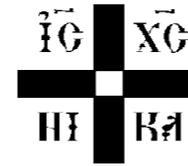
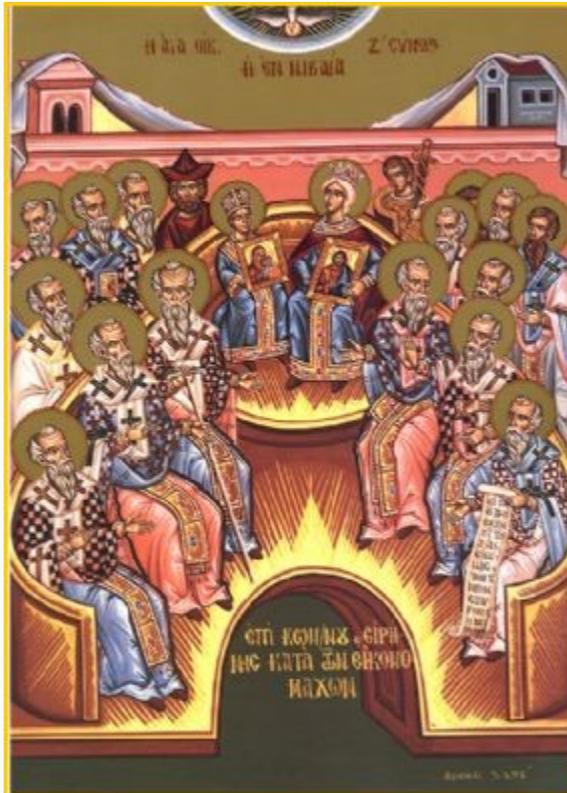


## Weekly Schedule

<b>Friday</b>	Acathisto de Maria, 6:00 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	Great Vespers, 6:00 p.m. Confessions following Great Vespers
<b>Sunday</b>	Reading of Hours, 9:40 a.m. Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m. <i>Fellowship Hour following Divine Liturgy</i>

Today the Church remembers the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council under the holy Patriarch Tarasius (February 25). The Synod of 787, the second to meet at Nicea, refuted the Iconoclast heresy during the reign of Empress Irene and her son Constantine Porphyrogenitos. The Council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype (the person depicted). It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because "no man has seen God at any time" (John 1:18). In Greek practice, the holy God-bearing Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council are commemorated on October 11 (if it is a Sunday), or on the Sunday which follows October 11. According to the Slavic MENAION, however, if the eleventh falls on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, the service is moved to the preceding Sunday.



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**October 11, 2009**

**18th Sunday after Penecost**

**Tone 1**

**Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council.**

### **Troparion (Tone 1) (Resurrection)**

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding You most pure body, You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life: "Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your Kingdom!// Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!"

### **Troparion (Tone 8) (Saint)**

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 1) (Resurrection)**

As God, You rose from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Yourself. Human nature praises You as God, for death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to You://“You are the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

### **Kontakion (Tone 6) (Saint)**

The Son who shone forth from the Father was ineffably born, two-fold in nature, of a woman. Having beheld Him, we do not deny the image of His form, but depict it piously and revere it faithfully. Thus, keeping the True Faith,//the Church venerates the icon of Christ Incarnate.

### **Prayers for The Faithful and Departed**

Patterson family, parishioners, John, Helen, Kavalkovich family, Ana, Kate, Susan, William, John, Teresa, Alex, James, Mike, Joseph. **May God Grant Them Many Years!**

Joseph, Mary, Joseph, Ella, Frank, Alexander, Poppie, Vito, Helen, Anne, William, John, Luke. **May Their Memories Be Eternal!**

### Epistle Reading

#### **2 Corinthians 9:6-11**

But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

### Gospel Reading

#### **Luke 7:11-16**

Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."

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### Welcome to our Visitors!!

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 that have properly prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and confession of sins may approach the Chalice and receive Holy Communion.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Ladies' Lunch

Our new Women's Ministry will be holding a lunch/social/silent auction on Saturday, November 14. All women of our parish and any of their lady friends and relatives are most welcome to attend. Please see our President, Debbie, for more details.

### Cleaning and Coffee Hour Ministry

Thank you to all who have volunteered their time and talents to clean our church and to feed our parish community. Sign-up sheets for the next weeks are downstairs.

### Recycling

Please remember that we are to recycle at Holy Assumption. Please see the posters downstairs for more information.

### Church Education

Our parish has begun its Church Education program for our youth *after* the Divine Liturgy. I hope to expand our education offerings to include the adults as well.

### Parish Lunch

The parish will offer a chicken outlet lunch after the Divine Liturgy on October 18 as a means of fund-raising. We would ask that you consider donating \$15.00. If you would like to invite some people from our neighborhood to eat with us, please see either Fr. Matthew or Catherine so that they wouldn't have to pay for the meal.

### Christmas Ornaments

Our church's youth group is making memory ornaments to adorn our Christmas tree. These glass ornaments are offered to remember your loved ones, as well as any important people and events in your life. Please see any of the youth or Debbie for more information.

### Christmas Flowers

We are beginning to collect donations for Christmas flowers. Please see Debbie. Thank you for helping to beautify our church this coming Nativity season.