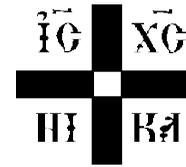


Week Schedule

Saturday Great Vespers, 6:00 p.m.
Confessions following Vespers

Sunday Reading of Hours, 9:40 a.m.
Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hour following Divine Liturgy

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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Troparion (Tone 4)

When the women Disciples of the Lord
learned from the Angel the joyous mes-
sage of the Resurrection, they cast away
the ancestral curse and elatedly told the
Apostles: "Death is overthrown!
Christ God is risen, granting the world
great mercy!"

Troparion (Tone 8)

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 4)

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose
from the tomb and delivered the earth-
born from their chains. He has shattered
the gates of hell, and as Master,
He has risen on the third day!

October 17, 2010

**21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST —
Tone 4 (4th of Luke). Commemoration of
the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical
Council.**

Kontakion (Tone 6)

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

John and Michelle Spack, Emma
Burychka, Denise, Diane, James, Kavalk-
ovich family and friends, Witiak family,
Andrews family and friends, McCartney
family, Holy Assumption parish, Daniel
Riley. **May God Grant Them Many
Years!**

Joseph Slivka, Michael. **May Their
Memories Be Eternal!**

Epistle Reading

Galatians 2:16-20

Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Gospel Reading

Luke 8:5-15

A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold. When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?" And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.' Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

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 should approach the Chalice and receive Holy Communion.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Telephone Number

Our church's telephone number is 215-468-3535. If there is inclement weather, do please call the number and wait for the answering machine. If church is canceled, it will be announced here.

Food Collection

Please bring any food you would like to donate to church. We, as a church, will offer food to one of the local food banks, Philabundance.

Community Picnic

Thank you to all who helped with our community picnic. I would like to thank Barbara and David Andrews, as well as Grace, for their help handing out invitations to our neighbors.

Church Education

In two weeks, October 31, we will examine the nature of prophesy and fulfillment in the Scriptures. We will evaluate the ways in which Jesus Christ has fulfilled the Scriptures by looking at concrete examples.

Council Meeting

I would like the council to meet briefly next Sunday, October 24, during coffee hour. Every parishioner in good standing is welcome to attend the meeting.