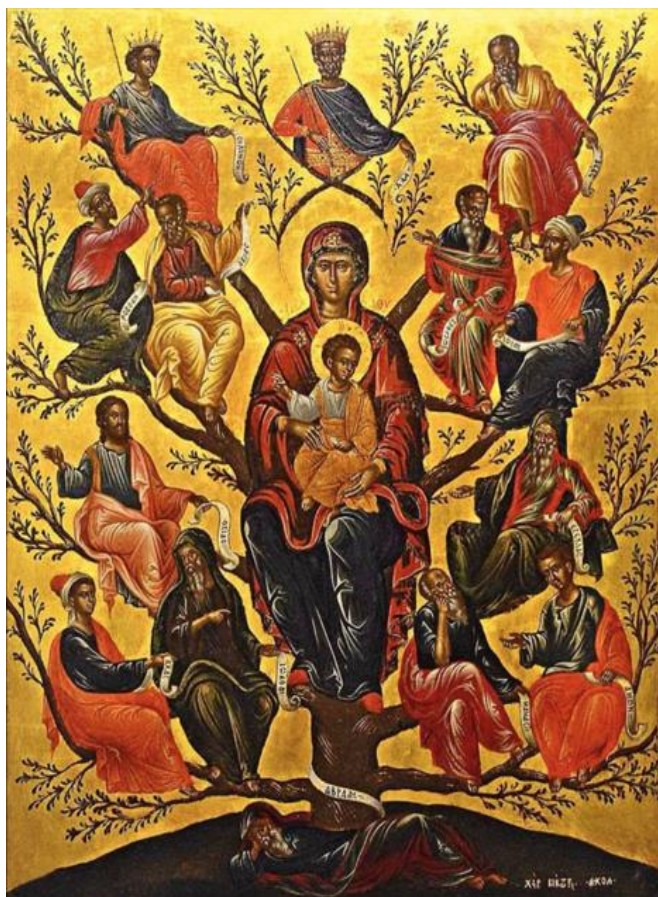


Sunday Gospel Reflection

Fifth Sunday of Easter

1. Sign of the Cross

2. Gospel: John 15:1-8 *“Abide in me as I abide in you.”*



Jesus the True Vine

15 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

3. Reflection: (reflect on your own or share together if with others)

1. How do you need to be pruned to allow your spiritual life to grow?
2. In what ways can you allow the words of the Lord to abide in you more deeply?
3. What do we need to do to remain connected to the true vine, Jesus?

4. Share petitions that you would like to pray for: Finish with the Special Petition.

Special Petition: For a true spirit of vocation in all baptized members of the church.

5. Lord's Prayer

6. Sign of the Cross.