

Icon of the Mother of God of Nicea (May 28)

The Nicaea Icon of the Mother of God appeared in the city of Nicaea in Asia Minor in the year 304, as the city was under siege. One of the soldiers, whose name was Constantine, saw the icon of the Theotokos and threw a stone at it. Then he began to trample it underfoot. That night, the Mother of God appeared in a dream to the soldier who had perpetrated this sacrilege and said: "You have insulted me most grievously, and it shall lead to your death."

The following day, during the battle, the impious man was struck in the head with a stone and fell down dead.

This event was mentioned by the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council in 325, and they ordained that the following hymn, "Your womb has become a Holy Table, which held the Heavenly Bread. Those who partake of it shall not die, as the Nourisher of all has said, O Theotokos." should be sung before the Nicaea Icon of the Mother of God.

Christ stated that He is the Bread of Life which had come down from Heaven when He spoke to the crowd at Capernaum (John 6:50).

This Theotokion is sung at Mid-Pentecost during Ode 5 of the Second Canon (Tone 8), which was composed by Saint Andrew of Crete. In some Orthodox Prayer Books, it is one of the Prayers After the Evening Meal.

The Nicaea Icon is very similar in appearance to the "Inexhaustible Chalice" Icon (May 5).

Text and Image from <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/05/28/205367-icon-of-the-mother-of-god-of-nicea>



The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch (Acts II:26)



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**SUNDAY OF THE
FATHERS OF THE 1st
ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**



Tone 6

Eothion 10 - St. John 21:1-14
Epistle: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36
Gospel: St. John 17:1-13

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 6 - 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'st 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!

TROPARION FOR ASCENSION - Tone 4 - 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.

TROPARION FOR THE HOLY FATHERS - Tone 8 - Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise, who didst establish the Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith. O most merciful One, glory to thee!

TODAY: ORTHROS 8:45 a.m., Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
NO Sunday School
Coffee Hour

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Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (June 4):
COFFEE HOUR	ALL - TOM/SPIN PIE & PIZZA	Potluck—Everyone (A-Z)
PROSPHORA BREAD:	John Child	Kristi Moore
ALTAR CANDLES:	Tinjala — Maria's bday	Sidorochyvs — Ilya & Mariya; Dcn Michael b-days
USHERS:	Tom A. & Dan M.	Nick M. & Steve K.
CLEANING TEAM:	Henrys & Chris/Lucretia H.	Phil K.; Gabe; Zach W. & Beraki H.
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Nancy; Sze; Zach W./ Christian; Zach F.	Myriam; Conor; Daniel; Andrew

* IT IS TIME TO RETURN OUR FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE OFFERINGS. Thank you for remembering the needs of others.

Mark Your Calendar:

All Saints
Sunday, June 11

Apostles' Fast & Sts. Peter & Paul
June 12-29

PLC Conference 2023:
"A Vision for an Orthodox America"
June 28-July 2

VCS 2023
July 31-Aug 4

Dormition Fast - August 1-14
Daily Paraklesis

Transfiguration
August 5-6

International Food Festival
September 15-16

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Infant Timothy	+Lucy
Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine	+George
Pr. Andrew, family, & parishioners	(May Parish Diptychs)
Archpriest Mark	+Paul
Kh. Joyce	+Bahia
George	+Kh. Jane
Jonathan	+LuAnn
Ephrem	+Lida
Nicole	+Donna
Raymond	
Patrick	
Doris	
John	
John	
James	<u>Catechumens</u>
James	Zachary,
Lasha B	Brandy, Nora,
Otari B	Gavinn,
Helen	Lorelei, &
Wadieh	Otto,
Anesia	Taylor &
Mary	Bethany
Mary	Denis
Sophia	Lucretia
Elias	Ryan
Victoria	Christina
Alexandra	Alina & Elsa
Steve	Kate
Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, & all Missionaries	Nicholas,
New & Expectant Mothers & their children	Rachel, Luka,
For the people of our land, and their repentance, healing & unity	& Leo
The 12 Baskets Full team asks for prayers for our homeless Philly friends —George, Bill, Jim, Jalil, Mark, Joel, Eric	Michael
	Evan
	Tiffany
	Caden

SPECIAL APPEAL for VCS

Three ways you can help as we are gearing up for another **Vacation Church School**, of growth in faith and love for God: 1) See Kate Gohl about volunteering; 2) Pray for Fr. Noah, leaders, and students; 3) Consider offering a financial gift to cover expenses.

This Week:

- Mon, May 29:** Church closed — Memorial Day
- Tues, May 30:** Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.
- Wed, May 31:** Church open
Compline & Patristic Reading 6:30 p.m.
- Thurs, June 1:** ----
- Fri, June 2:** Church open
Paraklesis, 6:30 p.m.
- Sat, June 3:** Soul Saturday Liturgy 10 a.m.
VESPERS & Artoklasia 6:30 p.m.
No Confessions
- Sun, June 4:** HOLY PENTECOST
ORTHROS 8:30 a.m.
Baptismal LITURGY 9:45 a.m.
Graduate Recognition
Sunday School w/ Ice cream picnic
Coffee Hour
Women of St. Mariamne
Kneeling Prayers 1:30 p.m.

MAY OUTREACH COLLECTION:
Skin Care Products

CHALLENGE FOR 2023:
"You are the Salt of the Earth"

ATTENDANCE: Vespers for May 20: 55 Divine Services May 21: 240
Ascension Liturgy: 85

OFFERINGS 5/21: Candles, \$315. Collections, \$152. Youth, \$1. Book Shelf Ministry, \$260. Building Fund, \$20. Classical School Fund, \$765. Food for Hungry, \$44.50. Ukraine Orphanage, \$100. Stewardship, \$12,154. Total received: \$13,781.50.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!