

Saturday of the Dead
(Saturday of Souls)

On *Pentecost Saturday* we commemorate "all the departed souls since Adam" (cf. *Pentecostarion*). By the Descent of the Holy Spirit, commemorated on Pentecost Sunday, the economy of our salvation was completed. Since the will of God is that "all men be saved" (I Tim. 2:4), therefore the day preceding this Feast is set aside as a day of prayer for all the deceased so that they be included in the salutary work of Christ.

In Eastern churches, Meatfare Saturday and 3 other Saturdays during Great Lent are also observed as Saturdays of the Dead.

Since many throughout the ages, because of an untimely death in a faraway place, or other adverse circumstances, have died without being deemed worthy of the appointed memorial services, the divine Fathers, being so moved in their love for man, have decreed that a common memorial be made this day for all pious Orthodox Christians who have reposed from all ages past, so that those who did not have particular memorial services may be included in this common one for all. Also, the Church of Christ teaches us that alms should be given to the poor by the departed one's kinsmen as a memorial for him.

Besides this, ... since the reposed have neither been judged, nor have received their complete recompense (Acts 17:31; II Peter 2:9; Heb. 11:39-40), the Church rightly commemorates the souls today, and trusting in the boundless mercy of God, she prays Him to have mercy on sinners. Furthermore, since the commemoration is for all the reposed together, it reminds each of us of his own death, and arouses us to repentance.

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Unique Creator, Lord, who in the depth of your wisdom and love for mankind direct us all, giving to each one what is good for salvation: grant rest to the souls of your servants, for they have put their trust in You, our Creator, Maker and God.

Troparion of the Dead, Byzantine Daily Worship

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The Fathers of Nicea

June 5, 2011

Tone: 6

Eothinon: 10

Today

Commemoration of Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council



Commemoration of the Holy Hieromartyr Dorotheos, Bishop of Tyre (5th Class)

June

Saturday, June 11 Saturday of the Dead

Sunday, June 12 Feast of Pentecost

Wednesday, June 29 Feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul

The **National Melkite Convention** this year will be hosted by Holy Cross parish in Placentia, CA from July 6—10 . All are invited to pray for and to participate in this festive gathering of our Eparchy!

*Publicans' Prayers on 2nd and 4th Fridays at **1:30 PM**
at the Prides' house, 2329 Norton Dr., 706-790-7575*

And on 1st Saturdays at 5:00 PM at the church

<u>Sunday</u>		<u>Daily</u>	
Orthros	9:15 AM	Vespers	5:30 PM
Divine Liturgy	10:00 AM		

Gospel: John 17:1-13
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
KNOWN AS THE SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF
THE COUNCIL OF NICEA

*THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING
TO ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST*

At that time Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come! Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you, even as you have given him power over all flesh, in order that to all you have given him he may give everlasting life. Now this is everlasting life, that they may know you, the only true God, and the one you have sent, Jesus Christ. I have glorified you on earth; I have accomplished the work you have given me to do. And now do you, Father, glorify me with yourself, with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. I have manifested your name to the men you have given me out of the world. They were yours, and you have given them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they have learned that whatever you have given me is from you; because the words that you have given me I have given to them. And they have received them, and have known as a fact that I came forth from you, and they have believed that you did send me. I pray for them; not for the world do I pray, but for those whom you have given me, because they are yours; and all things that are mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep in your name those you have given me, that they may be one even as we are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in your name. Those you have given me I guarded; and not one of them perished except the son of perdition, in order that the Scriptures might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you and these things I speak in the world, in order that they may have my joy made full in themselves."

Third Antiphon: Response is the Troparion of the Ascension

Little Entrance Hymn:

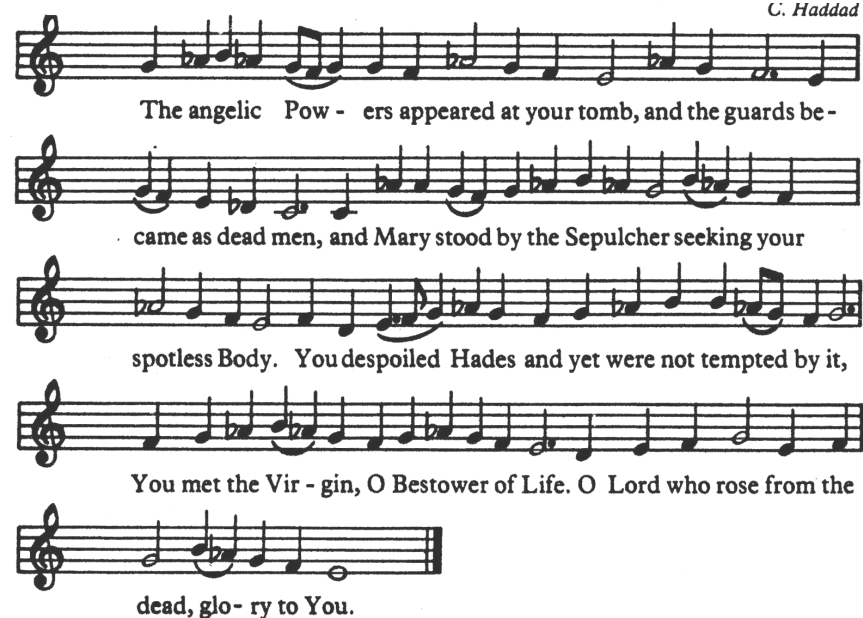
God ascended with a shout of joy, the Lord with a blast of the trumpet.

O Son of God who ascended in glory to heaven, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

Hymns:

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 6

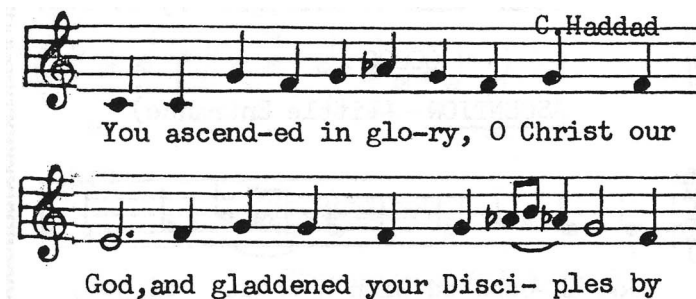
C. Haddad



The angelic Pow - ers appeared at your tomb, and the guards be -
came 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 Vir - gin, O Bestower of Life. O Lord who rose from the
dead, glo - ry to You.

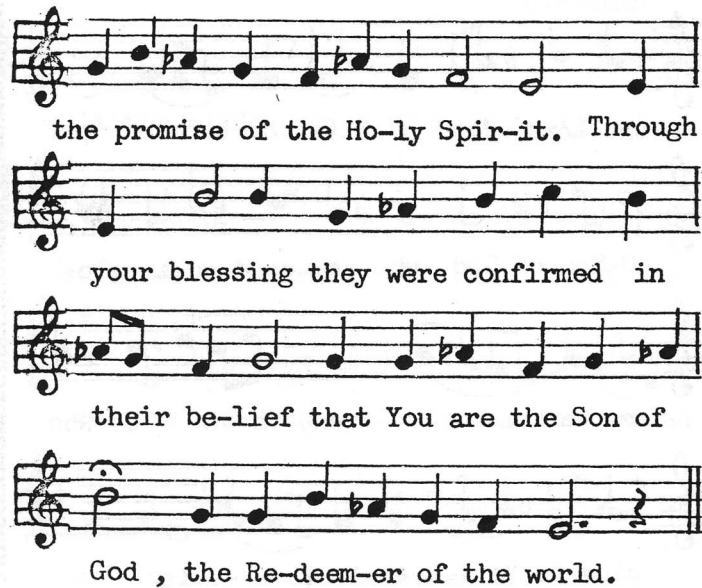
Troparion of the Ascension, Tone 4

C. Haddad



You ascend-ed in glo-ry, O Christ our
God, and gladdened your Disci- ples by

Acts of the Apostles 20:16-18 & 28-36
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PASCHA
SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS



Troparion of the Fathers, (8th Tone)

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

Troparion of our patron, St. Ignatios of Antioch

Kondakion 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 (Tone 7) Dn.3: 26, 27

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.

READING from the Acts of the Apostles

IN those days Paul decided to sail past Ephesus so as not to waste time in Asia. For he was hurrying as much as he could in order to reach Jerusalem for the day of Pentecost. From Miletus, however, he had sent an invitation to Ephesus for the presbyters of the church. And when they had come to him, he said to them, "Be careful about yourselves and the whole flock over which the Holy Spirit has placed you as bishops, to herd the Church of God which he has redeemed through his own blood, For I know this, that after I am gone fierce wolves will get in among you and will not spare the flock. And from among you, some men will rise, speaking perverse doctrines, to draw away the disciples after them.

"Watch, therefore, and remember that for three years, night and day, I did not cease to warn with tears every one of you. And now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the Word of his grace, who is able to edify and to grant you an inheritance among all his blessed ones.

"I have coveted no one's silver or gold or clothing. You yourselves know these hands of mine have provided for my needs and those of my companions. In all things I have shown you that by working in this way you should help the weak, and remember that the Lord Jesus said in person, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And after saying this, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

ALLELUIA (Tone 1)

The God of gods, the Lord has spoken and summoned the earth from the rising of sun to its setting.

Stichon: Gather his faithful ones around him, those who have made a covenant with him through sacrifices.