

he said to them, "These are my words which I spoke to you, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city, until you are clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them, and was carried up into heaven. And they returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: CHURCH BEAUTIFICATION SUNDAY – after Divine Liturgy & coffee hour, we will be planting, watering, weeding – improving the beauty outside our church building. Our Giving From Our Heart Drive for the month of June is Church Beautification. Donations of or for the purchase of perennials, annuals, fertilizer, sprayer, mulch would definitely be appreciated

JUNE 5 DONATIONS: In memory of (IMO): my father **ALEXANDER** – Mary Todoroff, **IMO** our father **CHRIS EFTOFF** – Helen & Chris Arsenault; **IMO** my dad **CLARENCE OVERBY** who passed away 22 yrs ago on 6/9 – Cheryl & Don Travis; **IMO** our father, **CHRIS EFTOFF** – Tom & Kristine Eftoff; **IMO CLARENCE OVERBY** – Karen & David Rehn; **IMO** my husband **CHRIS EFTOFF** who passed 7 yrs. ago – Kata Eftoff; **IMO CHRIS EFTOFF** – Said Family, Pete & Jann Petroff

For Health of Family (FHO): Angie Panzoff, Lazar Family, Pete & Jann Petroff, Kata Eftoff; **FHO FAMILY & CHURCH FAMILY**, my daughter **DAWN** w/ her pregnancy & baby, **SUBDEACON DAVID** w/his upcoming surgery, my goddaughter **KRYSTLE** on her 22nd b'day on 6/15 – Don & Cheryl Travis

UPCOMING EVENTS:

19TH - **FATHER'S DAY** – CHURCH COUNCIL MTG. following Divine Liturgy

28TH – (TUES) – 7 p.m. - **BISHOP ALEXANDER** will be with us for a vesperal liturgy celebrating the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul (the Patronal Feast of the Parish).

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June 12, 2016

**Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council
and the Observation of the Feast of the Ascension**



**TODAY WE WILL CELEBRATE THE DIVINE LITURGY OF
ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

The First Antiphon (Psalm 47 and 48)

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!
For the Lord, the Most High is terrible; a great God over all the earth.
He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.
God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet!
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever,
and unto ages of ages. Amen.

The Second Antiphon (Psalm 48)

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God.

Refrain: O Son of God, Who ascended in glory, save us who sing to
You: "Alleluia!"

Mount Zion in the far north, is the city of the Great King.
Within her citadels God is known when He defends her.
For lo, the kings assembled; they came on together.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever,
and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Only-begotten Son

The Third Antiphon (Psalm 49)

Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world!

Tone 4 Troparion

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God,
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 earth-born and the sons of men, rich and poor together. R:
My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be
understanding. R:
I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle in psalmody. R:*

Entrance Verse (Ps 47:5)

God has gone up with a shout; the Lord with the sound of a trumpet!

Tone 4 Troparion

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God,
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.

Tone 6 Kontakion

When You had fulfilled the dispensation for our sake,
and united earth to heaven:
You ascended in glory, O Christ our God,
not being parted from those who love You,
but remaining with them and crying: //
"I am with you, and there is no one against you!"

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle – Acts 1:1-12

In the first book, O Theoph'ilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth." And when he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away.

Gospel – Luke 24:36-53

At that time Jesus himself stood among them. But they were startled and frightened, and supposed that they saw a spirit. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do questionings rise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; handle me, and see; for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have." And while they still disbelieved for joy, and wondered, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them. Then