



# The Messenger

Sunday, May 28, 2023  
Κυριακή, 28 Μαΐου

318 Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council  
Κυριακή Ζ' τῶν 318 Ἁγίων Πατέρων  
τῆς Α' Οἴκομ. Συνόδου

## Weekly Worship Guide

The Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation • Atlanta, GA  
Hieromartyr Eutychius, Bishop of Melitene, Nikitas, Bishop of Chalcedon, Helikonis the Martyr, Heladios the Hieromartyr of the East, Zacharias the New Martyr

### Reminder About Kneeling

We are reminded that we do NOT kneel during the consecration of the Holy Gifts until after the feast of Pentecost. It is at the Vesper service of that day that the faithful are called “on bended knee” to pray to God.

## Commemoration of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council



The Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council convened in 325 AD in Nicaea, a city outside of Constantinople, to repress the heresy promoted by Arius, a priest from Alexandria, Egypt, who would not submit to the Church's episcopal authority. Three-hundred bishops gathered including, Sts. Athanasios (January 18), Nicholas (December 6), and Spyridon (December 12).

St. Constantine (May 21) called and presided over the council in which he weighed in on theological and ecclesiastical administrative matters. The fathers, with St. Constantine's backing, excommunicated Arius and those with him. Arius' problematic teachings, being a heresy, redefined who and what Christ is, effectively inhibited a person's ability to commune with God.

The Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council produced the first iteration of the Nicene Creed read at every Divine Liturgy by Orthodox Christians. They also determined the formula calculating the date of Pascha (the first Sunday after the first full moon of the vernal equinox).

# Order of Hymns Following The Small Entrance

## Αναστάσιμον Απολυτίκιον. Ἦχος πλ. β'.

Ἀγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμᾳ σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκόλευσας τὸν Ἄϊδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ, ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωροῦμενος τὴν ζωὴν, ὁ ἀναστάς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

## Απολυτίκιον τῆς Ἑορτῆς. Ἦχος δ'.

Ἀνελήφθης ἐν δόξῃ, Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, χαροποιήσας τοὺς Μαθητάς, τῇ ἐπαγγελίᾳ τοῦ ἁγίου Πνεύματος, βεβαιωθέντων αὐτῶν διὰ τῆς εὐλογίας, ὅτι σὺ εἶ ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, ὁ Λυτρωτὴς τοῦ κόσμου.

## Απολυτίκιον τῶν Πατέρων. Ἦχος πλ. δ'.

Ὑπερδεδοξασμένος εἶ, Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ φωστῆρας ἐπὶ γῆς τοὺς Πατέρας ἡμῶν θεμελιώσας, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν πρὸς τὴν ἀληθινὴν πίστιν, πάντας ἡμᾶς ὀδηγήσας· πολυεύσπλαγχνε, δόξα σοι.

## Απολυτίκιον τοῦ Ναοῦ. Ἦχος δ'.

Σήμερον τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν τὸ Κεφάλαιον, καὶ τοῦ ἀπ' αἰῶνος Μυστηρίου ἡ φανέρωσις, ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, Υἱὸς τῆς Παρθένου γίνεται, καὶ Γαβριὴλ τὴν χάριν εὐαγγελίζεται. Διὸ καὶ ἡμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ τῇ Θεοτόκῳ βοησωμεν· Χαῖρε Κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σου.

## Κοντάκιον. Ἦχος πλ. β'.

Τὴν ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν πληρώσας οικονομίαν, καὶ τὰ ἐπὶ γῆς ἐνώσας τοῖς οὐρανόις, ἀνελήφθης ἐν δόξῃ, Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, οὐδαμόθεν χωριζόμενος, ἀλλὰ μένων ἀδιάστατος, καὶ βοῶν τοῖς ἀγαπῶσί σε· Ἐγὼ εἰμι μεθ' ὑμῶν, καὶ οὐδεὶς καθ' ὑμῶν.

## Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode pl. 2.

When the angelic powers appeared at Your grave, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary who was seeking Your immaculate body. You devastated Hades, not afflicted by it. You went to meet the virgin, and granted eternal life. You resurrected from the dead. O Lord, glory to You.

## Apolytikion of the Feast. Mode 4.

O Lord, midway through the feast, give drink to my thirsty soul from the living waters of right belief. You, O Savior, proclaimed to everyone, "Let whoever is thirsty come to Me and drink." You are the fountain of life, O Christ our God. Glory to You!

## Apolytikion of the Fathers. Mode pl. 4.

Supremely blessed are You, O Christ our God. You established the holy Fathers upon the earth as beacons, and through them You have guided us all to the true Faith, O greatly merciful One, glory be to You.

## Apolytikion of the Church. Mode 4.

Today is the beginning of our salvation, and the revelation of the mystery which was hidden from eternity. The Son of God becomes the Virgin's Son, and Gabriel announces the grace of this Good News. Let us also join with him, calling to the Theotokos: Rejoice, O Woman full of grace; the Lord is with you.

## Kontakion. Mode pl. 2.

When You had fulfilled the dispensation for our sake, \* and united things on earth with the things in heaven, \* You were taken up thither in glory, O Christ our God, \* going not away from any place, \* but continuing inseparable, \* and to them that love You crying out: \* "I am with you, and there is, therefore, none against you."

# Readings

**Epistle** (Acts of the Apostles 20:16-18, 28-36)

Reader: Christopher Esper

**PROKEIMENON:** Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers.

**VERSE:** For you are just in all you have done.

**In those days,** Paul had decided to sail past Ephesos, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletos he sent to Ephesos and called to him the elders 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 overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now 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 so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

**Gospel** (John 17:1-13)

**At that time,** Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, you glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made.

"I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you did send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are mine; all mine are yours, and yours 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 you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you 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 you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves."

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## Reminders for Receiving Holy Communion

Holy Communion is offered in the Orthodox Church only to those individuals baptized and/or chrismated (confirmed) in the Orthodox Faith. To participate in Holy Communion one must be in good standing with the Church spiritually (for example, married people must have had their marriage blessed in the Church; and, all must be without grave sin on their hearts). For all Orthodox Christians, the proper preparation for Holy Communion must be observed: that is, examination of conscience, confession, reading the prayers for Holy Communion, and the proper fasting. If you have any further questions about this, please speak with the clergy. Women should remove all lipstick when approaching for Holy Communion.

Thank you.

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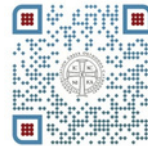
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