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### **Christ is Ascended! From Earth to Heaven!** **May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA. The Three Hundred and Eighteen Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council at Nicæa.** Ven. Theodore the Sanctified, disciple of Ven. Pachomius the Great (368). Translation of the Relics of Ven. Ephraim, Abbot of Perekóp (Novgorod—1545). Ven. Cassian (1537) and Laurence (1548).

**EPISTLE:** Acts 20:16-18, 28-36 Paul addresses the priests of Ephesus - 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

**GOSPEL:** John 17.1-13 Christ said: "I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours."

**BISHOPS VISIT:** As we have heard since November, Bp Michael will be visiting with us on June 29<sup>th</sup> to celebrate our parish feast day. Please make every effort to be present on this historic occasion. If you are interested in helping to make this day a success, please see Fr James.

**BREAD BAKING WORKSHOP:** Will be held today in the kitchen, beginning after the Divine Liturgy.

**ST ANDREW'S CAMP:** Bp Michael writes: "This year the St. Andrew's camping season runs on a weekly basis, from July 11-31, with Teen Week scheduled from August 1-7. I intend to spend as much time as my schedule permits during each of the weeks of the camping season with those children and teens who come to St. Andrew's.

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**PENTECOST SERVICES:** After the Divine Liturgy next week, we will celebrate the Kneeling Vespers, which signify the end of the Paschal season. Then there will be a short luncheon provided by the Youth Group before heading to the Cemetery to bless Graves.

**HONORING OUR VETERANS:** Following the Divine Liturgy on May 30<sup>th</sup>, we will gather at the flag pole in front of the Church and pray for all of the soldiers, living and dead, and hoist a new flag. If anyone interested in refurbishing the Armed Services Plaque, please see Fr James.

**FOCA CONFERENCE:** Bp Michael will be conducting an all day religious conference on Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> in Endicott. It is entitled "In the Footsteps of Christ – Our Past, Present and Future." The conference will begin with the Divine Liturgy presided by Bp Michael, followed by a meal, presentations and discussions.

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:** If there are any events missing from this list, please call the Rectory at any time. Birthdays: Natalie Ptasznik. Anniversaries: None. Namesdays: Helen Ciko, Helen Gachowski, Helen Homyk, Helene Keblish, Stevie Helen Kinzey, Helen Kowansky and Helen Sokol.

**PANIKHIDA:** Please continue to remember in your holy prayers all of the departed, especially among them the newly-departed Archbishop Miron of Hajnówka. We will be serving the memorial service for all of our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the Resurrection, among them Panos Jarosz (1981), Mary Boguski (1983) and Anne Williams (1988) and especially George Herko. May their memory be eternal!

*In the Church's liturgical cycle, Pentecost is "the last and great day." It is the celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit as the end – the achievement and fulfillment – of the entire history of salvation. For the same reason, however, it is also the celebration of the beginning: it is the "birthday" of the Church as the presence among us of the Holy Spirit, of the new life in Christ, of grace, knowledge, adoption to God and holiness.*

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, granting joy to Your Disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing, they were assured, that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world!

## Schedule of Upcoming Events

Confessions are heard before Liturgy, and before and after Vespers.

Sunday, May 16: 8:58 AM Sunday School  
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Monday, May 17: 12 Noon Funeral for Micheal Rinko – Choir needed

Wednesday, May 19: 5 PM Great Vespers

Thursday, May 20: 7 PM Parish Council Meeting

Friday, May 21: 11 AM: Deanery Meeting in Endicott, NY

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and Future" with Bp Michael

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*This Bulletin is Given in Memory of*  
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