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Icon of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council of Nice

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Today after Liturgy: Memorial service for Nuha Khoury (mother of Manal Wahhab)

Divine Liturgy

Hymns

Eisodikon: O Son of God who gloriously ascended into heave, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

Troparion of the Resurrection (tone 6): The angelic powers appeared at your tomb, and the guards became as dead men, and Mary stood by the Sepulcher seeking your spotless Body. You despoiled Hades and yet were not tempted by it, You met the Virgin O Bestower of Life. O Lord who rose from the dead glory to you.

Troparion of the Ascension: You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Your disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through Your blessing they were confirmed in their belief that

You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.

Troparion of the Fathers: O Christ our God, You are infinitely glorified, for You established our fathers as radiant stars on earth. Through them, You led us to the true faith. O Most Merciful One, glory to You!

Kontakion of the Ascension: After fulfilling for us Your plan of redemption and joining the things of earth with those of heaven, O Christ our God, You gloriously ascended without abandoning us, but remained with us forever and reassured all who love You by telling them: "Behold, I am with you: no one has power against you."

Prokimenon: Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, and Your name is worthy of praise and glorious forever.

Stichon: For You are just in all You have done to us, and all Your works are true and Your ways right.

Apostolic Reading: Acts 20:16-18; 20:27-36

Gospel: "So that they may be one as we are one", Jn 17:1-13

Stewardship

Last Sunday: donations=\$350.00; candles=\$6.00; ordinary collections=\$439.00. Thanks for your generosity!

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Prayer List

Please remember—All those who are sick and in need: Natalie Herder, Walter Lourdes Najera Herder (family of Katerina Lessard), Nick Lagendfield, Barb Moden (sister of Jan Taylor), Edin Najera, Sandy Rabuse (godmother of Katerina Lessard), the Rebholz family, Eva Saseen (Theresa and Janelle Herro's niece), Ken Schmitt (brother-in-law of Brian Harden), Geri Spankowski and Kathy Tomaz. For those who have died: Michael Lessard (uncle of Tyler Lessard). For the people of the Middle East.

Schedule for this Week

Thursday: *Constantine and Helen, the Equals to the Apostles*

Friday: *Leave-taking of the Ascension*

Saturday: *Saturday of the Dead*

Sunday *Pentecost*

10:30am Divine Liturgy

Coming Up

June 1st: Beginning of the Apostles' Fast (traditional start)

June 20th: Beginning of the shorter Apostles' Fast

June 29th: Apostles Peter and Paul

Knowledge of the True God Nurtures Us to Eternal Life

Are we saying that knowledge is eternal life? Are we saying that to know the one true and living God will suffice to give us complete security for the future without need of anything else? Then how is “faith apart from works dead?” When we speak of faith, we mean the true knowledge of God and nothing else, since knowledge comes by faith. The prophet Isaiah tells us this: “If you do not believe, neither shall you understand.” But he is not talking about a knowledge that consists in barren speculations, which is entirely worthless. For one of the holy disciples said, “You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe and shudder.’ What then shall we say to this? How is it that Christ speaks the truth when He says that eternal life is the knowledge of God the Father, the one true God, and with Him of the Son? I think, indeed, we must answer that the saying of the Savior is completely true. For this knowledge is life, laboring as it were in birth of the whole meaning of the mystery and granting to us participa-

tion in the mystery of the Eucharist, whereby we are joined to the living and life-giving Word. And for this reason, I think, Paul says that the Gentiles are made fellow members of the body and fellow partakers of Christ, inasmuch as they partake in His Blessed Body and Blood. And our members may in this sense be conceived of as being members of Christ. This knowledge, then, which also brings to us the Eucharist by the Spirit, is life. For it dwells in our hearts, reshaping those who receive it into son-ship with Him and molding them into incorruption and piety toward God through life, according to the Gospel. Our Lord Jesus Christ, then, knowing that the knowledge of the one true God brings to us and promotes our union with the blessings of which we have spoken, says that it is eternal life. It is the mother and nurse of eternal life, being in its power and nature pregnant with those things that cause life and lead to life.

St. Cyril of Alexandria

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