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May 20th –7th Sunday Of Pascha – Holy Fathers of the 1st Ec. Council – Tone 6
(Commemorating the Appearance of the Precious Cross over Jerusalem in 351 AD)

Today's Epistle Reading:

EPISTLE: ACTS 20: 16-18, 28-36

Today's Gospel Readings:

MATINS: Jn. 21: 1-14/ **LITURGY:** John 17: 1-13

Troparion: "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 Of Ascension: "Thou has ascended in glory, O Christ our God, granting joy to Thy Disciples, by the promise of Thy Holy Spirit; through Thy blessing, they were assured, that Thou art the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world!"

Spirit

This event took place on the Tuesday preceding the Feast of the Ascension, May 7, 351. The rays emanating from the cross spread from Golgotha to Mount Olivet. At that time, Cyril was Bishop of Jerusalem.

This is Wrong!

One of the great stories of the Christian Church is the story of Telemachus, a Christian monk. One day he went to Rome. He found his way to the gladiatorial games where men fought each other till death. The crowds roared with the lust for blood, as much as they do in boxing today. Eighty thousand people were there to view the gladiator's fight to the finish. Telemachus was horrified. Were not these men who were slaughtering each other children of God? And were not those who were cheering them on, lusting for blood, encouraging murder? He leapt from this seat right into the arena, and stood between the gladiators. "This is wrong," he called out, "it is against God's law." He was tossed aside. He came back. The crowd was angry. They began to stone him. Soon he lay dead in the arena. Then suddenly there was a hush. The crowd realized what had happened. A holy man lay dead. Something happened that day to Rome, for there were never any gladiatorial games any more. All because an unknown monk, Telemachus, stood up to protest to the world something he knew was against God's will.

Today's Special Announcements and Upcoming Events For Our Parish:

- (1) **TODAY:** we invite ALL of you downstairs for our Fellowship honoring our Graduates, **Joseph and Michael Cannon, and Benjamin Lia!**
- (1-A) **TODAY:** We will serve the 40-day Parastos for +Daniel Ikach – “Memory Eternal!”
- (2) Services this Thursday for Sts. Cyril & Methodius **are cancelled!**
- (2-A) **NEXT Saturday:** we are having a “Stewardship Work Party” to help clean up the weeds around the Church complex – **beginning at 10AM** – if you can help, bring some gardening tools with you – thank you so much! (With enough help, it shouldn't take long...)
- (3) **Please pray for the health and well-being of our following loved ones within our parish:**
Katie Repasky Ann Cervo Nick Trbovic Donna/Nick Moss-NH Lucy Pcholinski-H
Martha Zivkovich-NH Stella Stipanovich -NH Ann Vunovic-NH Beverly Stipanovich
Keith Bedell Margaret Ivkovich-NH Melva Buzzelli-NH V. Rev. Adam Yonitch
V. Rev. Paul Lazor Wayne Eremic
- (4) **Also pray for the souls of those fallen asleep in the Lord:**
+Helen Lia Alex Stipanovich +Dan Ikach +Sophie Vranesevic +Louise Zivkovich
+Smilja Blagovich +Mimi Pavlovich +Robert Torbic +Ann Vranesevic +Nick Pilipovich
+George Medich +Kh. Stefanie Yazge +Stoyanka Vranesevich +Mel Trkula
+Sharon Young +Mika Rocknage +Betty Perich +Dorothy Shumkaroff +Amy Pacura
+AP Stevan Stepanov/+Rastko Trbuhovich/+Vasilije Sokolovic +Arlene Crnkovich
- (5) **GROUPS Ministry:** Our Women's Support Group meets this Tuesday ^{7³⁰}PM!
- (6) **Don't forget: you can help out at the St. Cyril Food Pantry** – any Thursday at 4:30pm!
- (7) **UPCOMING MAY EVENTS:** please mark your calendars for the following:
- **NEXT WEEKEND^h:** PENTECOST Weekend – Parastos on Saturday at 9:30AM,
Followed by Blessing of Graves at McK-Vers Cemetery; Vespers of Pentecost at 6 PM!
SUNDAY: Holy Trinity Kolo Slava after Pentecost Liturgy – reception after in hall!
- (8) **REMINDER:** NOW is the time to register for the Youth Conference in Cleveland – June 20th – 24th in Cleveland - sign up at serborth.org !

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

For forty days of the Great Fast, we journeyed with Christ along the solemn road that led up the Mount of Golgotha to the Cross. There we experienced the agony of the Lord's suffering and death, followed soon by the ecstasy of His glorious resurrection. Then came forty days of exultation as we rejoiced in the victory of Christ over mankind's great enemies - Sin and Death. Now has come the time of the Lord's triumphant return to the Father, His solemn Ascension. His work on earth was done, so He prepared to go to His eternal home.



The time was at hand for Jesus to bid farewell to His beloved friends. How graphically the Gospel depicts His leaving: Christ led the Apostles to a mount towards Bethany; this was as far as they could go. The Lord spoke to them for the last time - ". . . wait here in the city until you are clothed with power from on high . . . You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witness . . . to the end of the earth . . . Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them . . . teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Then, as Christ blessed them, He was parted from the group, a cloud enveloped Him as He rose, and Angels came to minister to the Apostles. They, in turn, returned to Jerusalem "with great joy," remembering the Lord's promise to abide with them and to send the Holy Spirit upon them.