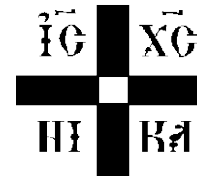


Weekly Schedule

Saturday	Great Vespers, 6:00 p.m. Confessions following Vespers
Sunday	Reading of Hours, 9:40 a.m. Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m. <i>Coffee hour following 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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calls.

Troparion (Tone 1)

When the stone had been sealed by
the Jews, while the soldiers were
guarding Your most pure body, You
rose on the third day, O Savior, grant-
ing 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)

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 1)

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!"

October 16, 2011
18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST —
Tone 1 (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 Incar
nate.

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

Theodore Thomas Cantrell, Maryann La-
Marr, Joseph Herbert, Debbie, Margaret,
Helen, Judy, Sue, Jay, Maria, Kavalk-
ovich family and friends, Patricia Gera-
siamoff, Witiak family and friends, Pel-
lack family and friends, McCartney fam-
ily and friends, Lena, Michael, Barbara
Andrews, Christopher Andrews. **May**
God Grant Them Many Years!

Very Rev. Nikolai Nekludoff, Irene Kavc-
sak, John Pellack. **May Their Memo-**
ries 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 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 on the machine.

Roof Leaking

As many of you know, time is nearing when we will have to complete repair work on our and the hall's roof. The council has decided to allocate \$22,500 to repair the hall's roof.

Roof Repair Fund Raiser

October 16: Chicken Cutlet Dinner, \$12.00 donation - chicken soup, chicken cutlet, cranberries, potatoes, string beans, salad, cakes, pies, rice pudding, coffee, soda, tea.

Orthodoxy 101

The next lesson will be on Sunday, November 6.

Baptism

Thank you to all who attended Theodore's baptism yesterday. May God grant you many years!

Wedding

Michael McCartney and Janine Legg plan to wed on Sunday, October 23. If you would have any reason they should not wed, please do see Fr. Matthew in private.

Parish Statistics for October 09, 2011

Attendance: 35

Income: \$1145.00

Expenses: \$2004.51

Total: -859.51