

The Martyr

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Up-coming Services and Events

Today: Sunday of the Holy Fathers

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

13: 7:00 a.m. Matins

14: 7:00 a.m. Matins

16: 7:00 a.m. Matins

17: 7:00 a.m. Matins

7:00 p.m. Inexhaustible Cup

18: 10:00 a.m. Memorial Divine Liturgy

4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

19: Pentecost—The Descent of the Holy Spirit

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy and Kneeling Prayers

20: 7:00 a.m. Matins

21: 7:00 a.m. Matins

25: 4:00 p.m. Great Vespers

26: Sunday of All Saints

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Soter Reardon; Linda Rich; Mason Ruszkowski; David Schutte; Andrea Snedegar; Angie Soter; Charles & Joann Soter; Priftëresha Vi Soter; Tessie Sotir; Thomas Spero; Richard Taylor, Jr.; Thomas Terzakis; Thalia Thomas; William Thomas; Poullette Todisco; Margaret Torre; Alice & William Vasil; Ann Vitale; Robert Volpe.

Prayers in Memoriam

40 Days

Fr. Walter Smith; Michael Lopen; Robert Vrabel; Cornelius Hughes

June

12 Dhimitri Marko (1963)

Priest Alexander N. Kovachi (1967)

Olga Guri (2001)

15 Katherine LaBache (2011)

17 James V. Plasa (1967)

18 Athanas (Thomas) Panoli, Sr. (1992)

Prayers for Blessings and Health

Bishops Paul and John of Aleppo, *captive in Syria*.

Dimitri Ndini (USMC), *serving in our armed forces*.

Those who are sick: Archbishop Nikon; Fr. Daniel Montgomery; Christy Adams; Michael, Mildred & Michael Arendacs; Paul Betts; Eileen Bochino; Serge Bouteneff; Debi Broadus; Sharon Buzi; Jim Cerner; Joyce Chadwick; Florence Chala; Frank Chamberlain; Bobby Christo; Tara Coppola; Anthony Cordero; Renate Deer; Armando Dias; James Dionis; Mary Galich; Louise Karoli Gallagher; Lynn Graceski; Nancy Hurd; Kiril Ivanov; Sug Jones; Donald & Shirley Jordan; Christy Lambert; June Lopen; Nicolas Lucas; Carole Lundquist; Steven Malandra; Albert Masek, Sr.; Thomas Matthews; Jaimie McCarvill; Theodore Morrison; Andy Nunn; Deborah Owen; James Pando; Violet Polena, Dena

Coffee Hour

Today: The Teuta Ladies' Society

19: ???

26: ???

July 3: ??????????????????????????????????????

If you would like to sponsor Coffee Hour, please sign up on the poster in the Church Hall.

News from the Teuta Ladies' Society

The Teuta Ladies' Society will meet today, following the Divine Liturgy.

Lakror for sale

Order your **Lakrors**—Leek, Spinach and **Sauerkraut**—now. The cost is \$50.00 each.

See *Laura Denisevich* or *Laura Chadwick* to place your order.

Akathist and 12-Step Meeting

The next **12-Step Discussion Group** will be held this Friday, June 17th. We will celebrate the **Akathist to the Icon of the Virgin, "The Inexhaustible Cup"** at 7:00 p.m., followed by our group meeting.

The focus of this next meeting will be the *Sixth Step*.

Memorial Saturday

The next **Memorial Saturday Liturgy** will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 18th. If you have any additions to your memorial lists or would like to submit a new one, speak to *Father Dennis* or *Viola Bowe*.

Father's Day

We are preparing our annual **Father's Day** Commemorations.

Please submit names of your father, grandfather, step-father, god-father, brother, step-brother, or nephew (clearly indicating whether they are living or deceased) to a member of the Parish Council. The names will be remembered in prayer during the Divine Liturgy on Father's Day, Sunday, June 19th.

All donations will be used for the beautification of the church.

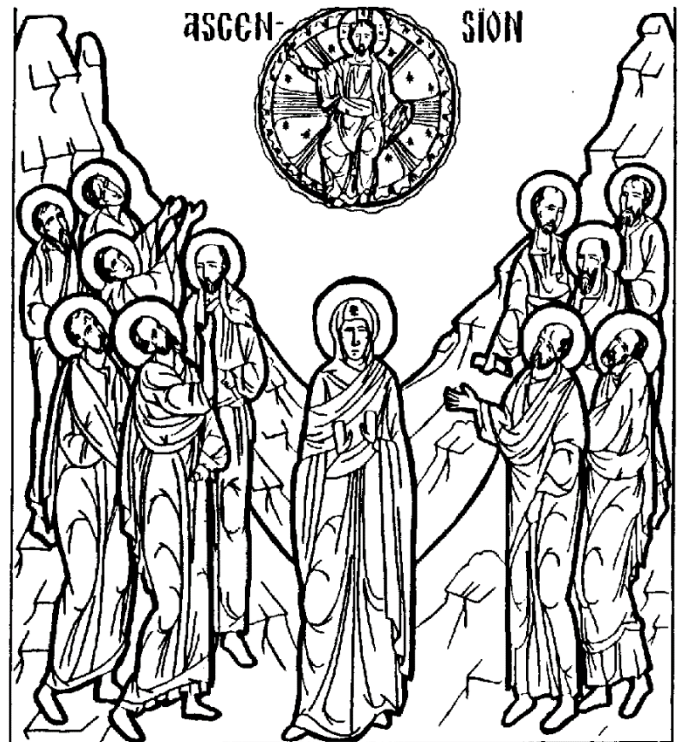
Services next week

There will be no Matins services on Thursday and Friday, June 23 and 24, because Father Dennis will be teaching a class at St. Tikhon's Seminary's Continuing Education Program on Wednesday, and attending a seminar at Fordham University's Orthodox Christian Studies Center on Thursday and Friday.

Charity Collection

This month, our Charity Collection will help support the **"Team Caroline and Mia,"** an effort in our area to support the families of *Caroline and Mia*, two kindergartners at Jane Ryan School in Trumbull who are struggling with cancer.

Please be generous!



O Christ God, You ascended in
glory,

granting joy to Your disciples by the
promise of the Holy Spirit.

Through the blessing, they were
assured,

that You are the Son of God,
the Redeemer of the world!

The Troparion of the Ascension

The Acts of the Apostles 20:16-18, 28-36

In those days Paul decided to sail past Ephesus so as not to waste time in Asia. For he was hurrying as much as he could in order to reach Jerusalem for the day of Pentecost. From Miletus, however, he had sent an invitation to Ephesus for the presbyters of the Church. And when they had come to him, he said to them, "Be careful about yourselves and the whole flock over which the Holy Spirit has placed you as Bishops, to herd the Church of God which He has redeemed through His own blood. For I know this, that after I am gone fierce wolves will get in among you and will not spare the flock. And from among you, some men will rise, speaking perverse doctrines, to draw away the disciples after them. Watch, therefore, and remember that for three years, night and day, I did not cease to warn with tears every one of you. And now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the Word of His grace, who is able to edify and to grant you an inheritance among all His blessed ones. I have coveted no one's silver or gold or clothing. You yourselves know these hands of mine have provided for my needs and those of my companions. In all things I help the weak, and remember what the LORD Jesus said in person, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And after saying this, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

John 17:1-13

At that time Jesus raised His eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come! Glorify Your Son, that Your Son may glorify You, even as You

have given Him power over all flesh, in order that to all You have given Him He may give everlasting life. Now this is everlasting life, that they may know You, the only true God, and the One You have sent, Jesus Christ. I have glorified You on earth; I have accomplished the work You have given me to do. And now do You, Father, glorify me with Yourself, with the glory that I had with You before the world existed. I have manifested Your name to the men You have given me out of the world. They were Yours, and You have given them to me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have learned that whatever You have given me is from You; because the words that You have given me I have given to them. And they have received them, and have known as a fact that I came forth from You, and they have believed that You did send me. I pray for them; not for the world do I pray, but for those whom You have given me, because they are Yours; and all things that are mine are Yours, and Yours are mine; and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep in Your name those You have given me, that they may be one even as we are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those You have given me I guarded; and not one of them perished except the son of perdition, in order that the Scriptures might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to You and these things I speak in the world, in order that they may have my joy made full in themselves."

Veprat e Apostujve 20:16-18; 28-36

Në ato ditë, Pavli e kishte parë të udhës të lundrojë anash Efesit, që të mos e humbte kohën në Azi; sepse nxitonte që, në ishte e mundur për të, ditën e Pendikostisë të gjendet në Jerusalem. Edhe prej Militës dërgoi në Efes e thirri pleqtë e kishës. Edhe kur këta erdhën tek ai, u tha atyre: "Ju e dini që ditën e parë që shkela në Azi se si e shkova gjithë kohën bashkë me ju. Kini pra kujdes për veten tuaj dhe për gjithë tufën, mbi të cilën Shpirti i Shenjtë ju vuri ju kujdestarë, që të kullotni kishën e Perëndisë, të cilën e fitoi me gjakun e tij. Sepse unë e di këtë, se pas ikjes sime kanë për të hyrë tek ju ujçer të këqij, të cilët s'kanë për ta kursyer tufën. Edhe prej jush vetë do të ngrihen njerëz duke folur gjëra të shtrembëra, që të tërheqin nxënësit pas vetes së tyre. Prandaj rrini zgjuar e sillni ndër mend se tre vjet natë e ditë s'pushova duke mësuar me lot gjithësecilin. Edhe tani, o vëllezër, ju lë ju në Perëndinë, edhe në fjalën e hirit të tij, i cili mund t'ju ndërtojë e t'ju japë juve trashëgim në mes të gjithë atyre që janë të shenjtëruar. Argjend ose ar ose rrobë as prej ndonjërit prej jush nuk dëshirova. Edhe ju vetë e dini se këto duart e mia kanë punuar për nevojat e mia dhe për ata që ishin bashkë me mua. Në të gjitha punët ju tregova juve se kështu duke u munduar duhet t'u ndihmoni të pafuqishmëve, dhe të kujtoni fjalët e ZOTIT Jisu, se ai vetë tha: 'Lumturi më e madhe është të japë njeriu se të marrë.'" Edhe si tha këto, u ul në gjunjë e u fal bashkë me ata të gjithë.

Joani 17:1-13

Në atë kohë, Jisui ngriti sytë e tij në qiell e tha: "Atë, erdhi ora, lavdëro Birin tënd, që të të lavdërojë edhe yt Bir, siç i dhe pushtet mbi çdo mish, që t'u japë jetë të përjetshme gjithë atyre që ia ke dhënë. Edhe kjo është jeta e përjetshme, që të të njohin ty të vetmin të vërtetin Perëndi dhe Jisu Krishtin që dërgove. Unë të lavdërova mbi dhe; atë punë që më dhe të bëj e mbarova. Edhe tani lavdëromë ti, o Atë, pranë teje, me lavdinë që pata pranë teje para se të bëhej bota. Emrin tënd ua tregova njerëzve që më dhe prej botës. Të tutë ishin e m'i dhe, dhe fjalën tënde e ruajtën. Tani e njohën se gjithë sa më ke dhënë janë prej teje. Sepse fjalët që më dhe, ua dhashë atyre; dhe ata i morën dhe e njohën me të vërtetë se prej teje dola; dhe besuan se ti më dërgove. Unë lutem për ata; nuk lutem për botën, po për ata që më dhe, sepse janë të tutë. Edhe gjithë të miat janë të tuat, dhe të tuat janë të miat; dhe u lavdërova në to. Edhe nuk jam më në botë, po këta janë në botë, dhe unë po vij tek ti. Atë i shenjtë, ruaji në emrin tënd ata që më dhe, që të jenë një si ne. Kur isha bashkë me ata në botë, unë i ruaja në emrin tënd; ata që më dhe i ruajta, dhe asnjë nga ata s'humbi, veç i biri i humbjes, që të përmbushet shkrimi. Edhe tani po vij tek ti, dhe i flas këto në botë, që ta kenë gëzimin tim të plotë në veten e tyre."