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**SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE
FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL,
AFTERFEAST OF ASCENSION
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA**

Epistle Reading

Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

Gospel Reading

John 17:1-13

Troparion (Resurrection)

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body. Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

Troparion (Ascension)

Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, granting joy to Thy Disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing, they were assured that Thou art the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world!

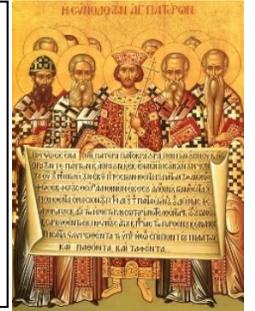
Troparion (Fathers)

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God, Who hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth. Through them Thou hast guided us to the True Faith. O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

Kontakion (Fathers) The Apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrines have established one Faith for the Church. Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology, It defines and glorifies the great mystery of piety.

Kontakion (Ascension) When Thou hadst fulfilled the dispensation for our sake, and united earth to heaven, Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, not being parted from those who love Thee, but remaining with them and crying: "I am with you, and there is no one against you!"

In the year 325, 318 bishops from various lands gathered at Nicea to debate the heresy of the priest Arius. He denied the divine nature of Jesus Christ and His equality with God the Father, falsely teaching that the Savior is only a created being. St. Athanasius the Great conclusively refuted the blasphemy of Arius who was then excommunicated from the Church. The Holy Fathers confirmed the Apostolic teaching of Christ's divine nature in the Symbol of Faith which became known as the Nicene Creed.



Welcome to everyone joining with us today in person and by live-stream for the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. If you are interested in learning more about Orthodoxy, we invite you to stay for Coffee Hour to meet Fr. John and to get acquainted with us. We'd like to see you again for prayer, study and fellowship.

Relic of Saint Nikolai (Velimirovich) of Zicha and South Canaan

It is now nine years since our parish received the relic of St. Nikolai Velimirovich from Metropolitan Jonah. The spiritual presence of this divinely inspired theologian and suffering Serbian saint is indeed a blessing for each one of us.

Afterfeast of the Ascension of Our Lord – Now through Friday, June 18

Orthodoxy 201 - Wednesday, June 16 at 7PM on Zoom

- The fruitful study of Abbott Sergius' book *Acquiring the Mind of Christ* concludes this week with a discussion of his "Sermon on the Canaanite Woman".
- *Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives* by Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica is the new selection for study with a start on Part One this week. It can be purchased from Amazon or [St. Vladimir's Seminary Press](http://St.Vladimir'sSeminaryPress.com). (St. Tikhon's is sold out.)
- All are welcome to join in. Fr. John will email a Zoom invite.

Great Feast of Pentecost

Saturday, June 19 5PM Vigil for the Great Feast of Pentecost

Sunday, June 20 10:30AM Divine Liturgy; Kneeling Prayers following Liturgy
The children will then celebrate Pentecost with a "Church Birthday Party".

Father's Day – Sunday, June 20

We will offer prayers next Sunday in memory of departed fathers, grandfathers, godfathers. Add names you wish commemorated to the list on the bulletin board.

God Grant You Many Years! Mnogaja Ljeta!

God bless Serge and Louse Romanchak and Olin and Mimi Bidy as they celebrate their wedding anniversaries. We wish birthday blessings for Michael McDonald.