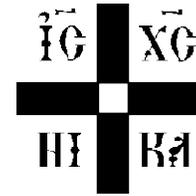
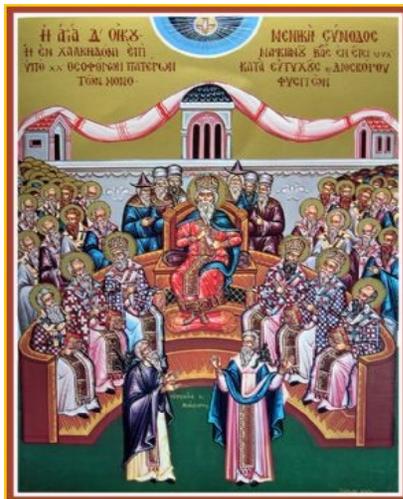


## Weekly Schedule

**Saturday** Festal Divine Liturgy—St. Anne, 10:00a.m.  
Great Vespers, 6:00 p.m.  
Confessions following Great Vespers

**Sunday** Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.  
*Fellowship Hour following Divine Liturgy*

In the Ninth Article of the Nicea-Constantinople Symbol of Faith proclaimed by the holy Fathers of the First and Second Ecumenical Councils, we confess our faith in "One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church." By virtue of the catholic nature of the Church, an Ecumenical Council is the Church's supreme authority, and possesses the competence to resolve major questions of church life. An Ecumenical Council is comprised of archpastors and pastors of the Church, and representatives of all the local Churches, from every land of the "oikumene" (i.e. from all the whole inhabited world). The Orthodox Church acknowledges Seven Holy Ecumenical Councils: The First Ecumenical Council (Nicea I) (May 29, and also on seventh Sunday after Pascha) was convened in the year 325 against the heresy of Arius, in the city of Nicea in Bithynia under St. Constantine the Great, Equal of the Apostles. The Second Ecumenical Council (Constantinople I) (May 22) was convened in the year 381 against the heresy of Macedonias, by the emperor Theodosius the Great. The Third Ecumenical Council (Ephesus) (September 9) was convened in the year 431 against the heresy of Nestorius, in the city of Ephesus by the emperor Theodosius the Younger. The Fourth Ecumenical Council (Chalcedon) (July 16) was convened in the year 451, against the Monophysite heresy, in the city of Chalcedon under the emperor Marcian. The Fifth Ecumenical Council (Constantinople II) (July 25) "Concerning the Three Chapters," was convened in the year 553, under the emperor Justinian the Great. The Sixth Ecumenical Council (Constantinople III) (January 23) met during the years 680-681, to fight the Monothelite heresy, under the emperor Constantine Pogonatos. The fact that the Seventh Ecumenical Council (Nicea II) is not commemorated today testifies to the antiquity of today's celebration. The Seventh Council, commemorated on the Sunday nearest to October 11, was convened at Nicea in the year 787 against the Iconoclast heresy, under the emperor Constantine and his mother Irene.



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Call to arrange sacraments, services, instruction, counseling, home visits, sick calls.

### **Troparion-Tone 5 (Resurrection)**

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead// by His glorious Resurrection.

### **Troparion-Tone 8 (Fathers)**

You are most glorious, O Christ our God! You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth. Through them You have guided us to the true Faith.// O greatly compassionate One, glory to You!

### **Kontakion-Tone 5 (Resurrection)**

You descended into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. You have delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man,// and we cry to You: "O Lord, save us!"

### **Kontakion-Tone 8 (Ven. Martyrs)**

The Apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrines have established one Faith for the Church. Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology,// it defines and glorifies the great mystery of piety.

**July 19, 2009**  
**6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER**  
**PENTECOST —**  
**Tone 5.**  
**Tone 5. Commemoration of**  
**the Holy Fathers of the First**  
**Six Ecumenical Councils.**

### **Prayers for our beloved Living and Departed:**

Catherine, Witiak family, Susan, Kavalkovich family and friends, Margaret. **May God Grant Them Many Years!**

Mary, Kira. **May Their Memories Be Eternal!**

**For the health of all those who donated to our parish in memory of Mary Robivitsky:** Helen and Michael Wanenchak, John Wanenchak, Robert Wanenchak, Linda and Steven Belsito, Larry and Connie Skvir, Emily Gerasi-moff, Flia Gil, Gary and Gloria Geiger, Jake and Betty Martin. **May God Grant Them Many Years!**

## Epistle Reading

### **Romans 12:6-14**

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

## Gospel Reading

**Matthew 9:1-8** So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you." And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!" But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins-then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." And he arose and departed to his house. Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

### Welcome Visitors and Guests!

A warm welcome to all our visitors and guests who have joined us in celebrating the Divine Liturgy. Please join us for our Fellowship Hour in the Church Hall . **Please note: Only those Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared themselves through prayer, fasting, and confession of sins may approach the Chalice to receive Holy Communion.**

## Announcements

### Invite Someone to Church!

It has been said that the number one way to find new parishioners is simply to invite them. I would ask all of you to invite any friends, family, or acquaintances to come and pray with us. This does not mean that we coerce anyone; but it does mean that we mustn't shy from our duties to evangelize. Whether or not these invitees come is up to them. I ask only that you invite them.

### Bulletin board

Please do periodically check the bulletin board. I will post cultural events and the like there for any who are interested.

### Website

Our new website continues to evolve and is looking wonderful. The address is [www.holyassumptionphilly.org](http://www.holyassumptionphilly.org). Posted on the website will be a variety of information, which includes among other things a monthly calendar, worship times, and a photo gallery. This is also a great way to have your relatives who live outside our area to keep abreast of the goings-on at Holy Assumption.

### New Sign-up sheets

Please check the bulletin board downstairs, on which I've placed two sign-up sheets. The first is for those of you who might like to host coffee hour after the Divine Liturgy, and the second is for those of you who might like to vacuum after the Divine Liturgy. Please see me if you were to have any questions.

### Collections

Our first weekly collection is as follows:

1st Sunday	Centennial Fund
2nd Sunday	Youth Group
3rd Sunday	Property Management
4th, 5th Sunday	Charity

### Announcements?

Do you have any announcements for the parish that you would like to see included in the weekly bulletin? If so, please email or call Fr. Matthew by Tuesday.