

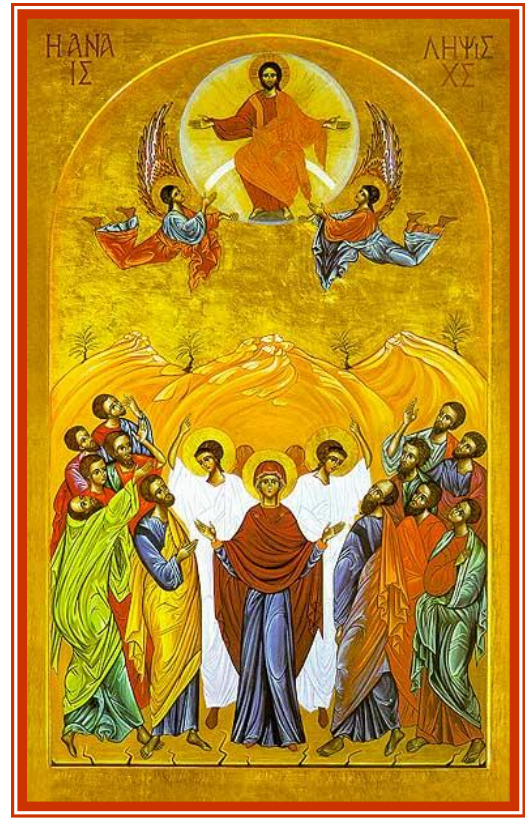
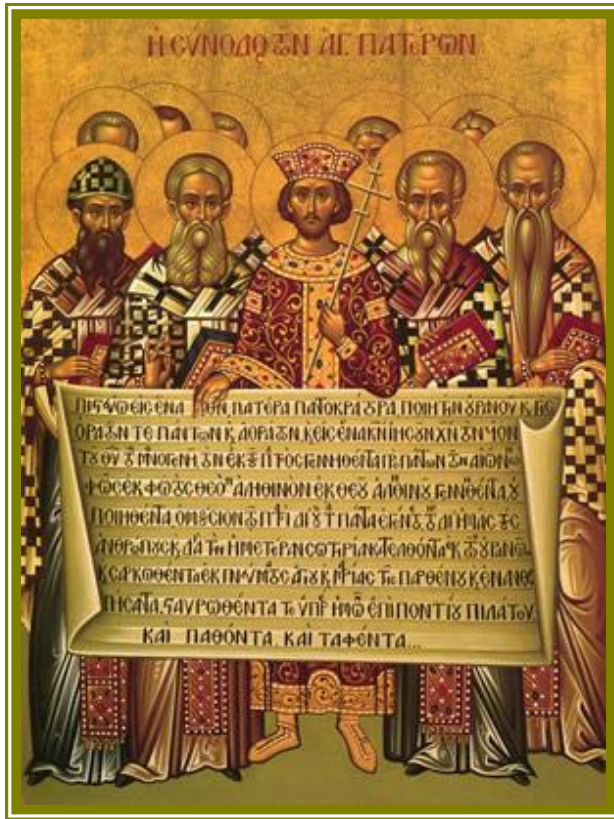
St. Mary ~ Holy Protection
CHRIST IS ASCENDED! Byzantine Catholic Church GLORIFY HIM!
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**21 MAY 2023 / 7531 SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS
OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**

*Postfestive Day of the Ascension. The Holy Emperor Constantine and
His Mother Helena, Equal to the Apostles.*



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

- Sat. May 20 17:00 Vigil: SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**
Suffrages for +Daniel Trepiaak - Daniel Mihalko
- Sun. May 21 10:30 SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL** *Suffrages pro populo*
- Sat. May 27 10:00 FIFTH ALL SOULS SATURDAY & Panachida**
17:00 Vigil: PENTECOST SUNDAY w/ Mirovanije
Suffrages for +Daniel Trepiaak - Daniel Mihalko
- Sun. May 28 10:30 PENTECOST SUNDAY w/ Mirovanije**
Suffrages pro populo

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05 / 14 / 2023 Adults: \$1303 Candles: \$85 Holy Day: \$128
COLLECTION **TOTAL: \$1516**



THE MEMORY OF THE FATHERS of the First Ecumenical Council at Nicæa was originally observed on May 29th, the day that the Council closed in the year 325. Since this falls about the time of the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord, it is now observed on the Sunday following the Ascension.

**The Holy Emperor Constantine
and His Mother Helena, Equal to the Apostles.**

Constantine reigned in ancient Rome and in Byzantium (which became New Rome), and was the first Christian emperor, champion of the Faith. Though he was not baptized until on his deathbed, he considered himself a Christian, and called the First Ecumenical Council at Nicæa in 325 to settle the Arian heresy. On the Via Labicana in old Rome, Helena, the mother of Constantine the emperor is remembered. She single-mindedly worked to help the needy and piously visited churches, mingling with the crowds. Having made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem to see the places of the Nativity, Passion, and Resurrection of Christ, she honored the manger and cross of the Lord by building basilicas worthy of respect.



Troparion: Seeing the cross in the sky like Paul, you received like him a call from the Divine. You committed the royal city into the hands of the Lord. Save this city always in peace, O only Lover of us all, through the prayers of the Theotokos.



~ **Announcements** ~

- ✠ The parish is very grateful to the **GREEK CATHOLIC UNION** for their most generous donation to our parish and to all the parishes of the Ruthenian Byzantine Catholic Church. Please see the announcement of this donation posted in the Narthex and note that **a parish coordinator must be named by each parish** in order to receive additional financial support from the GCU, *e.g.*, matching funds donation of up to \$3000 for fundraising events and a \$500 donation (debit card) for events held within the parish. Anyone parishioner interested in serving as this coordinator is asked to contact Father.
- ✠ The **ANNUAL SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS BYZANTINE CATHOLIC SEMINARY COLLECTION** will be taken up this weekend: **May 20 – 21** and throughout the month of May. There is a special envelope for this in your box. Please give generously for the formation of the future deacons and priests of our church and remember to **PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!**



- ✠ **NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 28th, IS PENTECOST SUNDAY:** Remember to wear something **GREEN** to liturgy that week-end.
- ✠ **ON MEMORIAL DAY – MAY 29th – A PANACHIDA** will be served at **10:00** in the parish cemetery in remembrance of all those parishioners who died in service to our country; following the Panachida there will be the blessing of veterans' graves. In the event of inclement weather, the Memorial Service will take place at the church.