St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Tone 6 — **May 24, 2026** — 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

Today's Reader: Corey Sparks

Next Sunday – May 31, 2026

Reader for May 31, 2026: **Dan Hardway**

Commemorations and Bread Offering: **Deighan Family**

Luncheon for Next Sunday will be prepared by the Hardway, Roberts & Williams Families

Bread for the Holy Oblation is offered for the Health and Salvation of Michael, Christine, Aleksandra, Arianna, Marianne, Donna, David, Ann, Jillian, and the members of the Cacic, Pievach, and Gallie families.

It is also Given In Loving Memory of Michael Paul, Sarah, Nikola, Mariya, Yovo, and Anna, Walter and Marjorie.

"the Disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11:26)

Please note that **Holy Communion is reserved for members of the Holy Orthodox Church** who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and confession. However, all are welcome to partake of the blessed bread at the dismissal.

Please join us during our fellowship at the
Coffee Hour immediately after the Divine Liturgy.

Important Announcements . . .

PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THE SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Next Saturday is the **Saturday of the Souls**

We will celebrate the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am followed by a memorial service for our departed loved ones. Please fill out the enclosed list of the departed so that we may offer prayers for them. Either bring it with you, or leave it this morning on the Analogion table in the front of the church.

Next Sunday is the Feast of Holy Pentecost

9:00 am	Orthros
10:00 am	Chrismation—Jonathan Sneed, Corey Ellswick and Levi Garretson
10:30 am	Divine Liturgy
12:00 am	Kneeling Vespers of Pentecost (Immediately after the Divine Liturgy)
	Coffee HourLuncheon After Kneeling Vespers

It is proper to say the prayers of the Sunday Vespers of Pentecost (Kneeling Vespers) after the Divine Liturgy. During these Vespers, we will say the Kneeling Prayers, restoring the "**bending of the knee**". This **special service will begin at 12:00pm, IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE DIVINE LITURGY**.

Coffee Hour Luncheon will take place after the Kneeling Vespers Service.

"Blessings Box" Collection Update

Beloved in Christ,
This year, we are collecting non-perishable food for our new BLESSING BOX! PLEASE KEEP BRINGING FOOD so that we may continue to stock our shelves and have food to stock adequately. We need to continue our efforts in providing food for those who are truly Hungry. God bless everyone for your holy efforts!

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Troparion of the Resurrection, *in the Sixth Tone*

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.

Troparion of the Ascension, *in the Fourth Tone*

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened thy disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit; and they were assured by the blessing that thou art the Son of God and Redeemer of the world.

Troparion of the Holy Fathers, *in the Eighth Tone*

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.

Troparion of St. Nicholas, *in the Fourth Tone*

Thy righteous acts have manifested thee to thy flock as a model of faith, a reflection of humility, and a teacher of abstinence, O Father Bishop Nicholas. Therefore, through humility thou hast achieved exaltation, and through poverty riches. Intercede thou with Christ to save our souls.

Kontakion of the Ascension, *in the Sixth Tone*

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.

Epistle

Acts 20:16-18; 28-36

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

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.

Gospel

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."

Calendar: May-August 2026

5/24/2026 (Sun)		Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council
5/30/2026 (Sat)	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy for All Souls Saturday
5/31/2026 (Sun)		Holy Pentecost
6/1/2026 (Mon)		Holy Spirit Day
6/7/2026 (Sun)		All Saints Day
The Apostle's Fast 6/8/2026 - 6/28/2026		
6/24/2026		Feast of the Nativity of the Forerunner John the Baptist
6/29/2026 (Mon)	10:00 am	Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul
6/30/2026 (Tue)		Synaxis of the 12 Apostles
Diocese Parish Life Conference - 7/1/2026 - 7/5/2026		
7/20/2026		Elias the Prophet
7/25/2026		Dormition of the Righteous Anna
Dormition Fast 8/1/2026 - 8/14/2026		
8/5/2026 (Wed)	6:30 pm	Eve Divine Liturgy—Transfiguration of Our Lord
8/6/2026 (Thu)		Transfiguration of Our Lord
8/15/2026 (Sat)	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy—Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos
8/20/2026		The Prophet Samuel
8/29/2026		The Beheading of John the Baptist

Calendar for the Week of May 24, 2026

Saints of the Day

Sunday—May 24, 2026 — Sunday of the Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council

9:25 am - Orthros
9:30 am - High School 10:00 am – Youth Ministry
10:30 am - Divine Liturgy
After Liturgy- Junior &Youngsters Church School

Simeon the Righteous

Monday— May 25, 2026

Third Finding of the Head of St. John the Baptist

Tuesday—May 26, 2026

Holy Apostle Carpos & St. Becan, Abbot

Wednesday—May 27, 2026

No Daily Vespers Today

John the Russian; Holy Hieromartyr Helladios

Thursday—May 28, 2026

Eutyches the Martyr

Friday—May 29, 2026

Theodosia, Virgin Martyr

Saturday—May 30, 2026

5:00 pm Great Vespers
Confessions afterward

St. Isaac, First Abbot of the Monastery of Dalmatos in Constantinople

Sunday—May 31, 2026 — Holy Pentecost

9:00 am Orthros
9:30 am - High School 10:00 am – Youth Ministry
10:00 am Chrismation
10:30 am Divine Liturgy
12:00 am <u>Kneeling Vespers of Pentecost</u>
(Immediately after the Divine Liturgy)

Holy Pentecost

Please note that Confessions are heard at the time noted above in the coming week's schedule, or by appointment by calling Fr. Samuel at: (304) 254-0470, (304) 562-9129, or (304) 541-8550.

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