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DIVINE LITURGY - SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2020, TONE 6 / EOTHINON 10

SUNDAY OF THE AFTER-FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

MARTYRS HERMIAS OF COMANA IN CAPPADOCIA AND THE MAGICIAN MARUS WHO BELIEVED THROUGH HIM



THE FIRST ANTIPHON (Psalm 46)

+ *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 to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. (Refrain)

THE SECOND ANTIPHON (Psalm 47)

+ *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: O Son of God, Who ascended in glory, save us who sing unto 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 to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

HYMN OF ST. JUSTINIAN

Only Begotten Son and Word of God, who art immortal, Thou didst take on Thee for our salvation to be incarnate of the Holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary and without change was made man, and was crucified also, O Christ our God, and by Thy death hast death subdued. Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: O save, O save us.

THE THIRD ANTIPHON AND APOLYTIKION OF THE ASCENSION IN TONE FOUR

Hear this, all ye people; give ear, all ye inhabitants of the earth. My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding. I will incline mine ear to a parable; I will open my dark saying upon the harp.

Refrain: 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.

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF ORDINARY SUNDAYS

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

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. ANNA, Righteous Ancestor of God, Mother of the Theotokos:

O godly minded Anna, thou didst give birth unto God's pure mother who conceived Him Who is our Life. Wherefore, thou hast now passed with joy to thy heavenly rest, wherein is the abode of them that rejoice in glory; and thou askest forgiveness of sins for them that honor thee with love, O ever blessed one.

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.

TRISAGION HYMN

People: (*sung*) Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us. (*three times*)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. *Amen.* Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.

Deacon: *With Strength!*

People: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.

~THE NEW TESTAMENT READINGS~

THE EPISTLE

Deacon: *Let us attend.*

Reader: Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers. For Thou art just in all Thou hast done.

Deacon: *Wisdom.*

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

Deacon: *Let us attend.*

Reader: In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, 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 Miletus he sent to Ephesus 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 everyone 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.

ALLELUIA

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Reader: *The God of gods, the Lord, hath spoken, and He hath called the earth from the rising of the sun and unto the setting thereof.*

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Reader: *Gather together unto Him His holy ones who have established His covenant upon sacrifices.*

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL

Deacon: Wisdom. Stand upright. Let us hear the Holy Gospel.

Priest: Peace be to all.

People: And to thy spirit.

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

People: Glory to thee, O Lord, Glory to thee.

Deacon: Let us attend.

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."

People: Glory to thee, O Lord, Glory to thee.

CHERUBIC HYMN

We who mystically represent the cherubim, and who sing to the life-giving Trinity the thrice holy hymn, let us now lay aside all earthly cares, that we may receive the King on all who comes invisibly up borne by the angelic host. *Alleluia.*

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Only-begotten, Begotten of the Father before all worlds, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made; of one essence with the Father, by whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge the quick and the dead, Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets; And I believe in One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. I look for the Resurrection of the dead. And the Life of the world to come. *Amen.*

MEGALYNARION It is Truly Meet

It is truly meet, it is truly meet, to call thee Blessed, Lady Theotokos. Lady ever-greatly blessed, and most perfect in innocence, and Mother of our God. Lady more precious than the cherubim and more glorious beyond all measure than the seraphim, who without corruption gavest birth to God the Word and art truly Theotokos, we magnify Thee, we magnify Thee.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

PRE-COMMUNION PRAYER – A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

I believe, O Lord, and I confess that thou art truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, who didst come into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. And I believe that this is truly thine own immaculate Body, and that this is truly thine own precious Blood. Wherefore I pray thee, have mercy upon me and forgive my transgressions both voluntary and involuntary, of word and of deed, of knowledge and of ignorance; and make me worthy to partake without condemnation of thine immaculate Mysteries, unto remission of my sins and unto life everlasting. *Amen.*

Of thy Mystic Supper, O Son of God, accept me today as a communicant: for I will not speak of thy Mystery to thine enemies, neither will I give thee a kiss as did Judas; but like the thief will I confess thee: Remember me, O Lord, in thy Kingdom. Not unto judgment nor unto condemnation be my partaking of thy Holy Mysteries, O Lord, but unto the healing of soul and body.

THE COMMUNION HYMN - KOINONIKON

Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest.

1). Praise Him, all ye His Angels; praise Him, all ye His hosts. (Refrain)

2). Praise Him, O sun and moon; praise Him, all ye stars and light. (Refrain)

3). Praise Him, ye heavens of heavens, and thou water that art above the heavens. (Refrain) *Alleluia.*

Deacon: With the fear of God and faith and love, draw near.

People: Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord. God is the Lord and hath appeared unto us.

THE PEOPLE'S COMMUNION HYMN

Receive me today, O Son of God, as partaker of Thy mystical supper; for I will not speak, for I will not speak of Thy mystery to Thine enemies, neither will I give Thee a kiss as did Judas; but like the thief will I confess Thee. Remember me, O Lord, remember me, O Lord, in Thy Kingdom.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN 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.

LET OUR MOUTHS BE FILLED

Let our mouths be filled with Thy praise, O Lord that we may sing of Thy glory. For Thou hast made us worthy to partake of Thy holy, divine, immortal, and life creating mysteries. Keep us in Thy holiness that all the day we may meditate upon Thy righteousness. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

St. Anna Orthodox Christian Church Announcements

Please join the clergy and chanters in praying and celebrating ALL of these services by going to the St. Anna Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/StAnnaOrthodoxColumbiaTN/> If you miss the appointed time for the service, you may view and pray along with the clergy and chanters after the service is completed by clicking on the link to that service.

UPCOMING SERVICES:

Saturday, May 30: Great Vespers (5:00 pm) – (Sign-up in Advance)
Sunday, May 31: *Sunday of the 1st Ecumenical Council* – Orthros (9:00 am) and Divine Liturgy (10:00 am) (Group 4)
Saturday, June 6: Great Vespers (5:00 pm) – (Sign-up in Advance)
Sunday, June 7: *Pentecost Sunday* – Orthros (9:00 am) and Divine Liturgy (10:00 am) (Group 1)
Saturday, June 13: Great Vespers (5:00 pm) – (Sign-up in Advance)
Sunday, June 14: *Sunday of All Saints* - Orthros (9:00 am) and Typika w/ Reserve Sacrament (10:00 am) (Group 2)
Saturday, June 20: Great Vespers (5:00 pm) – (Sign-up in Advance)
Sunday, June 21: Orthros (9:00 am) and Divine Liturgy (10:00 am) (Group 3)
Saturday, June 27: Great Vespers (5:00 pm) – (Sign-up in Advance)
Sunday, June 28: Orthros (9:00 am) and Typika w/ Reserve Sacrament (10:00 am) (Group 4)
Saturday, July 4: Great Vespers (5:00 pm) – (Sign-up in Advance)
Sunday, July 5: Orthros (9:00 am) and Divine Liturgy (10:00 am) (Group 2)
Saturday, July 11: Great Vespers (5:00 pm) – (Sign-up in Advance)
Sunday, July 12: Orthros (9:00 am) and Typika w/ Reserve Sacrament (10:00 am) (Group 1)
Saturday, July 18: Great Vespers (5:00 pm) – (Sign-up in Advance)
Sunday, July 19: Orthros (9:00 am) and Divine Liturgy (10:00 am) (Group 4)
Friday, July 24: *St. Anna Patronal Feast* Divine Liturgy (6:30 pm) (Sign-up in Advance)
Saturday, July 25: Great Vespers (5:00 pm) – (Sign-up in Advance)
Sunday, July 26: Orthros (9:00 am) and Typika w/ Reserve Sacrament (10:00 am) (Group 3)

We understand that joining these services by viewing them on your phone, tablet, computer screen or TV may not be like you are used to joining services. However, under these circumstances, complying with the directives sent to us by the Metropolitan and doing all we can to not put any of you at a health risk during these uncertain days, we believe these online services will be a great way to supplement your personal and family prayers. May God protect and have mercy on us all.

PROSPHORA (Holy Bread Baking):

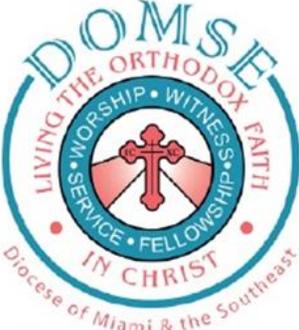
Sun, May 31 – Sh. Belinda Short (F)
Sun, June 7 – Ben & Hannah Kelley (B)
Sun, June 14 – Ben & Hannah Kelley (F)
Sun, June 21 – Ben & Hannah Kelley (F)
Sun, June 28 – Ben & Hannah Kelley (F)
Sun, July 5 – Ben & Hannah Kelley (F)
Sun, July 12 – Ben & Hannah Kelley (F)
Sun, July 19 – BJ & Anna Rose (B)
Fri, July 24 – Julie Dumond (F)
Sun, July 26 – BJ & Anna Rose (F)

We are in need of a small group(s) willing to meet at St. Anna following Sunday services to clean and disinfect seats, bathrooms, door knobs and handles, icon and candle stands and any other areas people are likely to come in contact with. Three individuals per team is

sufficient. The same distancing and mask protocols as during services would be in effect. If you can participate in this vital ministry, please contact Fr. Stephen at frsrogers@hotmail.com.

Current Healthcare Protocols

1. Practice social distancing: family units may stand together, with each household six feet apart.
2. As a sacrificial expression of love for one another, wearing of face masks is STRONGLY encouraged. Those unwilling or unable (small children) are asked to congregate in the fellowship area of the space. Masks are available to each family at the back when you first return to the church.
3. Spacing for communion is to remain intact. Approach the chalice with your mouth open. Small children and infants to commune last.
4. If you or any of your family or co-workers or friends with whom you have come into contact are exhibiting any of the Coronavirus symptoms please stay home and allow us to pray for the restoration of your health.
5. Hand sanitizer and disinfectant soap are available for your use as you enter the building at the kitchen sink and in the restrooms.



*“THERE IS NO FEAR IN LOVE
BUT PERFECT LOVE CASTS OUT FEAR”*

1 John 4:18

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For the Schedule of this event - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FhhPubqJipGplXe-5D53IVHfJ700mOC/view>

VIRTUAL CAMP ST. THEKLA



JULY 5TH - JULY 11TH



To view the Virtual Camp St. Thekla Promo Video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ss-Ofs7PuC8&feature=youtu.be>

To Register for Virtual Camp St. Thekla - <http://bit.ly/CStatHome>

ST. ANNA PRAYER REQUESTS: (Please send additions to this Prayer List to: DnAndrewShort@gmail.com)

- Planning for our church - Please pray for all of those involved with the short-term and long-term plans.
- Ben/Hannah Kelley – expecting a baby in Sept.
- Grant, Hannah and Katerina Eileen Kelley
- Anthony, Danielle and Colton Zechariah Thomas
- BJ, Anna and Naomi Faith Rose
- Rita Trimble
- Jayne Robbins
- Jordan Reesor (Basil's nephew)
- McCaffrey family (friends of Webster's)
- Ben Hathaway Family (Kevin/Laura's son)
- Robert Meese
- Anna Derryberry-Carter (Basil's sister)
- Robbie Derryberry (Basil's brother)
- Jen Bailey
- Melody Reddecopp (Anna Rose's friend)
- Mark Dumond (Julie's husband)
- TJ Segrest (Kevin and Laura Hathaway's friend)
- Kevin and Laura Hathaway
- Hunter Kerr (Donovan & Holly's oldest son)
- Bonnie (Rachel Meese's grandmother – 100 yrs)
- Holly Kerr
- Brad & family (friend of the Websters)
- Allen (Jairus Mayer's cousin)

✠ Holy Righteous Ancestor of God, Anna, pray for us. ✠

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