

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection  
**CHRIST IS ASCENDED!** Byzantine Catholic Church **GLORIFY HIM!**  
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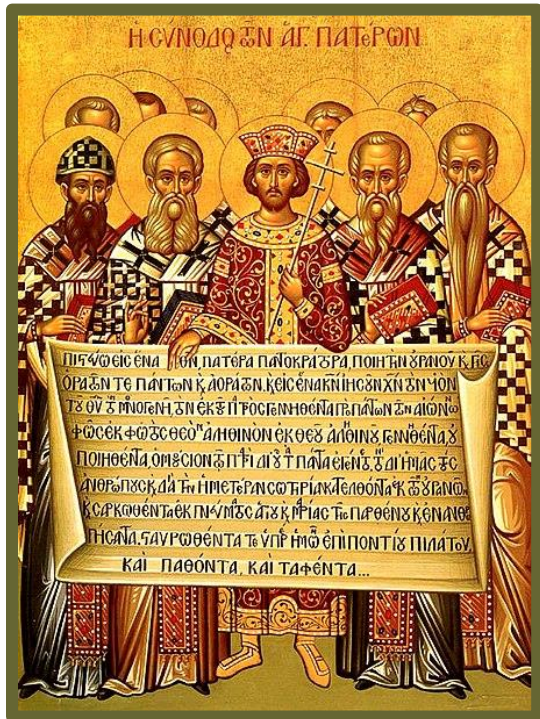
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**17 MAY 2026 / 7534**

**FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**

*Post-festive Day of the Ascension. The Holy Apostle Andronicus and His Companions. The Passing of the Martyr and Priest Ivan Ziatyk (1952).*



**LITURGY SCHEDULE:**

- Sat. May 16 17:00 **FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**  
Suffrages for **+Anna Sliz** – Fr. Regis Dusecina
- Sun. May 17 10:30 **FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**  
Suffrages *pro populo*.
- Sat. May 23 17:00 Vigil: **PENTECOST**, 5<sup>th</sup> All Souls, w/ Mirovanije.
- Sun. May 24 10:30 **PENTECOST** w/ Mirovanije. Suffrages *pro populo*

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<b>05 / 10 / 2026</b>	Adult: \$1160	Candles: \$73	Holy Day: \$15	
<b>COLLECTION</b>	<b>TOTAL: \$1248</b>			
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	<b>Sat. 11 + 1</b>	<b>Sun. 30 + 5</b>		



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



**T**he Lord ascended into heaven to send the Comforter into this world. The heavens prepared His throne and the clouds were His ladder; the angels marveled at the sight of a human being more exalted than themselves. Today, the Father receives again in His bosom the One Who was in Him from all eternity, and the Holy Spirit gives a command to all the angels: Lift up your lintels, O you gates! O you nations of the earth, clap your hands, for Christ ascends to the place where He had been from all eternity.

**I** loving Jesus, while You lived on earth, You were God inseparable from the Father, and yet You truly shared our humanity. Ascending in glory today from the Mount of Olives, through Your great love, You lifted up our fallen nature and enthroned it with the Father on high. Therefore, the bodiless Powers were amazed and filled with awe at seeing Your great love for all. Together with them, we who live on earth glorify Your condescension to us and Your ascension away from us. Now we implore You, saying: Through Your Ascension You have filled Your apostles and You Mother with a joy that surpasses every other joy, and through their intercession, make us worthy of the joy of Your elect, for You are rich in mercy.

**C**hrist, splendor and glory of the Father, when we behold Your Ascension on the holy mountain, we sing a hymn of praise to the beauty of Your countenance. We bow down to Your Passion; we venerate Your holy Resurrection; and we glorify Your noble Ascension. O Lord, have mercy on us.



## ~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

- **NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 24<sup>th</sup>, IS PENTECOST SUNDAY!** Remember to wear something **GREEN** to liturgy that week-end.
- The **ANNUAL SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS BYZANTINE CATHOLIC SEMINARY COLLECTION** will be taken up this weekend of **MAY 16 – 17** and throughout the month of May. There is a special envelope for this. Please give generously for the formation of the future deacons and priests of our church and remember to **PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!**
- **ON MEMORIAL DAY – MAY 25<sup>th</sup> – 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.

