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MAY 28, 2023 / 7TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA (TONE 6)

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE SIX

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.

FESTAL TROPARION OF ASCENSION IN TONE FOUR

Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, / granting joy to Thy Disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. / Through the blessing, they were assured / that Thou art the Son of God, // the Redeemer of the world!

TROPARION OF HOLY FATHERS IN TONE EIGHT

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God, / Who hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth. / Through them Thou hast guided us to the True Faith. // O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

- *Do not sing the troparion of Apostles Peter and Paul*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

FESTAL KONTAKION OF ASCENSION IN TONE SIX

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

PROKEIMENON IN TONE FOUR

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever!
v. For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles (20:16-18, 28-36)

In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus to avoid spending time in the province of Asia, for he was in a hurry to reach Jerusalem, if possible, by the day of Pentecost. From Miletus, Paul sent to Ephesus for the elders of the church. When they arrived, he said to them: "You know how I lived the whole time I was with you, from the first day I came into the province of Asia. Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears. "Now I commit you

to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I have not coveted anyone's silver or gold or clothing. You yourselves know that these hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions. In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus Himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' " When Paul had finished speaking, he knelt down with all of them and prayed.

ALLELUIA IN TONE EIGHT

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

v. Gather to Me My venerable ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice!

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (17:1-13)

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by¹ that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled. "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them.

FESTAL MEGALYNARION IN TONE FOUR

[Instead of "It is truly meet...", we sing the following]

Refrain: Magnify, O my soul, Christ the Giver of Life, Who hath ascended from earth to heaven!

Hiermos: We magnify thee, O Mother of God, who beyond reason and understanding gave birth in time to the Timeless One.

COMMUNION HYMN

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

AFTER COMMUNION

Priest: "O God, save Thy people... "

Choir sings the festal troparion of Ascension

Priest: "Always, now and ever..."

Choir: "Let our mouths be filled..."

UPCOMING SERVICES

9:30 AM (Saturday) – General Panichida

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers w. Lity

9:20 AM (Sunday) – Third Hour & Divine Liturgy

TODAY'S SAINTS

Saints commemorated on May 28th: Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council; St. Nicetas, Bishop of Chalcedon; St. Eutychius, Bishop of Melitene; Martyr Heliconis of Thessalonica; Hieromartyr Helladius, Bishop in the East; Hieromartyr Caranus of Chartres; St. Germanus, Bishop of Paris; St. Senator, Bishop of Milan; St. Justus, first Bishop of Urgell; St. William of Gellone; St. Podius the Confessor, Bishop of Florence; St. Ignatius the Wonderworker, Bishop of Rostov; St. Sophronius of Bulgaria.

TODAY'S PARASTAS

Parastas in memory of Concetta Gloria Royer offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer.

TODAY'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Sanctuary Lamp offered by John and Helen Wanko in memory of Anastasia Grudinoff (anniversary of repose). **Triple Candelabra** offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Concetta Gloria Royer (20th anniversary of repose).

NEWS AND EVENTS

- (1) St. Tikhon's Monastery is pleased to welcome pilgrims to the annual Memorial Day pilgrimage this weekend. For information: [Annual Memorial Day Pilgrimage | The Monastery of St. Tikhon of Zadonsk \(sttikhonsmonastery.org\)](http://sttikhonsmonastery.org)
- (2) Starting today we are returning to normal administration of Holy Communion with a single spoon.
- (3) FOCA N.J. District is having a its first Annual Cornhole Tournament and Family Picnic at Ss. Peter & Paul Church in South River, N.J. on Saturday, June 10, 2023. Everyone is welcomed for food, prizes, and fun – more information can be found in the flyer posted in the church vestibule.

"The whole of history since the ascension of Jesus into heaven is concerned with one work only: the building and perfecting of this City of God."
— St. Augustine (354-430)