Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

Aquilina the Martyr of Syria
Triphyllos the Bishop of Nicosia

Plagal 2nd Mode + Eothinon 10

SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE – SUMMER HOURS
Orthros 8:15 am + Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

We welcome today Rev. Protopresbyter Louis J. Christopulos,
Chancellor, Metropolis of Denver

Welcome to all our visitors worshipping with us today!

Please silence all mobile devices while in the Holy Sanctuary. Thank you.
Special Hymns at Liturgy:

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal Second Mode
Angelic powers were above Thy tomb, and they that guarded Thee became as dead. And Mary stood by the grave seeking Thine immaculate Body. Thou hast despoiled Hades and wast not tried thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst grant us life. O Thou Who didst arise from the dead, Lord, glory be to Thee.

Ἀγγελικαὶ Δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνῆμά σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρόθησαν, καὶ Ἑστάτο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἀδήν, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ, ὑπήντησάς τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωροῦμενος τὴν ζωήν, ὁ ἀναστάς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Apolytikion for Holy Ascension in the Fourth Mode
Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Thy disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit; and they were assured by the blessing that Thou art the Son of God and Redeemer of the world.

Ἀνελήφθης ἐν δόξῃ Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν χαροποιήσας τοὺς μαθητὰς τῇ ἐπαγγέλλῃ τοῦ ἁγίου Πνεύματος βεβαιωθέν των αὐτῶν διὰ τῆς εὐλογίας ὅτι Σὺ εἶ ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ ὁ λυτρωτής τοῦ κόσμου.

Apolytikion for Fathers of the 1st Council in the Plagal Fourth Mode
Most glorified art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast established our Fathers as luminous stars upon the earth, and through them didst guide us all to the true Faith. O Most Merciful One, glory be to Thee.

Ὑπερδοξασμένος εἶ, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ φωστήρας ἐπὶ γῆς τοὺς Πατέρας ἡμῶν θεμελιώσας, καὶ ὁ αὐτῶν πρὸς τὴν ἀληθινὴν πίστιν, πάντας ἡμᾶς ὁδηγήσας· πολυεύσπλαγχνε, δόξα σοι.

Apolytikion of the Church
On this day when our salvation is crowned for eternity and the revelation of the mystery of the ages. The Son of God becomes on this day the Virgin’s Son, with Gabriel proclaiming the tidings of God’s Grace. And we also join in the cry unto the Theotokos singing: Hail to You who are filled with grace; the Lord is with You.

Σήμερον τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν τὸ Κεφάλαιον, καὶ τοῦ ἀπ’ αἰῶνος Μυστηρίου ἡ φανέρωσις, ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, Υἱὸς τῆς Παρθένου γίνεται, καὶ Γαβριὴλ τὴν χάριν εὐαγγελίζεται. Διὸ καὶ ἡμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ τῇ Θεοτόκῳ βοήσωμεν, Χαῖρε Κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.
Seasonal Kontakion in the Plagal Second Mode

O Christ our God, upon fulfilling Your dispensation for our sake, You ascended in Glory, uniting the earthly with the heavenly. You were never separate but remained inseparable, and cried out to those who love You, "I am with you and no one is against you."

Τὴν ύπερ ἡμῶν πληρώσας οἰκονομίαν, καὶ τὰ ἐπὶ γῆς ἐνώσας τοῖς οὐρανοῖς, ἀνελήφθης ἐν δόξῃ, Χριστε ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, σώσασθαι χωρίζομεν, ἄλλα μένων ἀδιάστατος, καὶ βοῶν τοῖς ἀγαπῶσι σε· Ἐγὼ εἰμι μεθ' ύμῶν, καὶ σύνεις καθ' ύμῶν.

Matins (Orthros) Gospel

John 21:1-14

At that time, being raised from the dead, Jesus revealed himself to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he revealed himself in this way. Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat; but that night they caught nothing. Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any fish?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, for the quantity of fish. The disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his clothes, for he was stripped for work, and sprang into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off. When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish lying on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and although there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Epistle Reading


In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, 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 Ephesus 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.

Gospel Reading
Fathers of the 1st Council
John 17:1-13

At that time, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the
only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, you glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made. "I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you did send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are mine; all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves."
Fathers of the 1st Council (June 13)

The heresiarch Arius was a Libyan by race and a protopresbyter of the Church of Alexandria. In 315, he began to blaspheme against the Son and Word of God, saying that He is not true God, consubstantial with the Father, but is rather a work and creation, alien to the essence and glory of the Father, and that there was a time when He was not. This frightful blasphemy shook the faithful of Alexandria. Alexander, his Archbishop, after trying in vain to correct him through admonitions, cut him off from communion and finally in a local council deposed him in the year 321. Yet neither did the blasphemer wish to be corrected, nor did he cease sowing the deadly tares of his heretical teachings; but writing to the bishops of other cities, Arius and his followers requested that his doctrine be examined, and if it were unsound, that the correct teaching be declared to him. By this means, his heresy became universally known and won many supporters, so that the whole Church was soon in an uproar.

Therefore, moved by divine zeal, the first Christian Sovereign, Saint Constantine the Great, the equal to the Apostles, summoned the renowned First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea, a city of Bithynia. It was there that the shepherds and teachers of the Church of Christ gathered from all regions in the year 325. All of them, with one mouth and one voice, declared that the Son and Word of God is one in essence with the Father, true God of true God, and they composed the holy Symbol of Faith up to the seventh article (since the remainder, beginning with "And in the Holy Spirit," was completed by the Second Ecumenical Council). Thus they anathematized the impious Arius of evil belief and those of like mind with him, and cut them off as rotten members from the whole body of the faithful.

Therefore, recognizing the divine Fathers as heralds of the Faith after the divine Apostles, the Church of Christ has appointed this present Sunday for their annual commemoration, in thanksgiving and unto the glory of God, unto their praise and honor, and unto the strengthening of the true Faith.
Holy Communion is reserved for those who have been Baptized and/or Chrismated in the Eastern Orthodox Faith. The Communion Prayers are our final preparation to receive the Sacrament, along with fasting on Wednesdays and Fridays each week, and in the morning prior to the Divine Liturgy. (We, of course, continue to take prescribed medications.) We also prepare ourselves through regular confession. Please follow the directions of an usher to invite you to join the Communion line. When you approach the chalice, please give your Baptismal name to the priest. The order of Communion is the newly baptized (with lit candles) and the congregation, pew by pew, beginning from the front of the nave.

Alta Group for June 13 – Saint Nektarios
Basil Anaipakos, Michael Botti, George Catechis, Tommy Maglaras, Stephen Mucher, Theodore Mucher, Pete Nicolaou, Nicholas Schnur

Alta Group for June 20 – Saint Savas

Parish News and Events

Kali Parea Luncheon
Saturday, June 19 – Noon
Kali Parea Luncheon for Widows, Dutch Treat
Gugliani’s, 4990 Beechnut (Meyerland area)
ANNUNCIATION GREEK LANGUAGE AND CULTURE SCHOOL

Teaching Position

We are looking for an enthusiastic teacher to join our team.

Our school is growing! We offer classes for children, teens, and adults. Classes start in September in person and online.

If you are interested, please send your resume or contact the director Katerina Kontogeorgaki at katerinakonto@agoc.org or call 281-250-8178.
ANNUNCIATION GREEK LANGUAGE & CULTURE SCHOOL

CHILDREN PROGRAM

Register now for the school year 2021-22

🌟 Classes in Person are Back 🌟

Classes start on Friday September 17

Preschool, Kindergarten, Elementary, and Middle School

Pre-K through 6th Grade for children 4 years old and above
Greek Language and Cultural Program on Fridays 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm

For more information and registration, please contact
the director Mrs. Katerina Kontogeorgaki at 281-250-8178
or email at Katerinakonto@agoc.org
Stewardship 2021 – Frequently Asked Questions

Will the Church automatically renew my pledge from 2020?  No. To be considered a steward in 2021, a parishioner needs to make a 2021 stewardship commitment by going online, returning a pledge card, or calling the Church office.

What is a Sustaining Steward?  A sustaining steward pledges a minimum of $1,800. While we encourage those who are able to increase their pledge to become sustaining stewards, every stewardship commitment is greatly appreciated.

What is the Full Day sponsorship amount in 2021?  The full day sponsorship level remains at $5,500. Please consider becoming a Full Day or multi-day sponsor.

Does the Church keep my credit card information from last year?  No, prior year credit card information is not retained. Please provide this when you make your 2021 pledge if you wish to pay by credit card.

How do I make my stewardship pledge?  Making a 2021 stewardship commitment is easy. You can pledge online, complete and return a pledge card, or call Administrator Myka Evans at 832-242-9256. You decide how to pay your pledge – monthly, quarterly, all at once, etc.

Go to www.agoc.org/donate/stewardship to make your pledge today!

Thank you to all who have made their 2021 pledge!

John and Seva Anaipakos
2021 Stewardship Chairs
Camp Emmanuel Senior GOYA Summer Camp

Attention all Senior GOYANs
9-12 graders (including graduates)

June 22nd-24th

Theme:

Invitation of Christ

"Take, eat; this, is My Body... ...Drink from it, all of you."

– St. Matthew 26:26

Register now at denver.goarch.org

$175.00/attendee – Scholarships Available

Contact Fr. Jordan Brown at Sts. Peter & Paul in Boulder, with any questions at frjordanbrown@gmail.com or call 720-329-5212
Today at the Cathedral

Memorial service is offered for Christos Kritikakis (8 years).

Join us for the fellowship coffee in the Martel Hall following the Divine Liturgy.

This week at the Cathedral

Saturday, June 19

Saturday of Souls
Orthros 8:30 am / Divine Liturgy 9:30 am
12:00 pm – Kali Parea Luncheon, offsite