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***We are each of us angels with only one wing...
And we can fly embracing each other...***

Luciano DeCrenzenzo

May 17, 2026 Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea; The Holy Apostle Andronicus and those with him; Blessed Hieromartyr Ivan Ziatyk.

Intentions this Sunday

Saturday at 4:15pm: +Theresa Miller (req. by Mary Romanchuk and Family); Sunday at 9:30am: Parishioners; Sunday at 11am: Parishioners.

First Antiphon

Clap your hands, all you nations,* shout to God with the voice of joy. *Through the prayers of the Mother of God,* O Saviour, save us.*

For the Lord most high is awesome,* a great king over all the earth.* *Through the prayers of the Mother of God,* O Saviour, save us.*

He has subdued peoples to us,* and nations under our feet.* *Through the prayers of the Mother of God,* O Saviour, save us.*

God ascended amid shouts of joy,* the Lord at the sound of the trumpet. *Through the prayers of the Mother of God,* O Saviour, save us.*

Glory. Now. Only-begotten Son.

Third Antiphon

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord,* let us acclaim God, our Saviour. *Son of God, who ascended in glory,* save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

Let us come before His face with praise,* and acclaim Him in psalms.* *Son of God, who ascended in glory,* save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

For God is the great Lord,* and the great king over all the earth.* *Son of God, who ascended in glory,* save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

Entrance

Come, let us worship* and fall down before Christ.* *Son of God, who ascended in glory,* save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

Troparia and Kontakia

Troparion, Tone 6: Angelic powers were upon Your tomb* and the guards became like dead men;* Mary stood before Your

Перший антифон

Усі народи, заплещіте рукамі,* воскликніть Бóгові гóлосом радóсти.* *Молитвами Богородици,* Спасе, спаси нас.*

Бо Госпóдь Всеви́шний – страшний,* Цар великий по всій землі. *Молитвами Богородици,* Спасе, спаси нас.*

Він покори́в люде́й нам* і народи під но́ги на́ші.* *Молитвами Богородици,* Спасе, спаси нас.*

Зійшо́в Бог під óклики весéлі,* Госпóдь – під гóлос сурми.* *Молитвами Богородици,* Спасе, спаси нас.*

Слава. І нині. Єдинорóдний Сїну.

Третій антифон

Прийді́те, возра́дуємся Господéві,* воскликні́м Богу, Спасі́телеві на́шому.* *Спасі́ нас, Сїну Бóжий,* що возні́сся у сла́ві, співа́ємо Тобі́: Аلیلу́я.*

Іді́м перед ли́цем Йо́го з іспові́данням,* і псалма́ми воскликні́м Йо́му.* *Спасі́ нас, Сїну Бóжий,* що возні́сся у сла́ві, співа́ємо Тобі́: Аلیلу́я*

Бо Бог – великий Госпóдь* і цар великий по всій землі.* *Спасі́ нас, Сїну Бóжий,* що возні́сся у сла́ві, співа́ємо Тобі́: Аلیلу́я*

Вхідне

Прийді́те поклоні́мся* і припаді́м до Христá.* *Спасі́ нас, Сїну Бóжий,* що возні́сся у сла́ві, співа́ємо Тобі́: Аلیلу́я*

Тропарі й кондаки

Тропар воскресний (г. 6): А́нгельські си́ли – на грóбі Тво́їм,* а сторóжа омертвіла.* Ма́рія ж стоя́ла у грóбі,* шука́ючи

tomb* seeking Your most pure body.* You captured Hades without being overcome by it.* You met the Virgin and granted life.* O Lord, risen from the dead,* glory be to You!

Troparion, Tone 4: You ascended in glory, O Christ our God,* giving joy to Your disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit,* and assuring them through your blessing* that You are the Son of God,* the Redeemer of the world.

Troparion, Tone 8: Christ our God, You are glorified above all,* You established our fathers as beacons on earth* and through them guided all of us to the true faith.* Glory to You, most compassionate Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion, Tone 6: The apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrine* confirmed the Church's one faith,* and wearing the garment of truth* woven from theology that descends from on high,* she rightly imparts* the mystery of godliness* and sings its glory.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 6: When you had fulfilled Your plan for us* and united things on earth with those in heaven,* You ascended in glory, O Christ our God,* in no way distant, but remaining inseparable,* You cried to those who love You:* I am with You and there is none against you.

Prokeimenon

Tone 8: Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name forever.

Repeat: Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name forever.

verse: For You are righteous in everything that You have done to us.

Repeat: Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name forever.

Epistle Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

Alleluia, Tone 1

verse: The God of gods, the Lord, spoke and summoned the earth from the rising of sun to its setting.

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Gospel John 17:1-13

Hymn to the Mother of God, in the place of It is truly right

O my soul, magnify the Lord who in glory ascended bodily into the heavens. O Mother of God,* you transcended both mind and word,* and in time, ineffably bore the Timeless One:* it is you who, with one accord,* we, the faithful, magnify.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.* Rejoice in the Lord, O you just;* praise befits the righteous.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

Instead of We have seen the True Light

Be exalted O God* above the heavens,* above all the earth be your glory.

пречи́стого тіла Тво́го.* Полони́в Ти ад, та не переможений ним,* зустрів Ти Ді́ву, даруючи життя́.* Воскрéслий з ме́ртвих Го́споди, сла́ва Тобі́.

Тропар Вознесіння (г. 4): Возні́сся Ти у сла́ві, Хри́сте Бо́же наш,* ра́дість сотвори́вши ученика́м оби́тува́нням Свято́го Ду́ха,* утверди́вши їх благослове́нням,* бо Ти еси́ Син Бо́жий, изба́витель світу́.

Тропар Отців (г. 8): Препросла́влений Ти, Хри́сте Бо́же наш,* світи́ла на землі́ – отці́в на́ших осну́вав Ти* і німи до істи́нної віри всіх нас напра́вив Ти.* Багатоми́лосе́рдний, сла́ва Тобі́і.

Сла́ва Отцю́, і Си́ну, і Свято́му Ду́хові́.

Кондак Отців (г. 6): Апосто́лів пропові́дування і отці́в догма́ти* єди́ну віру утверди́ли Це́ркві,* яка́ і, ри́зу істи́ни з богосло́вія ви́шнього но́сячи,* пра́во пра́вить, і сла́вить* благоче́стя вели́ке та́їнство.

І ніні, і повсякча́с, і на ві́ки вікі́в. Амі́нь.

Кондак (г. 6): Співни́вши про́мисел щодо́ нас* і те, що на землі́, з'єдна́вши з небесни́м,* возні́сся Ти у сла́ві, Хри́сте Бо́же наш,* нія́к не відлуча́ючись, але́ невідсту́пно перебу́ваючи,* Ти клі́чеш до тих, що лю́блять Тебе́:* Я з ва́ми і ніхто́ про́ти вас.

Прокімен

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Стих: Бо пра́ведний еси́ в усьо́му, що сотвори́в Ти нам

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Апостол Ді. 20, 16-18; 28-36.

Алилуя (г. 1)

Стих: Бог бо́гів, Госпо́дь мо́вив, і призва́в зе́млю від схо́ду со́нця до за́ходу.

Стих: Зберіть Йо́му преподо́бних Йо́го, що запові́дують заві́т Йо́го в же́ртвах.

Євангеліє Ів. 17, 1-13.

Замість Достойно співаємо:

Велича́й, душе́ моя́, Го́спода, що з плóттю во сла́ві возні́сся на небеса́. Тебе́, ви́ще ума́ і сло́ва Ма́тір Бо́жу, що в ча́сі безлі́тного несказа́нно роді́ла, ві́рні одноду́мно велича́ємо.

Причасний

Хвалі́те Го́спода з небес,* хвалі́те Йо́го во ви́шніх.* Ра́дуйтеся, пра́ведні, у Го́споді,* пра́вим налэ́жить похвала́.* Алилу́я, алилу́я, алилу́я.

Замість Ми бачили світло істинне

Вознесі́ся* на небеса́, Бо́же,* і по всій землі́ – сла́ва Тво́я.

Liturgical Schedule

Monday, May 18 The Holy Martyr Theodotus of Ancyra	Acts 21:8-14 John 14:27-15:7			
Tuesday, May 19 The Holy Hieromartyr Patrick, Bishop of Prussa and those with him.	Acts 21:26-32 John 16:2-13			
Wednesday May 20 The Holy Martyr Thaleleus.	Acts 23:1-11 John 16:15-23			
Thursday, May 21 The Holy Great Rulers Constantine and Helen, Equals-to-the-Apostles.	Acts 25:13-19 John 16:23-33			
Friday, May 22 The Holy Martyr Basiliscus.	Acts 28:1-31 John 17:18-26			<i>Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat.</i>
Saturday, May 23 All Souls Saturday	Acts 20:7-12 John 21:15-25	4:15pm 5:30pm	Divine Liturgy (English) Great Vespers	Intention: Parishioners
Sunday, May 24 ⊕ Holy and Glorious Pentecost	Acts 2:1-11 John 7:37-52; 8:12	10am 1pm	Divine Liturgy (Bilingual) General Panakhyda and Individual Grave Blessings at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery	Intention: Parishioner

Other Events This Week

Monday, May 18 at 11am: Senior Exercise Class

Wednesday, May 20 at 11am: Senior Exercise Class

Thursday, May 21 at 7am to approx. noon: Perogy and cabbage roll making. Lunch provided.

Saturday, May 23 at 7pm: Narcotics Anonymous

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. We welcome our visitors joining us for Liturgy today. All-you-can-eat brunch today from 10-12:30pm. Adults \$15; Children (6-12) \$6; Children (under 5) free.
2. EIGHTH-DAY ABLUTION AND TONSURE TODAY: Trevor Fisher, who was Baptised last Sunday will receive the eighth-day abluition and tonsure at the end of the 11am Liturgy.
3. NEXT WEEKEND: Pentecost Sunday. There will be one Divine Liturgy at 10am next Sunday. ALSO: Panakhyda for All Souls at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery at Fr. Nicholas Siry's grave at 1pm followed by individual grave blessings. Looking to have your loved one's graves blessed at another time or place? Contact Fr. Michael to arrange.
4. Pregnancy Centre Baby Bottle Campaign has started. Take a baby bottle home, fill it with change (or a cheque) and bring it back by Father's Day. This yearly campaign supports the Algoma Pregnancy Centre, which provides critical material and psychological support for women in crisis pregnancy situation both before and after birth.

5. NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING: Sunday, May 31 at noon. There will be one Divine Liturgy at 10am followed by a light lunch and the meeting. The purpose of the meeting: Pastoral Planning.
6. Special Joint Pastoral/Finance Council Meeting with open invitation to parishioners: Tuesday, June 9th at 5pm. The purpose of the meeting is to review and discuss Fr. Michael's first few months as part time within the parish with secular employment, both the effect on the parish and on him.
7. Summer schedule begins Sunday, June 7 and continues until Praznyk (September 13). Bilingual Sunday Liturgy at 10am instead of two. Faith education sessions will follow the Liturgy on most Sundays during this time.

PRAYER LIST OF SICK, SHUT-INS, AND DEAR ONES FAR AND NEAR: Lorraine Wilson, Msgr. Anton Szymychalski, Fr. Jaroslaw Lazoryk, Wanda Duczmal, Debbie Bromeley, Antoinette Blunt, Katherine Pasternak, Walter Borowicz, Pat Stratichuk, Betty Pauliuk, Doris Lebel, Jo-Anne Stone, Denise Jacques, Phil Marinelli, Theresa Barsanti, Patty-Ann Bellerive, Jim Parniak, Connie Sampson, Fr. Oleh Yuryk, Fr. John Barszczyk, Dorothy McIntyre, Andrea Stone Pietramale, Lynn Dunne, Fr. Andrew Kormanik, Ray Robinson, Hunter Stone, Gavin Stone, Gerard Dosko, Anderson Knight, Jann, Ron Barsanti, Peter Harlow, Larisa Pochmursky, Elizabeth Cepecawer, MaryAnn & Art Spadoni, Paul Taillefer, Erin, Dave Kowalyk, Mary Romanchuk, McGill Perry, Tammy Zalewski, Fernando Mannarino, Dave Redfern, Ora, Irene O, Paul M, June, Bob, Dustin Wenmany, Tracey Burmaster, Mel Stanghetta, Norna Martynuck, Sylvie B, Bill McConnell, Anastasiia Pavliuk, Wanda Featherston, Roger McMillan, Clark Hutton, Gerry, Moira O'Pallie, Chris Applejohn, Barb and Gerry, Olena Hankivsky, David Bell, Gary Driver, Rod Stone.

Lord, Jesus Christ, You Who travelled throughout Galilee healing the sick, enabling the blind to see and the lame to walk, bring healing to Your people who need it this day. Grant relief to the ones who suffer pain and physical torment. Give peace to those whose minds are tortured by mental illness and anxiety. Comfort those who are alone in their suffering; may Your people reach out to them and to all the needy this day. Send Your grace to the caregivers that they may be gentle and effective agents of Your loving mercy. May our sufferings be joined with Yours to bring healing throughout the world. Amen

DONATIONS – May 10, 2026
Collection: \$600; Building Fund: \$625
In Memory of Sam Pringle: \$100

THANK YOU!!

“On Call Priest”

A priest is available in the city for emergencies 24/7 at 705-256-6675.

I LOVE THIS ANALOGY

When GOD wanted to create fish, HE spoke to the sea. When GOD wanted to create trees, HE spoke to the earth. But, when GOD wanted to create man, HE turned to himself. Then, GOD said “Let us make man in our image and in our likeness.”

If you take a fish out of water, it will die; and when you remove a tree from soil, it will also die. Likewise, when man is disconnected from GOD, he dies.

GOD is our natural environment. We were created to live in HIS presence. We have to be connected to HIM because it is only in HIM that life exists. Let us stay connected to GOD.

We recall that water without fish is still water, but fish without water is nothing. The soil without a tree is still soil, but the tree without the soil is nothing. GOD without man is still GOD, but man without GOD is nothing.

Sunday of the Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council

The Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council is the Sunday after the Feast of the Ascension. The First Ecumenical Council was held in 325 AD at Nicaea, outside of Constantinople. It was summoned by Emperor Constantine the Great to settle the Arian heresy, which denies the full divinity of Jesus Christ and says that He was created by God. This was tearing through the Church, and proved popular with a number of bishops but not among the laity. This Council authorized the famous Nicene Creed, recited at every Divine Liturgy, which affirms the divinity and humanity of Jesus, and so our salvation through His Passion, Death and Resurrection.

Nicaea defines that Jesus is homoousios / consubstantial with the Father and the Holy Spirit. He shares the exact same divine nature with the Father, and He existed before time with the Father as the Logos/ Eternal Word. Whenever God speaks in the Old Testament, beginning with Genesis, it is the Word Who speaks. Therefore, the Word is “begotten, not made” and this nature was united with the human nature derived from the Virgin Mary at His conception in her womb on March 25. If He is not human and divine from the very moment of conception, then we cannot be saved through His sacrifice on the Cross, since he would be less than the Father.

Arianism was revived during the Protestant Reformation through movements in Poland and England. Modern-day Arians include the Jehovah’s Witnesses (who say Jesus is the direct creation of God and not divine), and Mormons (who also subordinate Christ to the Father). Islam is influenced by this heresy, since it denies Jesus’ divinity.

Icons depicting the Council usually show Constantine wearing a crown, surrounded by bishops. Jesus is enthroned in the middle or above the assembly. Arius is shown defeated at the base of the icon, cowering before the majesty of Christ. He is usually shown wearing a turban, a later reference to Islam, which denies Jesus’ divinity to this day.

The First Council also issued decrees on the consecration of bishops, regulations for bishops and diocesan clergy, forbidding clerics from loaning money at interest, establishment of rules for catechumens, condemnation of other heresies, forbidding kneeling from Easter until Pentecost, and confirmed the importance of the patriarchates of Alexandria in Egypt and Jerusalem in Palestine.

Source: Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix
