

- **Saints Peter and Paul Fast** begins on June 28 and ends on their feast day, June 29.

## Saints of the Day

**The Holy Female Martyr Aquilina:** Aquilina was born in the Palestinian town of Byblos of honorable Christian parents. At age seven little Aquilina was already completely versed in the true Christian life, and at age ten she was so filled with divine understanding and the grace of the Holy Spirit that she preached Christ to her female companions with great power and zeal. When Diocletian's persecution began, someone accused Aquilina before Volusian, the imperial deputy, who was more like a beast than a man. Volusian first ordered that Aquilina be flogged and then that a red-hot rod be passed through her ears and brain. To the last moment, the virgin Aquilina freely and openly confessed Christ the Lord, but when her brains and blood began to flow from her head, she fell as though dead. The deputy, thinking Aquilina was indeed dead, ordered her body to be carried outside the city and thrown upon a dung heap for the dogs to consume. But an angel of God appeared to her at night and said to her: "Arise, and be whole!" The virgin arose and was whole, and for a long time she offered up praise of thanksgiving to God, imploring Him not to deprive her of fulfilling the ascetic feat of martyrdom. A voice from heaven was heard: "Go; it shall be unto you as you ask!" And Aquilina set out for the town. The gates of the town opened of their own accord before her, and she entered the palace of the deputy like a spirit and appeared before his bed. The deputy was seized with unspeakable fear, seeing the virgin alive whom he thought was dead. The following day, at his command, the executioners led Aquilina out to behead her. Before her beheading, the virgin Aquilina prayed to God on her knees and gave up her soul. The executioner cut off her lifeless head. Her relics gave healing to many of the sick. Aquilina was twelve years old when she suffered for the Lord. She suffered and was crowned with a martyr's wreath in the year 293 A.D.

**Saint Triphyllius, Bishop of Leucosia [Nicosia] In Cyprus:** Triphyllius was a disciple of St. Spyridon and later his fellow worker on the island of Cyprus. He was a merciful man, pure in thought and chaste throughout his life, "a living fountain of tears," and a great ascetic. He governed Christ's flock well, and when he reposed he received a wreath among the great hierarchs in the heavens. He died peacefully in the year 370 A.D.

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## June 13, 2021

### Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

**Apostolic Reading:** Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

**Gospel:** St. John 17:1-13

**Services:** *Sunday*-8 a.m. Orthros and 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy, *Weekdays* 8 a.m. Orthros and 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy when scheduled.

**Saints of the Day: Sunday After the Ascension, The Holy Fathers of the 1st Council.** Martyr Aquilina of Byblos in Syria; Antipater, bishop of Bostra in Arabia; Triphyllios, bishop of Leucosia (Nicosia) in Cyprus.

### Order of Service

#### First Antiphon with Festal Verses

By the prayers...

#### Second Antiphon with Festal Verses

Save us, O Son of God, Who has ascended from us in glory into the heavens, we sing to you . Alleluia.

Σωσον ημας, Υιε Θεου, ο εν δοξη αναληφθεις αφ ημων εισ τους ουρανους, ψαλλοντας Σοι. Αλληλουια

#### Third Antiphon with Festal Verses

You have ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Your disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit; and they were assured by the blessing that You are the Son of God and Redeemer of the world.

#### After the Entrance:

#### Apolytikion of the Resurrection Tone 6

When the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb and those who guarded You became as though dead, and standing by Your sepulcher was Mary seeking Your pure and sacred body; for You did vanquish Hades and uncorrupted by its touch You came unto the virgin woman, bestowing the gift of life, O You who rose from the dead, Lord we give glory to You. *Page 86 in the green book.*

#### Apolytikion for Ascension Tone 4

You have ascended...

### **Apolytikion of the Holy Fathers Tone 8**

Most glorified are You, O Christ our God, Who has established our Fathers as luminous stars upon the earth and through them did guide us all to the true Faith. O Most Merciful One, glory be to You.

### **Apolytikion of the Archangels Tone 4**

Supreme Commanders of the Hosts of the Heavens, we, the unworthy, implore and beseech You that by Your supplications You encircle us in the shelter of the wings of Your immaterial glory, guarding us who now fall down and cry to You with fervor: Deliver us from dangers of all kinds, as the great marshals of the heavenly hosts on high.

### **Kontakion for Ascension Tone 6**

When You had fulfilled Your dispensation for our sakes, uniting things on earth with the Heavens, You did ascend in glory, O Christ our God, departing not hence, but remaining inseparable from us and crying unto them that love You: I am with you, and no one can be against you.

**Instead of Εἶδομεν το φως** The Apolytikion for Ascension

### **Divine Services**

**Wed. June 16:** Small Paraklesis 6pm

**Sat. June 19:** Orthros 8am and Liturgy 9am for the Saturday of Souls (*koliva is needed*). Great Vespers 5pm

### **Memorial Service**

This morning we remember the departed servant of God +Avra Manolis on the forth year anniversary of her repose. *Everlasting be her memory!*

### **Holy Communion in the Orthodox Church**

Holy Communion of the Orthodox Church is the Holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is *“With the fear of God, faith and love”* that we approach the Divine Mysteries. Therefore, Holy Communion is reserved only for those baptized and chrismated Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves by prayer and fasting, as prescribed by the teachings of the Holy Orthodox Church. We ask that women, before approaching to receive from the Holy Cup, in respect of our Lord, to please remove lipstick.

### **Coffee Hour Signup**

Please consider sponsoring a coffee hour. Donations are welcome!

**June 6:** Peggy Basdekas

**June 13:** Maria Rainford

**June: 20:** Sara LaBrie

**June 27:** Sponsor Needed

### **It's A Girl!**

Congratulations to Fr. Dennis and Presvytera Sophia on the birth of their 8th grandchild, Leah (Evangelia) Schutte. She is the daughter of Matthew and Molly Schutte. May our Lord grant all of them health and many years!

### **Memory Eternal**

We were sad to hear that +Beverly Rainford fell asleep on May 30. She is the mother of Wayne Rainford. *Everlasting be her memory!*

### **Christians Around the World**

Please remember to keep Christians around the world in your prayers. Many are being persecuted and even killed for their faith in Jesus Christ. Remember also the two kidnapped Orthodox bishops from Syria.

### **Capital Campaign**

**Amazon Smile:** You may support Archangel Michael GOC through Amazon Smile. Please make sure you sign in at: <https://smile.amazon.com/>

**King Soopers Rewards:** Please continue to input your King Soopers Rewards number when shopping there. We receive a percentage of the amount you spend. You must register for the program in order to activate this benefit for us

### **Stewardship 2021**

Please support our parish with your time, talent and treasure. Stewardship packets have been mailed. See Ruxandra Georgescu for more information.

### **Potted Lilies**

As the potted lilies have shed their flowers, we usually give them away to those who would like to plant the bulbs at your homes. Feel free to take them today.

### **Bookstore and Library**

We have close to forty new books in the bookstore; there is something for everyone! Please come by and feel free to browse. If you have any questions, please see Olga Sonnenburg or email her at [osonnenburg@comcast.net](mailto:osonnenburg@comcast.net). *All that are careful for this life, procure books that will be medicine for the soul. -St. John Chrysostom*

### **Greek Store**

Visit our Greek Store in the church hall. We have food items for sale and specialty items can be ordered. Please see Connie Leonard for more information

### **Important Dates to Remember**

- **Pentecost:** 50 days after the resurrection and it **always** falls on a Sunday: June 20.