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SUNDAY OF THE 318 HOLY FATHERS OF THE COUNCIL OF NICÆA

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES THISWEEK

7TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA: The Holy Fathers

Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

Saturday, 30 May (17 May, n.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 31 May (18 May, n.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

PENTECOST: TRINITY SUNDAY

Saturday, 6 June (24 May, n.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 7 June (25 May, n.s.)

8:40 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
11:00 PM Kneeling Vespers

At the direction of His Eminence, Metropolitan Hilarion, we are to observe the restrictions of the civil authority which require us to have a gathering of no more than ten (10) persons who are able to space themselves six (6) feet apart. Parishioners are asked to take turns attending the services offered in church. Those unable to go to church are asked to pray at home.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of 31 May

SEVENTH WEEK OF PASCHA	
Su	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)
M	Acts §45 (21:8-14) John §49 (14:27b-15:7)
Tu	Acts §46 (21:26-32) John §53 (16:2b-13a)
W	Acts §47 (23:1-11) John §54 (16:15-23)
Th	Acts §48 (25:13-19) John §55 (16:23b-33a)
F	Acts §50 (27:1-44) John §57 (17:18-26)
Sa	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	
Su	<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)

FASTING DAYS Week of 31 May

Day of Week	Date	Commemoration and Type of Fast
Wednesday	3 June (21 May, o.s.)	Ss Constantine and Helen Fast: fish, wine, & oil permitted
Friday	5 June (23 May, o.s.)	St Michael of Synnada Fast: wine & oil permitted



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 Apodosis (Leavetaking) 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. *There will be no Friday evening services or Saturday morning Liturgy for this Soul Saturday this year.* Fr David will serve a General Pannykhida (Memorial Service) on Saturday. The names of the Departed in all the Commemoration Books kept at the church will be commemorated at these services. If you would like the name of a departed loved one commemorated, please send it to Father via email or text..

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.

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 Hours and the Holy Liturgy will be served a half hour early next Sunday morning. As in previous years,

we begin the services early on Pentecost to make it easier for people to remain for Kneeling Vespers on that day.

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.

We are unable to 'live stream' the services at St Elizabeth's during the state of emergency because there is no internet service in our church building. But there are some very good Orthodox Service 'live streams' that follow the Church (Julian) Calendar. We urge you to consult the list of live-stream services available from parishes and monasteries in our Diocese:

https://eadiocese.org/news_200404_1

For those who would like to do Reader's Services at home rather than watch the services on livestream, Archpriest John Whiteford has prepared Reader's Services for the Sunday Services through Ascension Day on his Blog that you can download, print out, and use. You can find them at:

<https://fatherjohn.blogspot.com/2020/05/reader-services-through-5th-sunday.html>

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

