



MAY 24, 2026



***ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST
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OF CHARLESTON, OAKLAND , AND MID-ATLANTIC**

REVEREND FATHER SERAPHIM MOSLENER

***Jesus said, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. (John 16:23)
When a new person is baptized or Chrismated we say to that person, "Welcome Home!" The Church is where each person voluntarily belongs as one who believes in and belongs to Christ .***

We take this opportunity to welcome those guests worshipping with us.

***Anyone wishing to request prayers for Health and Well-being, or a Trisagion prayer,
please contact Fr. Seraphim***

The Orthodox Church understands that the sacraments we experience are a fundamental part of the sacred life of a worshipping community that shares in "one body...one faith". (Eph. 4:5). Thus, we can only share Communion with those who are Orthodox and who have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and Confession. If you are not Orthodox, or are not properly prepared, you are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing and then to take a piece of the blessed bread.

DIVINE LITURGY ON SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026

TONE 6 / EOTHINON 10

SUNDAY OF THE AFTER-FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

VENERABLE STYLITES SIMEON THE YOUNGER OF THE MOUNTAIN OF WONDERS AND NIKITAS OF PEREYASLAVL-ZALESSKI; MARTYR MELETIOS THE GENERAL OF GALATIA; VENERABLE VINCENT OF LERINS

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

Clap your hands, all ye nations; shout unto God with a voice of rejoicing. For the Lord Most High is terrible; a great King over all the earth.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

He hath subdued peoples under us, and the nations under our feet. God is gone up in jubilation, the Lord with the voice of the trumpet. (*Refrain*)

Glory... Both now... (*Refrain*)

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, in His holy mountain. The mountains of Sion on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who didst rise from us in glory to the heavens, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

God is known in her towers when He cometh to help her. (*Refrain*)

For lo, the kings of the earth were assembled; they came together. (*Refrain*)

Glory... Both now... *O, only begotten Son and Word of God...*

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

Hear this, all ye nations; give ear, all ye that inhabit the world. My mouth shall speak wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding. I will incline mine ear unto a parable; I will unfold my problem on the psaltery.

**After verses of the Third Antiphon,
chant the Apolytikion of the Ascension.**

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SIX

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb. And the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE ASCENSION IN TONE FOUR

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Thy Disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit, making them confident through the blessing that Thou art the Son of God, and Deliverer of the world.

APOLYTIKION OF THE HOLY FATHERS IN TONE EIGHT

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

O beloved Apostle of christ God, Come quick and save a people with no recourse. He who let you rest your head on his breast, will not reject your peas on our behalf. Beseech him then, O wise and holy theologian. Dispel from us the dark and ominous clouds of disbelief. Grant us all of his peace and great mercy.

KONTAKION OF THE ASCENSION IN TONE SIX

When Thou didst fulfill Thy dispensation for our sakes, uniting the terrestrials with the celestials, Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, inseparable in space, but constant without separation, and crying unto Thy beloved: I am with you, and no one shall be against you.

THE EPISTLE

***Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.
For Thou art just in all Thou hast done to us.***

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

In those days, Paul was determined to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening, if possible, to be at Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost. And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the priests 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 bishops, to shepherd the church of the Lord and God, which He purchased with His own blood. For I know that after my departure ravenous wolves will enter among you, not sparing the flock;

THE EPISTLE (CONT.)

and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore, remain watchful, remembering that for three years I did not cease to admonish every one, night and day with tears. And now, brethren, 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 such laboring we ought to help the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down on his knees with them all, and prayed.

THE GOSPEL

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

At that time, Jesus lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son that the Son may glorify Thee, since Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom Thou hast given Him. And this is eternal life, that they know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ Whom Thou hast sent. I glorified Thee on earth, having accomplished the work which Thou gavest Me to do; and now, Father, glorify Thou Me in Thy own presence with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was made. I have manifested Thy Name to the men whom Thou gavest Me out of the world; Thine they were, and Thou gavest them to Me, and they have kept Thy word. Now they know that everything that Thou hast given Me is from Thee; for I have given them the words which Thou gavest Me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from Thee; and they have believed that Thou didst send Me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom Thou hast given Me, for they are Thine; all Mine are Thine, and Thine 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 Thee. Holy Father, keep them in Thy Name, which Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one. While I was with them, I kept them in Thy Name, which Thou 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 Thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves."

MAY SERVICES

**MAY 24TH SUNDAY—FATHERS OF THE 1st COUNCIL
DIVINE LITURGY 10AM**

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**MAY 31ST SUNDAY — PENTECOST
DIVINE LITURGY 10AM**

Followed by KNEELING PRAYERS

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**JUNE 7TH SUNDAY — SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS
DIVINE LITURGY 10AM**

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**JUNE 14TH SUNDAY — ALL SAINTS OF ANTIOCH
ALL SAINTS OF NORTH AMERICA
DIVINE LITURGY 10AM**

COUNCIL MEETING 12 NOON

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JUNE 20TH SATURDAY — COMMUNITY BREAKFAST 8:30-10:30 AM

**JUNE 21ST SUNDAY — SUNDAY OF THE NEW MARTYRS
DIVINE LITURGY 10AM**

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**JUNE 28TH SUNDAY — FINDING OF THE RELICS OF CYRUS & JOHN
THE UNMERCENARIES
DIVINE LITURGY ??????**

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Week after Pentecost (June 1 thru 6) is a NON-Fasting week.

**Peter and Paul Fast starts on June 8th thru June 28th,
Feast Day for The Holy Apostles Peter & Paul is June 29th.**

PRAYERS ARE OFFERED FOR THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF:

Fr. Steven, Kh. Paraskeva, Carol, Debbie, Trish, Shannon, Justin, Perry Sassic & family, Roddy, Jan, Fr. Andrew, Frank, Charlene, Cindi, Harriet, Joann, Cindy, Ray, Marlene, Julianna, Elias, Carrie, Oliver, Pauline, Despina, Julius, Jonathan, Kristen, Luca, Sam, Michael, Esteven, Phephile, Kyriel, Justin, Levon, Aiden, Kayla, Joni, Kirsten, Jonathan K., Andrew, Yvonne Rosemary and Patti..

FOR THOU ARE THE RESSURECTION, THE LIFE, AND THE REPOSE OF THY SERVANTS WHO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP ESPECIALLY:

Prayers are offered in memory of.....

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

1) A children's SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS is meeting on Sunday, following Divine Liturgy and will continue through May 31st. The class will be taught by Jessica Hill. Children of all ages are welcome. The students and teacher will receive communion first each Sunday and be dismissed to their class in the room behind the altar.

2) Fr. Chris Davis will be celebrating Divine Liturgy with us for the next 5 Sundays.

3) NO VESPER SERVICES FROM MAY 1ST. THROUGH AUGUST 31st.

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THOUGHT FOR TODAY

“Firstly there is no eternal life in the confession of God the Father without Jesus Christ; and secondly, Christ is glorified in the Father. Eternal life is precisely this, to know the only true God and Him, Whom He sent, even Jesus Christ.”

(St. Hilary)

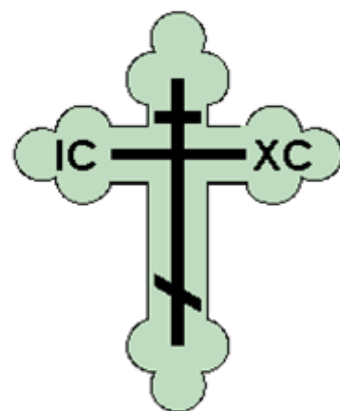
YOU ASCEND WITHOUT ABANDONING US

After Christ's Resurrection, it is documented by the Scriptures that He appeared to His Apostles on numerous occasions, preparing them for the great challenge that awaited them: spreading His Gospel throughout the world. On the 40th day after His triumphant victory over death, our Saviour climbed the Mount of Olives with His beloved followers and gave them their final instructions: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." Jesus then blessed them and ascended into the sky before their very eyes!

St. John Chrysostom writes of the significance of this event in one of his famous homilies. "Today the human race is completely reconciled with God. Today, we, too, become heirs to the kingdom of heaven, even though we are not even worthy to live on earth."

Yes, the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord makes thoughts of heaven very real for all of us. Our life on earth is merely a "preface" to the "book" of eternal life. Each day of our life here should find us observing all that Christ has commanded us to do! In His own words, the Lord returned to His heavenly home "to prepare a place for us." One of the verses from the Vespers for this glorious Feast clearly tells us the underlying reason for Christ's departure from our midst: "The Lord ascended into Heaven so that He could send the Comforter into the world." By doing this, His promise is fulfilled throughout eternity: Lo, I am with you always.

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