

**St. Mary's Orthodox Church  
(Dormition of the Mother of God)**

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*Sunday May 28, 2017*

***Sunday of the Council Fathers***

Hieromartyr Eutychius of Melitene, Bishop of Melitene (1st c.); Woman martyr Heliconis of Thessalonica (Elikonidos) (244); Saint Alexander, Bishop of Thessalonica (4th c.); Hieromartyr Helladius of the East, bishop (6th-7th c.) (see also May 27); Saint Nicetas of Medikion, Archbishop of Chalcedon, courageous defender of Orthodoxy against the iconoclastic heresy (early 9th c.); Blessed Andrew of Constantinople, Fool-for-Christ of Constantinople (911); Martyrs Crescens, Paul, Dioscorides and Helladius, of Rome (244); Martyrs Aemilius, Felix, Priamus, and Lucian, in Sardinia; Saint Senator of Milan, Bishop of Milan, (480); Hieromartyr Caranus (Ceraunus, Cheron), Deacon, near Chartres (5th c.); Saint Justus of Urgell, first recorded Bishop of Urgell, in Catalonia in Spain (527); Saint Germain of Paris (Germanus), Bishop, was given the title of 'father of the poor' (576); Saint William of Gellone, built a monastery at Gellone in France, later named Saint-Guilhem-le-Désert (812); Saint Podius, Bishop of Florence from 990, and Confessor (1002); Venerable Virgin-Martyr Philothea (Philothea of Argeş), Wonderworker (12th c.) (see also December 7); Saint Ignatius of Rostov, Bishop and Wonderworker (1288); Saint Gerontius, Metropolitan of Moscow (1489); Venerable Sophronius of Bulgaria, Monk (1510); New Martyr Demetrius (Mitros) of Tripolitsa (1794); New Hieromartyr Zachariah, Priest of Prusa (1802); Saint Helen (Manturova), Nun of Diveyevo (1832); Blessed Domnica (Likvinenko), Ascetic of Cherson (1967); Hieromartyrs Macarius, and Nicholas (Deacon) (1931); Martyrs Dionisius, Ignatius and Peter (1931); Hieromartyr Heraclius, Confessor (1936); Hieromartyr Basil (Preobrazhensky), Priest (1940); Virgin-Martyr Hermogenas (1942); **Other Commemorations:** Icon of the Mother of God of Nicea (304); Icon of the Mother of God "the Unbreakable Wall"; Icon of the Mother of God "the Softener of Evil Hearts"; Synaxis of the Galich "Umilenie-Tenderness" Icon of the Mother of God (1350).

*Services for the week of May 28*

Tuesday, May 30: 7:00 pm Panachida in Hinton at the wake of +Mark Ellison

Wednesday, May 31: 11:00 am funeral at the church for +Mark Ellison

Saturday, June 3: 6:00 pm Vigil for Pentecost

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## Parish News

**WELCOME:** to all of our guests today. We are so glad that you have come to enjoy our Orthodox worship. We invite you to come for coffee and sweets in our church hall and to enjoy fellowship with us. May God bless you!

**OFFERINGS:** May 21: 741.79

**ETERNAL MEMORY** to +Mark Ellison who reposed early in the morning on Ascension Thursday. We offer our heartfelt condolences to his family and all of those who loved him. May his memory be eternal! Please see the schedule of services for dates and times of the funeral services.

**PLEASE REMEMBER:** Janet Mikel and Martha Smith. May God place His hand of blessing on them both!

**ALTAR SOCIETY YARD SALE** was canceled yesterday due to the threat of bad weather. The ladies are going to meet today and re-schedule the event.

## REFLECTION

Only a proud man is always prepared to equate Christ with other great men. Even though it is obvious at first glance, that great men are one thing and the Lord Christ another, just as creation is one thing and the Creator is another. Christ is not only great but He is the Creator and Source and Inspirer of every true greatness in the history of mankind. Napoleon, one of the transient great men in exile and misery on the island of St. Helena, uttered these words: "Alexander, Caesar, Hannibal, Louis XIV, with all their genius, are nothing. They have conquered the world and were unable to gain one friend. And behold, Christ calls and instantly entire generations are united in a bond closer and stronger than the bond of blood. Christ ignites the fire of love which consumes all egoism and surpasses whatever kind of love you desire."