

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS AT THE  
FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL AT NICEA



*Icon of the Holy Fathers at the First Ecumenical Council at Nicea*

## **May 28, 2017: Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council**

Epistle: Acts. 20: 16-18 & 28-38

Gospel: Jn. 17: 1-13

<b>Mon., May 29</b>	9:00	+ All Those Who Died in the Service of Our Country
<b>Tues., May 30</b>	8:00	+ Stephen Yaworski (John Yaworski)
<b>Wed., May 31</b>	8:00	+ Jane Beckage (Michael Rusyn & Theresa Lubask)
<b>Thurs. June 1</b>	8:00	+ Peter Nestruck (Marlene Nestruck)
<b>Fri. June 2</b>	8:00	+ Nicole Crimard (Phil & Elaine Arvisato)
	6:30 pm	Moleben to Jesus Christ
<b>Sat., June 3</b>	<b>No Morning Divine Liturgy.</b>	
	10:30	Confessions
	2:00 pm	Confessions
	4:00 pm	+ Robbie Lundberg (Laura & Bob Heim)
<b>Sun., June 4</b>	9:00	+ Mary & Harry Farneti (Leo Danylak)
	11:30	+ All 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.*

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### **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.*

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**Entrance Hymn**

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.

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

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**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.

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**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 Ecu-

menical Council, held in Nicaea in 325 A.D.

## A Brief History of Memorial Day

Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day because it was a time set aside to honor the nation's Civil War dead by decorating their graves. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868, to commemorate

the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers, by proclamation of General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former sailors and soldiers. On May 5, 1868, Logan declared in General Order No. 11 that:

*The 30<sup>th</sup> of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form of ceremony is*

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*prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.*

During the first celebration of Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, after which 5,000 participants helped to decorate the graves of the more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried in the cemetery.

This 1868 celebration was inspired by local observances of the day in several towns throughout America that had taken place in the three years since the Civil War. In fact, several Northern and Southern cities claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day, including Columbus, Miss.; Macon, Ga.; Richmond, Va.; Boalsburg, Pa.; and

Carbondale, Ill.

In 1966, the federal government, under the direction of President Lyndon Johnson, declared Waterloo, N.Y., the official birthplace of Memorial Day. They chose Waterloo - which had first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866 - because the town had made Memorial Day an annual, community-wide event during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.

By the late 1800s, many com-

munities across the country had begun to celebrate Memorial Day and, after World War I, observances also began to honor those who had died in all of America's wars. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be celebrated the last Monday in May. (In addition to Memorial Day, Veterans Day, a day set aside to honor all veterans, living and dead, is celebrated each year on November 11. The date was chosen because of the armistice of World War I, the 11<sup>th</sup> month, the eleventh day, the eleventh hour.)

## **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 Pentecost 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 Resurrec-

tion 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 reclaiming those customs/traditions be-

cause 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 justifi-

fied 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.

## **First Solemn Communion**

Next Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, five young Parishioners will be making their "First Solemn

Communion" at the 9:00 Divine Liturgy.

## **Mark Your Calendars...**

On Sunday, June 4, 2017, 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.**

## **Queen City Days**

The Annual " Queen City Days" Carnival sponsored by Eureka Hose Company No.4 , 717 East Grant Street Olyphant will be held June 1-3 at the Fern Hill Park. Several adult and children's rides will be featured. Local food vendors will offer food and refresh-

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

## **St. Mary's International Dinner Club**

St. Mary's Parish Dinner Club, 320 Mifflin Ave., Scranton, Pa. will feature a "Russian Menu" on Thursday, June 8, 2017. The menu will start with a St. Petersburg Mixed Green Salad with homemade Rus-

sian Dressing. The entree will be Czar's Beef Stroganoff served over delicate egg noodles and Czarina's Tender Baby Carrots. The dessert will be St. Vladimir's Blueberry Shortcake. Coffee, Tea, Wa-

ter and Soda Included and a cash bar is available. Seatings are at 5:50 or 6:30 and reservations may be made by June 5th by

calling 570-343-5151. The price is only \$20.00 per person.

### **St. Cyril's at the Ball Park**

Baseball tickets have been ordered for the Railriders game versus the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs on Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at PNC

Field. This game is scheduled to start at 6:35 pm. Tickets are \$12.00 a person.

### **Request for League of Ukrainian Catholics Archives**

The LUC is gathering items of old for its national archives housed at St. Basil Seminary in Stamford Connecticut and is asking current members and former members to search their homes for newspaper articles, publications, photos, Convention memorabilia, prayer cards, etc.

ship. Often when someone is downsizing and moving from their home to smaller living quarters - apartment, assisted living, nursing home, etc. - old mementoes are trashed yet could very well be extremely valuable to one's history and heritage. If you know of someone in that situation or you yourself have such items and are willing to donate them to the LUC, please approach Sandra Berta. Thank you very much.

Initially the LUC was known as the Ukrainian Catholic Youth League in which a significant number of Olyphant's SS. Cyril and Methodius parishioners held member-

### **Collection Processing Team...**

The Collection Processing Team for the month of May 2017 is Team #1:

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

### **Sunday Collection for May 20 & 21, 2017: \$**

#### **Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for June 3 & 4, 2017**

	<b>Altar Boys</b>	<b>Lectors</b>
4:00 pm	Brett Lowe -- Nicholas Chludzinski	Bill Vervan
9:00 am	Joseph Skirpan -- Cole Marcinko	Children
11:30 am	John Nasevich -- David Slachtish - Patrick Marcinko	Pat Marcinko

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### *Revealing His Name*

When the Savior declares that He has made known the name of God the Father, it is the same as saying that He has shown the whole world His glory. How did He do this? By making Himself known through His wonderful works. The Father is glorified in the Son as in an image and type of His own form, for the beauty of the archetype is seen in its image. The only Son then has made Himself known, and He is in His essence wisdom and life, the creator of the universe; He is immortal and incorruptible, pure, blameless, merciful, holy, good. His Father is known to be like Him, since He could not be different in nature from His offspring. The Father's glory is seen, as in an image and type of His own form, in the glory of the Son.

To call God "Father" is more exact than to call Him "God." The word "God" signifies His

dignity, but the word "Father" points to the distinctive attribute of his Person. If we say "God" we declare Him to be Lord of the universe. If we call him "Father" we show the way in which He is distinct as a Person, for we make known the fact that He has a Son. The Son himself gave God the name of Father, as being in some sense the more appropriate and truer appellation, when He said, not "I and God" but I and the Father are one, and also, with reference to Himself, On him has God the Father set his seal. And when He commanded His disciples to baptize all nations, He did not tell them to do this in the name of God, but expressly ordained that they were to do it in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*St. Cyril of Alexandria*

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