

now is the instrument, the One Who brings His Father's power to bear, Who acts in His Father's name and with His authority. This refers especially to His return at the end of the world to judge the living and the dead. All power of the Father to judge is given to the Son (Jn 5:22), Who reigns with Him at His Right Hand.

Therefore, the Ascension is a celebration of two things: The ascending of Christ physically from earth to heaven and secondly, and more importantly, His exaltation and glorification. In reality, a more correct title for this feast would be the Exaltation or Glorification of Christ.

The two great moments of glory for Jesus Christ, His Resurrection and Ascension, are intimately linked. The 40-day celebration of Christ's Resurrection ends with the final chanting of the Pascha troparion, "Christ is risen from the dead..., on the fifth Wednesday after Pascha. At the vespers that evening the celebration of Christ's Ascension and glorification begins. In Western Ukraine, the Prokeimenon for the Ascension, "Be exalted above the heavens, O Lord.'...", is sung in place of the 'We have seen the true Light...' and "May our Lips be filled..." at the Divine Liturgy during the whole Ascension season. In Eastern Ukraine, the Troparion for the feast of the Ascension is chanted instead.

The Ascension Prokeimenon is taken from Psalm 56:6: "Be exalted above the heavens, O God, and let Your glory be over all the earth." This particular verse reiterates the point made earlier. The importance is not in the fact that Christ physically ascended, but that He is glorified and exalted. The Word of God descended from the heavenly realms by taking on the form of a servant, our human flesh. He was arrested, beaten, humiliated, condemned, crucified, killed and buried. Through this humiliation and Death He was victorious by rising from the dead and being glorified in heaven. God descended down to humanity that He might as a man ascend back to the Right Hand of the Father, raising and glorifying fallen humanity with Him. His glorification reveals the goal of all humanity: To be partakers of His Glory.

The celebration of the Ascension lasts nine days until the following Friday. The final day before the feast of the Descent of the Holy Spirit is the fifth and final All-Souls Saturday which then accounts for all 50 days between Pascha and Pentecost. As it is stated in the liturgical texts for the Ascension and repeated during the entire nine-day celebration, the glory of God is now showered upon the entire universe because the Son of God is now exalted and reigning at the Father's Right Hand. We now hope to share in His Glory when He returns at the Second Coming. The Ascension is the culmination and consummation of the salvific work of the Son of God. By sending His Spirit who sustains His Church we all strive to lead lives that will make us worthy to share in His splendor. The Holy Spirit nurtures and sustains the work of salvation completed at the Ascension of the Son.



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Welcome to our parish. We invite you to worship with us again.

June 2025

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Slava Isusu Khristu!
Слава Ісусу Христу!

Glory Forever!
Slava na Viki!
Слава на Вікі!

Schedule of Services (May 25—July 6)

Sunday, May 25

The Sixth Sunday of Pascha, Sunday of the Man Born Blind,
Resurrectional Tone 5; The Third Finding of the
Honorable Head of the Holy, Glorious Prophet,
Forerunner and Baptizer John (ca. 850)

10:00 a.m. - Paschal Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth

Thursday, May 29

The Ascension of our Lord into the Heavens Where He is
Exalted at the Right Hand of the Father

10:00 a.m.— Removal of the Shroud of Christ from the Holy Table
The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth
Holy Anointing Мированіє

Saturday, May 31

The Holy Apostle Hermes of the Seventy (1st c.)

Marriage of Nathaniel Michael Cvelbar & Cami Renee Price

Sunday, June 1

The Seventh Sunday of Pascha in which the 318 Holy and
God-Bearing Fathers Who Participated in the First
Ecumenical Council Held in Nicea in 325 A.D. are
Commemorated; The Fourth Day of the Ascension of our
Lord; The Holy Martyr Justin the Philosopher and those
with him at Rome (166)

9:30 a.m.—The Public Chanting of the Prayers of Preparation for

the Holy Mystery of Repentance Followed by an Examination of Conscience and Concluded by Individual Absolutions
10:00 a.m.— The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth

Sunday, June 8

Holy Pentecost, the Descent of the Holy Spirit, The Green Feast, Trinity Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth
Kneeling Prayer
Holy Anointing Мирваніє

Sunday, June 15

The First Sunday after Pentecost, the Sunday of All Saints, Resurrectional Tone 8; The Holy Prophet Amos (8th c. B.C.); St. Jerome (Hieronymus) of Stridonium (420); Blessed Augustine, Bishop of Hippo (430); Our Venerable Mother Monika; Our Holy Father-Among-the-Saints, Michael, First Metropolitan of Kyiv

10:00 a.m.— The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth

Sunday, June 22

The Second Sunday after Pentecost, Resurrectional Tone 1, Commemoration of all Ukrainian and American Saints; The Holy Bishop-Martyr Eusebios of Samosata (380); The Holy Martyrs Zeno and his servant, Zenas, of Philadelphia (304); St. Alban, The First-Martyr of Britain

10:00 a.m.— The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth

Sunday, June 29

The Third Sunday after Pentecost, Resurrectional Tone 2; The Holy, Glorious and All-Praised Leaders of The Apostles, Peter and Paul (ca. 67)

10:00 a.m.— The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth

Sunday, July 6

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Resurrectional Tone 3; Our Venerable Father Sisoës the Great (429); Discovery of the Relics of Holy Princess Juliana of Olshan Whose Relics Lie in the near Caves of the Kyivan Lavra (16th c.); Virgin-Martyr Lucy

9:30 a.m.—The Public Chanting of the Prayers of Preparation for the Holy Mystery of Repentance Followed by an Examination of Conscience and Concluded by Individual Absolutions

10:00 a.m.— The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth

June Milestones - Birthdays: 1, Rita Jula; 5, Lillian Valli; 9, Mary Grechny; 16, Natalie Largent Walsh. **Anniversaries:** 25. Damian & Nina Kristof. May our Good God grant them and their families peace, health, salvation, and longevity for many blessed years, на многая і благая літа!

The **Holy Ascension** is a celebration of our Lord Jesus Christ being taken up into heaven where He assumed His appropriate place at the Right Hand of the Father. Originally this feast was celebrated along with the feast of the Resurrection. Interestingly, in the Gospel account of St. Luke, no time frame is mentioned between these two events,

Spiritual Bouquet for Father's Day

Dear Fr. Dennis:

Please remember during the Divine Liturgy on Father's Day, the special intention of my Father[s]:

Father's Name[s]:

Requested by:

If father is deceased, please indicate by putting a cross (+) before his name

Offering:

which might lead one to believe that they occurred on the same day. However, in the Acts of the Apostles, which is also believed to have been written by St. Luke, the Ascension occurs 40 days after the Resurrection. By the end of the fourth and the beginning of the fifth century, the Church began to universally celebrate the Ascension as a separate feast 40 days after Holy Pascha.

The English title for this feast of the Ascension is misleading for it emphasizes the physical departure of the risen Lord from this world. However, the original Greek word for this feast possesses the sense of "being taken up, or raised up". From this we can conclude that like His Bodily Resurrection, Christ did not raise or ascend by Himself, but was raised by the Father in both instances. After embracing Death and defeating it by His glorious Resurrection, Christ now is exalted at the Right Hand of the Father. The Right Hand signifies that He is the One Who

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