-26)
<i>Sa</i>	Trinity Saturday: Saturday of Souls
	Acts §51 (28:1-31) John §67 (21:15-25)
	1 Thess. §270 (4:13-17) John §16 (5:24-30)
Pentecost Sunday — Trinity Sunday	
<i>Su</i>	<i>Vespers Paramia:</i> (1) Numbers 11:16-17, 24-29 • (2) Joel 2:23-32 • (3) Ezekiel 36:24-28
	<i>Matins Gospel:</i> John §65 (20:19-23)
	Acts §3 (2:1-11) John §27 (7:37-52; 8:12)

THIS WEEK’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

During the ten days from Ascension Day through the Saturday before Pentecost, the introductory prayers *Glory to Thee, our God. Glory to Thee!* and *O heavenly King...* are said neither in the liturgical services nor in prayers at home. Although during the forty days of Pascha, these prayers were replaced by the triple repetition of the paschal troparion, during the post-festal period of the Ascension, *Glory to Thee...* and *O heavenly King...* are not replaced by any other prayer or troparion. The omission of the beautiful prayer to the Holy Spirit should awaken within us a longing for and expectation of the coming of the Comforter at the Feast of Pentecost when we resume saying this prayer.

The Feast of the Ascension is celebrated for nine days, from last Thursday through the Apodosia (Leave-taking) of the Feast this Friday. The troparion and kontakion of Ascension are chanted or read at all the services of the Church during this period. It is most appropriate that we add the troparion and kontakion of the Feast to our morning and evening prayers at home also. They can be found in the Jordanville Prayer Book.

The fast days this week are Wednesday and Friday. Wine and oil are permitted on both days because of the Paschal season

This coming Saturday the Soul Saturday next in importance to Meatfare Saturday. Ninth Hour and Vespers will be served at 6 o'clock on Friday evening, with a General Pannikhida (Memorial Service) following immediately afterwards. *There will be no Liturgy on Saturday morning this year.* The names of the Departed in all the Commemoration Books kept at the church will be commemorated at these services. If you need to update your books, please take this opportunity to do so.

Only the names of Orthodox Christians are permitted to be commemorated at Memorial Services and at the Proskomedia. If you have included Non-Orthodox in your Commemoration Book or Commemoration Lists, please clearly indicate which persons named, if any, are Non-Orthodox.

If anyone can make a donation of kolyva (sweetened boiled wheat) for the Saturday of Souls, please let Father know.

A Special Collection for Holy Trinity Monastery will be taken at the services for Pentecost (Trinity Sunday) at the direction of Metropolitan Hilarion. The financial needs of the Monastery are great. Please give generously.

Our Parish needs donations for greens and flowers to adorn the church for the Great Feast of Pentecost. If you would like to make a donation for this, please put it in the church collection basket and mark it 'Flowers'. You may include a Commemoration List with your donation.

The Feast of Pentecost occurs on the fiftieth day after the Lord's Resurrection, the eighth Sunday of Pascha. This day was celebrated as a Great Holy Day in the Old Testament as a commemoration of the giving of the Law to the Prophet Moses on Mount Sinai. On this day the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles in the form of fiery tongues in the upper room in Jerusalem where they prayed, and they were powerfully and miraculously able to communicate the Gospel to the multitudes of people present in Jerusalem for the Feast. Because the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, was publicly manifested of on the Feast of Pentecost, Orthodox Christians often refer to this day as 'Trinity Sunday.' Pentecost is one of the days on which Baptisms were performed by Christians in ancient times and is certainly one of the most important of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Church.

The Service of Kneeling Vespers will be served immediately following the dismissal of the Divine Liturgy of Pentecost. The beautiful prayers, which are read at this service as all kneel, are a highlight of the Feast. They glorify God recounting His loving providence and love for mankind, implore Him to forgive our sins both voluntary and involuntary, beseech His blessings for us in the coming year, and intercede for our brothers and sisters who have departed this life in Faith and hope of the resurrection. All the faithful should be present in church for these important prayers. Please plan ahead to allow extra time for your attendance at church services next Sunday morning.

