

Welcome!

In your hand is a guide to help make your worship experience more meaningful.

At 10:00 am the Divine Liturgy, which is the main worship service of the Orthodox Church, begins with the words from the priest "Blessed is the kingdom of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit..."

The beginning of the service may be found on page 1 of the small red book entitled The Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom (Holy Cross Press). Each Sunday the Epistle, Gospel and certain hymns change to express what is being celebrated that day. This guide has them printed out for you so you may follow along more easily.

We welcome people of all faiths and denominations to worship with us and appreciate your presence. For those who are not Orthodox Christians we ask that you not receive the Holy Communion when it is offered to the congregation. Those visitors who are Orthodox Christians may receive Communion provided you normally receive at your home parish and have not been restricted in any way. For Orthodox Christians, when in doubt whether to receive or not, please ask Fr. Gabriel in advance and he will be happy to advise you.

For those who are attending the Divine Liturgy today as part of your comparative religion college class requirement for research, there is a brief brochure located in the narthex of the Church which will help explain a little about the Orthodox faith and our local parish. Fr. Gabriel would be happy to speak with you in the fellowship hall during the refreshment hour if time permits.

An appointment may also be made where he would be pleased to provide you with some research material for your paper.

For those of you visiting an Orthodox Christian Church for the first time, you are in for an interesting worship experience. There is something in Orthodox worship that reaches all the five senses. Through **sight** with the icons (religious paintings), vestments and movements, through **smell** with the use of incense, with **sound** through the use of our own byzantine style music and liturgy, through **taste** with receiving Holy Communion and by **touch** with the lighting of candles and crossing oneself.

You will find that the Orthodox place a great emphasis on reverence in worship. The worship is joyful as well, but always with a sense of reverence before God.

Thank you for joining us this morning. Please ask one of the attendants in the narthex if you have any questions. They will be happy to assist you. May God bless your time with us and answer all your needs!

ORTHROS GOSPEL: 10th Plagal Two

THE FOLLOWING HYMNS ARE SUNG DURING AND FOLLOWING THE 1ST ENTRANCE

A host of Angels descended upon your tomb, and those guarding it fell down mortified; and in the tomb stood Mary, bewildered and searching for your undefiled Body. You bounded up Hades, never been hurt by him; you met with the Virgin, and granted life to her. O Lord who rose from the dead, glory to you.

Αγγελικαὶ Δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμά σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες, ἀπενεκρώθησαν· καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ ζητοῦσα, τὸ ἄκραντόν σου σῶμα· ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ· ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωὴν. Ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Angeliké Dinámis epí to mníma sou ke i filássontes apenekróthisan; ke ístato María en to táfo zitoúsa to áhranton sou sóma; eskilefsas ton Ádin, mi pirasthís ip aftoú; ipíntisas ti

Parthéno, doróúmenos tin zoín. O anastás ek ton nekrón, Kírie dóxa si.

OF THE ASCENSION

You ascended in glory, O Christ Jesus our God, cheering up the Disciples, by the promise of the Holy Spirit; by assuring them through your divine blessing that you are indeed the Son of God, and world's Redeemer.

Ανελήφθης ἐν δόξῃ Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, χαροποιήσας τοὺς Μαθητάς, τῆς ἐπαγγελίας τοῦ Ἁγίου Πνεύματος, βεβαιωθέντων αὐτῶν διὰ τῆς εὐλογίας, ὅτι οὐ εἶ ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, ὁ Λυτρωτὴς τοῦ κόσμου.

Anelíftis en dóxi Hristé o Theós imón, haropíisas tous Mathitás, ti epangelía tou Agíou Pnématos, veveothénton aftón diá tis eviogiás, óti si i o lós tou Theoú, o Litrotís tou kósmou.

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS

Supremely praised are you, O Christ our God, who established on earth, our Fathers as luminaries; and through them, to the true faith all of us you have guided, most Compassionate, glory to you.

Υπερδοξασμένος εἰ Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ φωστῆρας ἐπὶ γῆς, τοὺς Πατέρας ἡμῶν θεμελιώσας, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν, πρὸς τὴν ἀληθινὴν πίστιν πάντας ὀδηγήσας, Πολυεύσπλαγχνε δόξη σοι.

Iperdedoxasmenos i Hristé o Theós imón, o fostíras epí gis, tous Patéras imón themeliósas, ke di aftón, pros tin alithinín pístin pántas imás odigísis, Poliéfsplahne dóxa si.

TROPARION OF ST. MARKELLA

Obedient to the laws of the Lord and to his divine teachings, you kept them blamelessly, O Markella and being frightened of the violence of your father who pursued you O pure bride of Christ you hid in the mountains where he found you and took your life. Glory to him who has given you strength, Glory to him who has crowned you, Glory to him who works healings through you to everyone.

TROPARION OF ST. DEMETRIOS

The world found in you a great champion in dangers, a victor who could turn the nations back! As you restrained Levi in the arena, you also inspired Nestor to courage! Therefore Holy Great Martyr Demetrios, entreat Christ God to grant us great mercy!

KONTAKION

Having fulfilled the dispensation for us, and uniting the earthly with the heavenly, you ascended in glory, O Christ, our God; being in no way separated, but remaining inseparable, and calling out to those who love you: I am with you, and no one can be against you.

Τὴν ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν, πληρώσας οἰκονομίαν, καὶ τὰ ἐπὶ γῆς, ἐνώσας τοῖς οὐρανίοις, ἀνελήφθης ἐν δόξῃ, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, οὐδαμόθεν χωριζόμενος, ἀλλὰ μένων ἀδιάστος, καὶ βοῶν τοῖς ἀγαπῶσί σε Ἐγὼ εἰμι μεθ' ὑμῶν, καὶ οὐδεὶς καθ' ὑμῶν.

Tin impér imón plirósas ikonomían. Ke ta epí gis enósas tis ouraniis, anelíftis en dóxi, Hristé o Theós imón; oudamóthen horizómenos allá ménon adíastatos, ke vóon tis agapósi se: Egó imí meth imón, ke oudís kath imón.

THE EPISTLE READING

Sunday of the Holy Fathers

Verse: Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers.

For you are just in all you have done.

The Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles

Chapter 20:16-18; 28-36

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IN THOSE DAYS, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesos, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletos he sent to Ephesos and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to

yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.' " And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

THE GOSPEL READING

Fathers of the 1st Council

John 17:1-13

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At that time, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, you glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made.

"I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that

you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you did send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are mine; all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves."

SAINTS COMMEMORATED TODAY

Seventh Sunday of the Paschal Season, commemorating the 318 Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council in Nicea (+325); Sunday Post-Ascension; Holy Fathers of the Second Ecumenical Council; Holymartyr Dorotheos, Bishop of Tyre (+362); Nikandros, Gorgios, and Apollonos, Martyrs (+VIth c.); Neomartyr Mark.