

Parish Life May 20 - 29

Saturday, May 20

Happy Birthday Will Arnold

- 5pm **Great Vespers**
- 6pm Reception to Welcome New Parishioners
- No Confessions

Sunday, May 21 *Blind Man Sunday / Ss. Constantine & Helen*

Namesday for Eleni Frangedakis;

- 9am Sunday School (final meeting till fall)
- 9:20am Confessions
- 10am **Divine Liturgy**
- 12pm Fellowship (II)
- 12:30pm Bread Ministry (team B)

Monday, May 22

Tuesday, May 23

Happy Birthday Erin Lindsey

Wednesday, May 24

- 6:30pm **Great Vespers for Ascension**
- 7:20pm Christian Education Class: "Doctrine of Christ, Part IV"

Thursday, May 25 *Ascension of the Lord*

3rd Finding of Head of St. John the Baptist

Happy Birthday Teresa Powell

- 9:30am **Ascension Liturgy**

Friday, May 26

Saturday, May 27

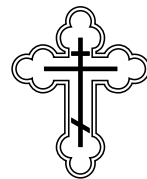
- 3:30pm **Great Vespers**
- No Confessions

Sunday, May 28

- 9am Christian Education: Service of Preparation (in public)
- 10am **Divine Liturgy**
- 12pm Fellowship (III)
- 12:30pm Bread Ministry (team C)

Monday, May 29 Memorial Day

Memorial Day is observed on the last Monday of May. It was formerly known as Decoration Day and commemorates all men and women who have died in military service for the United States. Many people visit cemeteries and memorials on Memorial Day and it is traditionally seen as the start of the summer season.



Saint Athanasius

ORTHODOX CHURCH

May 21, 2017

6th Sunday of Pascha - Blind Man Sunday
Ss. Constantine & Helen

Today's Readings: Acts 16:16-34 John 9:1-38



The Church calls Saint Constantine (306/337) "the Equal of the Apostles," and historians call him "the Great." He was the son of the Caesar Constantius Chlorus (305/306), who governed the lands of Gaul and Britain. His mother was Saint Helen, a Christian of humble birth.

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This Sunday Confessions will be heard before Liturgy (9:20-9:45). Also, today is our final meeting for Sunday School this school year. Our first meeting next fall will be the Sunday after Labor Day. Many thanks to our teachers! If you think you might be interested in helping with the 2017-18 school year, please see Fr. Justin.

No Youth Group meeting this Sunday.

Great Vespers for the Feast of the Ascension will be served on Wednesday, May 24 at 6:30pm. Our weekly Christian Education class will follow at 7:30pm with Part 4, *Focusing on Christ as Priest*, (of 5) on the series the "Doctrine of Christ."

Ascension Liturgy will be served at 9:30am on Thursday, May 25.

Proper Order in Sacred Cross Processions

The traditional order for the outdoor Processions in the Orthodox Church is Cross, then choir, then servers & clergy, then people. In many parishes--including ours--the order is modified slightly in this manner: Cross, servers & clergy, choir, then people (so that the people can hear and sing with the choir.) We would ask parents to make sure that children do not rush "up" into the choir or to proceed with the servers as it is not good order in a Sacred Procession. Please keep young ones back behind the choir, making sure no one is running ahead and that the dignity of the Procession is maintained, as befits the Lord of Hosts. Weather permitting, this Sunday we will make our final Paschal Procession of this year.

Offering May 14 = \$ 3,066.00 Monthly Budget Need = \$14,150
May offerings = \$ 4,766.00

Welcome Guests & Visitors!

We are happy you are visiting with us. Please sit or stand and participate at your comfort level. *Note: Holy Communion is open to all baptized Orthodox Christians who have observed the fasting requirements, had recent confession, and are at peace with neighbors.*

Quarterly Schedules for July - September for various parish ministries will be prepared next week. A listing of the current ministries is posted on the bulletin board in the parish hall. If you want more information about a particular ministry or would like to volunteer, contact the ministry coordinator.

Vacation Church School (June 5-9) registration forms are on the credenza in the narthex. Please return completed forms to Fr. Justin's mailbox #1 located in the parish hall. Forms are due with payment by May 29.

Note Schedule Change for Saturday, May 27: Great Vespers at 3:30pm. No confessions will be heard.

Special Christian Education Class will be next Sunday, May 28 at 9am. Father will do a public Service of Preparation known as Proskomedie. The Proskomedie (from the Greek προσκομδή, "offering"), sometimes referred to as prothesis (from the Greek πρόθεσις, "setting forth") or proskomide, is the Office of Oblation celebrated by the priest prior to the Divine Liturgy during which the bread and wine are prepared for the Eucharist. The Proskomedie is a prerequisite for the Divine Liturgy. The priest conducts the Office of Oblation behind the Iconostasis at the Table of oblation or Table of Preparation (also Prothesis, or sometimes Proskomide) that is located to the left of the Altar Table. Proskomedie, when translated to English, means "preparation."

Date	Handmaidens	Prospora	Bread Ministry	Fellowship	Greeter	Doorkeeper	Counters
May 21	Rebecca Walther Mandariah Reeves	Geoff Whiteman	Team B (Laura Walther, Rebecca Walther)	Team II (Henderson)	Josh Lourie	Paul Frangedakis	Jason McCord Ben Worthington
May 28	Suzannah Reeves Karis Jacobs	Sarah Holiday	Team C (Inessa Verenich, Tanya Viarenich)	Team III (Bradshaw)	John Mize	Jeff Hart	Tim Powell Josiah Letchworth
June 4	Teresa Powell Nicole Rusu	Sarah Holiday	Team D (Lisa Powell, Linda Frangedakis)	Pentecost "Chili Potluck"	Rebecca Wilson	Chris Naughton	Patrick Mooney Ellie Sutter
June 11	Anya Jacobs Shannon Cook	Josh Lourie	Team A (Karis Jacobs, Ben Worthington)	Team IV (Walther)	Josh Lourie	Myra, Shannon, Linda	Jason McCord Tim Powell