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ST. PETER THE APOSTLE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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*“Thou hast come to us without leaving Rome,
Thou who doest preside over the Apostles by the power of the venerable chains that thou didst bear.
While honoring them in faith, we beseech thee that by thine intercessions,
God may grant us great mercy.”*

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<u>Schedule of Services</u>		
Daily Matins	Monday – Friday (Except Thursday)	6:00 am
	Saturday	7:00 am
Vespers	Tuesday & Friday	5:00 pm
Divine Services		
Great Vespers	Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday Matins (Orthros)	Sunday	8:00 am
Divine Liturgy	Sunday	9:15 am
Special Services scheduled as appointed		

Sunday of the After-feast of the Ascension (May 31, 2009)

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb. And the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE ASCENSION

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Thy Disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit, having become confident of the blessing. Verily, Thou art the Son of God, and Deliverer of the world.

APOLYTIKION OF THE HOLY FATHERS

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

KONTAKION OF THE ASCENSION

When Thou didst fulfill Thy dispensation for our sakes, uniting the terrestrials with the celestials, Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, inseparable in space, but constant without separation, and crying unto Thy beloved, I am with you, and no one shall be against you.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Acts of the Saintly and Pure Apostles. (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 everyone 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 GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. 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 Thy 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 have 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.”

***** *Announcements for the Week of May 31st* *****

***Parish Council will meet today.**

***Tonight** will be a Little Blessing of the Waters at 6PM.

*** Readers** meet with Fr Patrick: Mondays at 5:30 PM.

*** Chanters** usually meet with Fr Patrick: Saturdays at 3:30 PM.

*** Catechumens and Inquirers Class** meets directly after Great Vespers on Saturdays. We will hold these class sessions each Saturday evening through June 13.

*This Wednesday evening there will be Vespers @ 5PM for Thursday morning Divine Liturgy.

*This Thursday there will be a Divine Liturgy @ 6AM for Mitrophanes 1st Bishop of Const'ple.

*Usual Wednesday & Friday morning Matins @ 6AM & Usual Tuesday & Friday Vespers @ 5PM

****Next Sunday evening @ 5PM will be Kneeling Vespers.**

***Next Sunday (6/7/09) will be the last Sunday of Orthodox School for the summer.**