



# FROM THE AMBIVON

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**June 16th, 2024 7th SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 6. Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council.** Afterfeast of Ascension. St. Tychon (Tikhon, Tycho), Bishop of Amathus in Cyprus (4th-5th c.). Ven Tikhon of Kaluga (or Medin—1492). Ven. Tikhon of Lukhovsk (Kostromá—1503). Martyrs Tigrius the Presbyter and Eutropius the Reader, of Constantinople (5th c.).

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### Birthdays & Anniversaries for June

**Birthdays:** Patricia Jones (6/8); Archbishop Mark (6/22); Bernard Elko (6/30)

**Nameday:**

**Baptism:** Jason Hart (6/25); Emily Hart (6/25); Silas Hart (6/25); Judah Hart (6/25); Nadia Hart (6/25)

**Anniversary:** Fr Michael & Emilia Shepherd Wedding anniversary (6/3); Jason and Emily Hart Wedding Anniversary (6/10); [Bernard and Beverly Elko 50th Wedding anniversary \(6/8\)](#)

**Travelers:** Joseph Cerminaro

**Prospora Schedule: HELP! We need families to start baking prospora at home. Please sign up. *The Church has a prospora kit if you would like to borrow it. Thank you all for your offering “for the people by the people.”***

June 23rd

June 30th

**Counting: HELP! Please sign up to help us count weekly donations!**

June 23rd

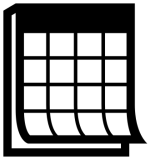
June 30th

**Visitors: PLEASE JOIN US DOWNSTAIRS for an Agape Meal. Thank you to everyone who donated. Please donate what you would spend for lunch at the agape meal to replenish our supplies.**

**PLEASE SING ALONG! Singing the hymns and responses to the litanies throughout the services is encouraged!**

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DEAR GUESTS AND FRIENDS: *A most sincere and heartfelt welcome to you from our community. According to the ancient traditions of the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is to be administered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared to receive themselves by prayer, fasting, and a recent (monthly) confession. If you have questions please ask Fr Michael! Visitors, if you did not introduce yourself to Fr Michael at Vespers, please refrain from Holy Communion.*



## Service Schedule

SAT, June 22nd: @ 5:00 PM - Great Vespers w/Litya for Feast of Pentecost  
 SUN, June 23rd: @ 9:10 AM - Hours and Divine Liturgy for Feast of Pentecost  
**8th SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 7. Holy Pentecost: Feast of the Holy Trinity**

SAT, June 29th: @ 5:00 PM - Great Vespers  
 SUN, June 30th: @ 9:10 AM - Hours and Divine Liturgy  
**1st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. All Saints**



*Words of Wisdom*  
*From the Saints & Teachers*

## Today's Readings

**Epistle:** (44) Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

**Gospel:** (56) John 17:1-13

### EPISTLE

Deacon: Let us attend!

Priest: Peace be unto all!

Reader: And to thy spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the 4th Tone, the Song of the Fathers: Blessed art Thou O Lord God of our Fathers and praised and glorified is Thy name forever!

Choir: Blessed art Thou O Lord God of our Fathers and praised and glorified is Thy name forever!

Reader: For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us!

Choir: Blessed art Thou O Lord God of our Fathers and praised and glorified is Thy name forever!

Reader: Blessed art Thou O Lord God of our Fathers

Choir: and praised and glorified is Thy name forever!

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles.

Deacon: Let us attend!

[[44) Acts 20:16-18, 28-36] 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 Miletus 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.

Priest: Peace be unto thee, Reader.

Reader: And to thy spirit.

## ALLELUIA

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: In the 1st Tone: AL-LE-LU-IA!

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Reader: The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Reader: Gather to Me, My venerable ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

[56] John 17:1-13] At that time, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son that the Son may glorify Thee, \* since Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom Thou hast given Him. \* And this is eternal life, that they know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ Whom Thou hast sent. \* I glorified Thee on earth, having accomplished the work which Thou gavest me to do; \* and now, Father, glorify Thou Me in Thine own presence with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was made. \* "I have manifested Thy name to the men whom Thou gavest Me out of the world; Thine they were, and Thou gavest them to Me, and they have kept Thy word. \* Now they know that everything that Thou hast given Me is from Thee; \* for I have given them the words which Thou gavest Me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from Thee; and they have believed that Thou didst send me. \* I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom Thou hast given Me, for they are Thine; \* all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine, and I am glorified in them. \* And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to Thee. Holy Father, keep them in Thy name, which Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, even as We are One. \* While I was with them, I kept them in Thy name, which Thou hast given Me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. \* But now I am coming to Thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves."

**Acts 20:17: in Ephesus Direct and Honest Speech. St. Irenaeus:** That Paul taught with simplicity what he knew, not only to those who were with him but those that heard him, he does himself make manifest. For when the bishops and presbyters who came from Ephesus and the other cities adjoining had assembled in Miletus, since he was himself hastening to Jerusalem to observe Pentecost, after testifying many things to them and declaring what must happen to him at Jerusalem, he added, "I know that all you among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom will see my face no more. Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. 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 that he obtained through his own blood." Then, referring to the evil teachers who should arise, he said, "I know that after my departure shall grievous wolves come to you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall people arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them." "I have not shunned," he says, "to declare to you all the counsel of God." Thus did the apostles simply, and without respect of persons, deliver to all what they themselves had learned from the Lord. Thus also does Luke, without respect of persons, deliver to us what he had learned from them, as he has himself testified, saying, "Even as they delivered them to us, who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the Word." Against Heresies 3.14.2.

**John 17:11a: No More in the World Jesus Already Anticipating His Departure. St. Augustine:** "And now," he adds, "I am no more in the world, and these are in the world." If your thoughts turn to the very hour in which he was speaking, both [he and his disciples] were still in the world. And yet, we must not understand "I am no more in the world" metaphorically of the heart and life.... For there is one word used here that makes any such understanding altogether inadmissible, because he does not say, "And I am not in the world" but "I

am no more in the world.” In this way he shows that he himself had been in the world but was no more so. And so are we then at liberty to believe that he at one time savored the world, but, delivered from such a mistake, no longer retained such a disposition? Who would venture to shut himself up in so profane a meaning? It remains, therefore, that in the same sense in which he himself also was previously in the world, he declared that he was no longer in the world, that is to say, in his bodily presence. In other words, he was showing that his own absence from the world was now in the immediate future, and his disciples’ absence would be later when he said that he was no longer here but they were—although both he and they were still present. He was using the prevailing custom of human speech. Do we not say every day, “he is no longer here,” about someone who is on the very point of departure? And we talk this way especially about those who are at the point of death. And besides all else, the Lord himself, as if foreseeing the thoughts that might possibly be excited in those who were afterward to read these words, added, “And I come to you,” explaining at least in some measure why he said, “I am no more in the world.” Tractates on the Gospel of John 107.4.

**How Much is my tithe**

We thank you for your continued giving in gratitude for all that our loving God does for each of us, for His Holy Church, and all the blessings we receive through her.

**June Income:** \$6,392.00

**June Expense:** \$5,299.42

**Weekly Cost to Keep the Church Open:** \$3,740.85

**Monthly Cost to Keep the Church Open:** \$14,963.58

Weekly	2%	4%	5%	10%
<b>\$200</b>	\$4	\$8	\$10	\$20
<b>\$500</b>	\$10	\$20	\$25	\$50
<b>\$750</b>	\$15	\$30	\$37	\$75
<b>\$1000</b>	\$20	\$40	\$50	\$100
<b>\$1500</b>	\$30	\$60	\$75	\$150

**Announcements - Upcoming Parish & Diocesan Events**



**Silent Prayers and Confession:** Every Wednesday 11:00AM - 1:30PM or after vespers. Or you can make an appt for confession.

**Church Work Day:** Every Friday is Church Maintenance day. We need help pulling weeds. Everyone can do this!

**Monthly Panikhida:** June 29th, 4PM prior to Vespers

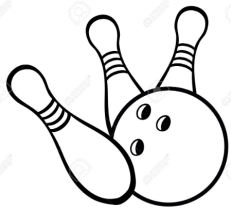
**Parish Council Meeting:** 6 July 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM - All are invited.

**Take Out Chicken Barbeque:** Hosted by Arcaro and Genell's. Saturday, June 22nd from 12PM-3PM. The price will be \$13 a ticket. Everyone will be given two tickets to sell (you can purchase more if you like). Sandy and Tammy will have a meeting with Angelo this Tuesday at 6:30. Please start turning in your monies collected from ticket sales NLT 16June. Tammy has to give the numbers of tickets sells to Angelo on the 17th. If anyone would like to donate towards the barbecue like for supplies, cupcakes or anything else we may need please see Tammy and Sandy.

**Choir practice:** Saturday's @ 4pm prior to vespers. If you would like to sing in the choir please make every effort to be at the practice.

**Bulletin Boards:** Community and Administration Boards. Please, you can post on the community board as long as the post/event does not contradict our faith.

## YOUTH BOWLING!!!



What: Youth Bowling Party  
When: Saturday, July 13th from 1pm - 3pm  
Where: Idle Hours North (Dickson City)  
Who: Youth of St. Michael's (Ages 5 and up)  
Pizza and Drinks Provided!

**Online Catechist Certification Program Available: 2024-2025 School Year - Laying Foundations for Teaching the Faith** Orthodox parishes across North America are experiencing a surge of interest in the Holy Orthodox Christian faith, leading to more opportunities to teach and learn in parish life. The parish priest is the center of the teaching ministry in parish life but having trained, certified, and knowledgeable lay catechists to support the work of the pastor scales up the kind of welcome, education, and integration newcomers receive when coming to our communities.

In this “teach the teacher” style certification program organized by the St. Vladimir’s Online School of Theology, lay catechist candidates will engage topics including:

- management of group dynamics;
- key biblical, church history, theological, and liturgical subjects especially how to teach them;
- awareness of various resources for catechetical training;
- guidance in approaching contemporary and contentious questions;
- encouragement of stewardship and devotion to the local parish; and
- matters of worldview and self-knowledge in our complex time.

Guest instructors will bring a depth of experience and expertise for concrete learning experiences that will build up to the catechist candidate designing and leading learning opportunities in her or his own parish. Throughout the 26 synchronous and asynchronous sessions, spaced over the course of one academic year (September 2024-May 2025), the lay catechist candidate will also work closely with her or his priest. The candidate’s priest will even join the program at certain appropriate moments to keep the learning in this program rooted in parish life.

The St. Vladimir’s Online School of Theology is able to run the space-limited first cohort of this certification program for \$900; this certification is scheduled to cost \$2,400 after this first offering. I need at least one more preferably two so they can take turns teaching and only miss one liturgy a month. Parishes are encouraged to invest in their talent and their own growth by funding a trained catechist in their communities. Priests and interested lay catechist candidates are invited to email the facilitating instructor, Archpriest Kirill Sokolov, Ed.D., at [online@svots.edu](mailto:online@svots.edu) to ask questions or express interest.

I would like to have two or three catechists to participate in this program. This is to facilitate a class during liturgy after “All catechumens Depart!” They will actually be dismissed and go to class! I already have one who has contacted Fr Kirill with my blessing.

## **Parish Prayer List**

**Newly Departed:** *Jean Staviski Mori (5/6)*

**Departed:** *Irene Pritchuk (6/5); George Krenitsky (6/7); Mary Peregrim (6/10); Maxie Wozniak, Sr. (6/14)*

**Please remember in your prayers LIVING**

Ill-afflicted *Archpriests Michael Evans, John Nightingale, & Theodore Orzolek*

**All those caring for the sick and suffering at this time throughout the world, especially our families and friends:** *David Lezinsky, John Pritchuk, Christine Sevensky, Mike Jadick, Margaret Pregmon, Daniel Jones, Matushka Paula Soucek, Michael Sokol; Michael Krenitsky; Bernie Elko; The children of God Abigail and Nathan.*

**Servants of God** *Mark Bezhuly, David Barsigian, Patricia Jones, Anne Buday, Mary Krevko, Gregory Krevko, Emily Krenitsky, Gregory Krenitsky, Barbara Sevensky, Beverly Elko, Sandra Condon, Marie Pasternak, Nicole Earl, Anna Tyrpak, Sandy & Danny Pregmon, Walter Pritchuk, Michael & Euphemia Keklak, Justin & Elisabeth Kane, Maria & Vitaliy Rakovsky, Ekaterina & Anna, Joe & Kelly Cigna, George, Natasha, Rosa, & Lucia Coyoy, Paul & MaryAnn Newmeyer, Mat. Emilia, Blaise, Maximus, Rodion, Savina Shepherd, Joseph, Emilia, Judah, Nadezda, & Silas Hart, Eli & Paula Stavisky, Helen Wytovich, Tammy Wytovich, Sharissa & Debra, Nadia Macheska, Paulette Ezbiansky, Jason Vo & Maura Elko, Santo Joseph Cerminaro, Mikayla Brown*

**Seekers -** *Christopher, Eugene, Mike, Brayden, Barbara*

**Catechumens -** *JoAnne Snopek & Paul Dunay*