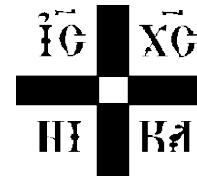
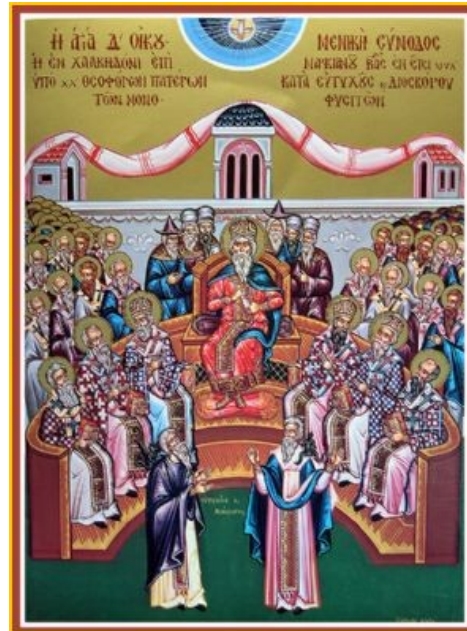


Weekly Schedule

Saturday	Great Vespers, 6:00 p.m. Confessions following Vespers
Sunday	Reading of Hours, 9:40 a.m. Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.

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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Troparion (Tone 4)

When the women Disciples of the
Lord learned from the Angel the joy-
ous message 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 compas-
sionate One, glory to You!

Kontakion (Tone 4)

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

July 17, 2011

5th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST —
Tone 4. Commemoration of the Holy Fa-
thers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils.

Kontakion (Tone 8)

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.

Prayers for The Faithful and De- **parted**

Brianna Herbert, Justine Spack, Dana,
Mary Herbert (offering of two crosses),
McCartney family, David Pellack, Witiak
family, Allison, Mr. Wing, Magda,
Kavalkovich family, Daniel, Patricia,
Priest Sergius. **May God Grant Them**
Many Years!

Maxim Herbert, Stella Marczyk, Loretta
Bimler, Peter Zuzulock. **May Their**
Memories Be Eternal!

Epistle Reading

Romans 10:1-10

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man who does those things shall live by them." But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down from above) or, " 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 8:28-9:1

When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?" Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding. So the demons begged Him, saying, "If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water. Then those who kept them fled; and they went away into the city and told everything, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men. And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged Him to depart from their region. So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city.

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 on the machine.

Roof Leaking

As many of you know, time is nearing when we will have to complete repair work on our roof. Before many vesper services, parishioners need to vacuum the carpet because of the falling plaster. As this repair work will be a major project, I would ask that if you are able, to start contributing toward this task. **\$2300.00 has been collected so far for roof repairs. Thank you.**

Orthodoxy 101

On Sunday, September 11, I will begin an Orthodoxy 101 course for parishioners and anyone in our neighborhood who might wish to learn the fundamentals of our faith. Please do stay tuned for a "course outline" and more details. Moreover, if those of you who would like to participate would prefer that we meet on a day other than Sunday, just let me know.

Council Meeting

Today there will be a parish council meeting.

Parish Cleaning

Thank you to all who helped clean and prepare our church for Derek's ordination. Please do note that people need to volunteer to clean for a few minutes after the Divine Liturgy to maintain our church's cleanliness.

Parish Statistics for July 10, 2011

Attendance: 45 (*good!*)

Income: \$1633.00

Expenses: \$272.00

Surplus: \$1361.00