

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE
FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL



Icon of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

May 8, 2016: Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

Epistle: Acts 20: 16-18; 28-38

Gospel: Jn. 17: 1-13

Mon., May 9	8:00	+ Pearl Fawcett (Son Joseph & Family)
Tues., May 10	8:00	Health & God's Blessings on Dolly Daniels (Family)
Wed., May 11	8:00	+ Ann Slaboda (M/M Larry Pegula)
Thurs., May 12	8:00	+ Helen Nasevich (Gawron Family)
Fri., May 13	8:00	+ John Sedlak Sr. (Family)
	6:30	Moleben to the Mother of God
Sat., May 14	No Morning Divine Liturgy	
	10:30	Confessions.
	2:00 pm	Confessions
	4:00 pm	+ Anna Chaykosky (Ted & Eleanor Slachtish)
Sun., May 15	9:00	For Our Parishioners
	11:30	For Those Buried in Our Cemetery

First Antiphon

Clap your hands, all you peoples;* sing to God a song of gladness.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, Save us.*

For the most high Lord is awesome;* He is a mighty King over all the earth.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, Save us.*

He subjects many peoples under us, bringing nations below our feet.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, Save us.*

The Lord God ascends with acclamation,* amidst the sound of trumpets.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, Save us.*

Third Antiphon

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Savior.

Son of God, exalted in glory, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.

Son of God, exalted in glory, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

For God is the great Lord and the great king over all the earth.
Son of God, exalted in glory, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Entrance Hymn

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.
Son of God, exalted in glory, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Hymn to the Mother of God

Extol, my soul, the Lord exalted gloriously in the flesh above the heavens. All of us believers, with one accord, * proclaim your greatness as the Mother of God, * for in time you gave birth to the timeless One, * defying words and human understanding.

Communion Verse

Praise the Lord from the heavens; * praise Him in the highest.
Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous ones; * praise from the upright is fitting.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**The Sunday Of The Holy Fathers
Of The First Nicene Council**

Three times a year we remember particularly the Holy Fathers who took part in the seven great Ecumenical Councils, which defined the teachings of our faith and regulated much of our Church practice. The Church is *patristic*, based securely on the teachings of the Holy Fathers, who in turn are based on what the Lord Jesus Christ revealed, what the Apostles proclaimed, and what the Church has received. By holding fast to the teachings of the seven great Ecumenical Councils, we maintain the True Faith in the One True

God, the True Faith in Jesus Christ. Today we honor the Holy Fathers of the First Council of Nicea. This Council took place in 325 A.D. The Council defined and proclaimed the Church's teaching that Jesus Christ is fully and absolutely True God and True Man. The Council of Nicea also canonized about two-thirds of the Creed, which today we call the "Nicene Creed," in honor of that Council. The First Council of Constantinople approved the rest. This Sunday recalls the victory of the true faith over its enemies and

affirms the importance of the First Ecumenical Council, held in Nicaea in 325 A.D.

What is a Mother

by Helen Steiner Rice

It takes a Mother's LOVE to make a house a home,

A place to be remembered, no matter where we roam.

It takes a Mother's PATIENCE to bring a child up right,

And her COURAGE and her CHEERFULNESS to make a dark day bright.

It takes a Mother's THOUGHTFULNESS to mend the heart's deep "hurts,"

And her SKILL and her ENDURANCE to mend little socks and shirts.

It takes a Mother's KINDNESS to forgive us when we err,

To sympathize in trouble and bow her head in prayer.

It takes a Mother's WISDOM to recognize our needs,

And to give us reassurance by her loving words and deeds.

It takes a Mother's endless FAITH, her CONFIDENCE and TRUST,

To guide us through the pitfalls of selfishness and lust.

And that is why in all this world there could not be another,

Who could fulfill God's purpose as completely as a Mother.

Happy Mother's Day!

Our Condolences

In your Christian charity, please remember the souls of our Parishioners who recently fell asleep in the Lord:

- + Virginia Halenda was buried from St. Cyril's this past Tuesday.

- + **Frank Turko** was buried from St. Cyril's this past Wednesday.

May their memory be eternal! Vichnaya Pamyat!

Kneeling in Our Church... A Clarification

During the Paschal Season the posture of prayer in the Ukrainian Catholic Church is to stand for the entire Liturgy except for the infirm. It is, however,

acceptable to sit when the book so instructs, but to stand instead of kneeling. This is the practice until the Prayers of Kneeling are recited at Vespers on Pen-

tecost or after the Sunday Divine Liturgy that day. Contrary to past custom we stand for the singing of “Heavenly King Comforter” at the beginning of the Liturgy on Pentecost Sunday.

Outside the Paschal Season it is the custom of the Ukrainian Catholic Church again to stand on Sunday through out the year because **every Sunday** commemorates the Resurrection of the Lord. It is a custom however, that has fallen into disuse. The practice of kneeling at the prescribed times at weekday Divine Liturgy is of relatively recent development; of Western theological influence. And, outside of the Paschal Season, again under Western influence, kneeling became the normal posture for prayer.

The Instruction of the Holy See in 1996 requests a return to the authentic traditions of our Ukrainian Catholic

Church. The Pope seems to recognize the value of our Tradition better, at times, than we ourselves. Our forebearer discarded some customs/traditions in hope of recognition. We now are re-claiming those customs/traditions because we understand their legitimacy. It is not a repudiation of belief; it is a refining of practice. Standing expresses the belief that through the Resurrection of Christ we have been released from the bonds and slavery of sin. No longer need we cower in shame but, stand, elated that we have been justified through His suffering and death. If we truly believe the things we pray, then truly we are in the Kingdom of Heaven and the Divine Liturgy and our posture of prayer is our expression of that belief. It is the forgiven that stand before God.

May Devotions

The month of May is devoted to our heavenly Mother, Mary. A Moleben service will be offered on Fridays in May, at 6:30 p.m. Come to church, join us in

honoring her, who God first honored, by choosing her to be the Mother of His Son.

Angelic Music

The children of our Religious Education Program, under the direction of Pat and Cathy Marcinko, will be singing the responses to the 11:30 Liturgy today, May 8th. Our children hope you will join

them in the singing throughout the Liturgy. What a beautiful way to honor our Blessed Mother and our own mothers on this special day.

Congratulations

Congratulations and Best Wishes to **Charleston Krenitsky**, along with her parents William and Lauren, on the occasion of her reception of the Holy Mysteries of Initiation during the 11:30

Divine Liturgy today. Charleston we welcome you to our Parish Family and pray that God grant you Many Happy and Blessed Years! Monhaya Leeta!

Mark Your Calendars...

On Sunday, May 15, 2016, we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. As is the tradition in our Parish, we will celebrate a Divine Liturgy in the Cemetery Chapel. Following the Divine Liturgy, a Panakhyda will be celebrated followed by the Blessing of the Graves.

On Pentecost only, **THE 9:00 DIVINE LITURGY WILL BE IN ENGLISH; THE 11:30 DIVINE LITURGY WILL AT AT THE CEMETERY CHAPEL AND SUNG BY THE CHOIR.**

Pentecost Sunday Collection For Missions

“Go and Make Disciples of All Nations” (Mt. 28:19). Our Ukrainian Catholic Church is responding to Christ’s command to “go and make disciples of all nations”.(Mt28:19) Patriarch Sviatoslav and the Bishops of our Church endeavor to provide ministry to people residing in developing missions in eastern Ukraine, in Europe, in areas of the Middle East and Africa, and North America. Your generous assistance is needed to support clergy and religious to serve these missions and

to aid in the development of these new missions. The annual collection for this purpose will be taken up at all Divine Liturgies on Pentecost Sunday weekend May 14-15 in all of our parishes. You may also send your gift to the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, 827 N Franklin Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123. Tax receipts will be issued. Please be generous in your offerings and may God bless you for caring for the spiritual needs of your brothers and sisters in Christ!

Bus Trip Reservations Are Closed

Please note that all 55 seats are filled for the upcoming May 21st bus trip to New

York City sponsored by the North Anthracite Council - League of Ukrainian

Catholics. Thanks to all who are making the trip to St. George Ukrainian Street Festival and Brooklyn's "Little

Odessa" at Brighton Beach. A delightful day awaits the group.

Queen City Days

The Annual "Queen City Days" Carnival, sponsored by the Eureka Hose Co. No. 4, 717 E. Grant St. in Olyphant, will be held June 2 - 4 at the Fern Hill Park. Several adult and children's rides will be featured. Local vendors will offer food and refreshments.

Music will be provided each evening. Firemen's Parade on Friday and giant Fireworks Display on Saturday. Any questions or to secure a spot on the midway, contact Mayor John Sedlak, Jr. at 570-383-1406.

Bingo At Queen City Days!

Once again, St. Cyril's is an active participant in the Olyphant Queen City Days Picnic with "Bingo." All parishioner are welcomed to volunteer. Please plan to come and play a few Bingo games at the Fernhill Picnic. The Church raffle tickets WILL

BE SHORTLY AVAILABLE in the Church Vestibule and the winners will be drawn at the Olyphant Queen City Nights in July 2016. Please help to keep our Church open with these fundraisers!

Collection Processing Team...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of May 2016 is Team #1:

William Vervan, Sr., Roger Barren, and Jerry Sereditch.

Sunday Collection for April 30 & May 1, 2016:

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for May 14 & 15, 2016

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Nicholas Muchisky -- Samuel Sczesniak	Michael Shumek
9:00 am	Joseph Chylak -- Nicholas Chylak	Leo Danylak
11:30 am	John Nasevich -- Michael Roberts	Pat Marcinko

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True God of True God

We very confidently prove the true catholic faith out of the Holy Scriptures. We place it as a candle on a candlestick. We assert that the Son is naturally and essentially the Son of the Father, of the same substance with Him, His Only-begotten Wisdom, the true and only Word of God; that He was not made nor created, but begotten of one substance with the Father. Therefore, we say that He is true God, being of one substance with God the Father. Whereas the gods mentioned by the Psalmist in the passage, "I have said, you are gods" (Ps 82: 6), are only entitled to that description so far as they are partakers of divine grace, which the Son bestows upon them from the Father through the Holy Spirit. The Son is the representation of the Person of the Father (Heb 1: 3). He is Light of Light. He is the true and genuine Power and Image of His Father's substance, according to what He says of himself, "He that has seen me

has seen the Father" (Jn 14: 9). He always was, and is, and never was not; for the Word and Wisdom of the Father must certainly be eternal as well as the Father. . . There is an extraordinary heresy, which contains such unreasonable ideas, and which, instead of godly discourses, amasses together gross blasphemies. Suppose we were to ask anyone that has examined and compared our Creed and this together, which of them he thinks the more reasonable, and the more suitable to the attributes of God. . .

... Of these two expositions, which is more worthy of God the Father, and of His Son our Lord Jesus Christ, let anyone judge.

*St. Athanasius the Great,
Champion of the Council of Nicea*

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