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### SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS

Epistle: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36  
Gospel: John 17:1-13  
Tone: Six

St. Cyril of Alexandria

### THE EPISTLE

Prokeimenon: Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers.  
For you are just in all you have done.

The reading is from The Acts of the Apostles.

IN THOSE DAYS, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesos, 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 Miletos he sent to Ephesos 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 every one 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.

### THE EUCHARISTIC OFFERINGS

The Holy Oblations are offered at the offertory of the Great Entrance for the health and welfare of those living members and for those departed this life of the Jockel/Bangos, Pantel, Eliopoulos, and Wieschenberg families.

The Church School Teachers, staff and parents offer the Coffee Reception this morning. We ask our parishioners **NOT TO WAIT** to sign up for offering the Coffee Reception; this is a vital part of our parish life! The Chart is posted in the "Coffee Room" and the items needed are on our web site (see our web page address above). The Coffee Reception does not need to be "fancy;" just "Coffee'n." See Barbara DiNovi or Sandy Eliopoulos for information, but please take your turn, perhaps with another family.

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The **Parish Council Meeting** for the month of June will be held on **Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**, promptly at 7:30 PM. Please be on time. This will be the last regularly scheduled meeting until September. There are no regular meetings scheduled for July and August.
2. Next **Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>**, we will celebrate the great feast day of **Pentecost**. Along with all Orthodox Churches, we will call upon the Holy Spirit, fifty days after Pascha as recorded in the Scripture, to descend upon us with the Divine Grace which our Lord promised he would have the Father send upon all believers. It is at that service when we will kneel for the first time since Pascha. Please prepare to receive the Holy Eucharist at the Liturgy.
3. There is **NO KNEELING** in the church until **PENTECOST (June 16<sup>th</sup>)**.
4. The Don DiNovi memorial Golf outing is June 18 at White Beeches Country Club. Everyone is welcome to golf, sponsor a hole and/or attend dinner. The brochure is in the narthex, please see Jim Watkins, Robyn Ziemba or Ed Assile for more information. The outing supports our camp scholarship and this year we are also contributing to St Jude Hospital for children.
5. The deadline for the September/October edition of Desert News is August 1. If you have parish organization news or a major family milestone, like a new baby, wedding or a college graduation, please send your info to [cbogris@aol.com](mailto:cbogris@aol.com) by August 1.
6. The **PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE (PLC)** for our Diocese is scheduled for **June 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>** at the Antiochian Village. The **Archdiocese Convention** is scheduled for **July 22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>** in Grand Rapid, Michigan.
7. Parishioners who have difficulty driving to attend church services, either on Sunday or at night, are invited to let a member of the Outreach-Inreach committee know about your need. The committee will try to identify a nearby parishioner who may be willing to drive. The committee encourages any parishioner who is willing to drive to let them know. Please contact Nike Bach, by phone or by email, either to volunteer to drive or if you are in need of a ride.
8. **HOW TO APPROACH THE CHALICE:** When you are approaching to receive the Holy Eucharist, please **CROSS** your arms over your chest, **SAY** your full baptized name, **TILT** your head slightly back, and **OPEN** your mouth wide. Please keep your arms folded until you are far from the Chalice, and of course, this is **NOT** a time for conversation anywhere in the Church. The rule is absolute silence during the distribution of the Eucharist. Only the Choir should be heard.
9. Have you forgotten to offer the Gifts for your loved ones? Please check the Holy Oblations Book in the Narthex and offer the gifts at the Liturgy. We do this for anniversaries, Names Days, Birthdays, when we commemorate our beloved ones departed this life, etc. Please do not wait to do this: we all know those dates very well.
10. **CLEAN-UP and LOCK-UP!** It is time to remind all our parishioners that we, **TOGETHER**, have to take care of our Church physical structures. Part of this is not only cleaning-up properly (rather than expecting someone else to do it for us), but also never to leave the doors unlocked when you are the last person out.