

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE
FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL



Icon of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

May 24, 2020: Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council

Epistle: Acts 16: 16-34

Gospel: Jn. 9: 1-38

Mon., May 25	Memorial Day
9:00	+ For Those Who Died in the Service of Our Country
Tues., May 26	9:00 + Deceased of the Surkey Family (Gloria Jablonski)
Wed., May 27	9:00 + John Sereditch (Barbara & Lorraine Bonda)
Thurs. May 28	9:00 Health of Justyna Raniwska (Maichal Bak)
Fri., May 29	9:00 + Eugenia Barkofsky (Loree & Bob Howe)
Sat., May 30	No Divine Liturgies Today
Sun., May 31	9:00 For Our Parishioners

A BRIEF HISTORY OF MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL

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 30th 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 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 Carbon-

dale, 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 communities 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 11th month, the eleventh day, the eleventh hour.)

24 NOTES THAT TAP DEEP EMOTIONS

*Day is done, gone the sun,
From the hills, from the lake,
From the skies.
All is well, safely rest,
God is nigh.*

*Go to sleep, peaceful sleep,
May the soldier or sailor,
God keep.
On the land or the deep,
Safe in sleep.*

*Love, good night, Must thou go,
When the day, And the night
Need thee so?
All is well. Speedeth all
To their rest.
Fades the light; And afar
Goeth day, And the stars
Shineth bright,
Fare thee well; Day has gone,
Night is on.*

*Thanks and praise, For our days,
'Neath the sun, Neath the stars,
'Neath the sky,
As we go, This we know,*

God is nigh.



Of all the military bugle calls, none is so easily recognized or more apt to render emotion than the call Taps. The melody is both eloquent and haunting and the history of its origin is interesting and somewhat clouded in controversy. In the British Army, a similar call known as Last Post has been sounded over soldiers' graves since 1885, but the use of Taps is unique with the United States military, since the call is sounded at funerals, wreath-laying and memorial services.

HEAVEN'S GROCERY STORE

I was walking down life's Highway, a long time ago,

One day I saw a sign that read Heaven's Grocery Store

As I got a little closer, the door
came open wide,
And when I came to myself, I
was standing inside.

I saw a host of angels, they were
standing everywhere,

One handed me a basket and
said, my child shop with care

Everything a Christian needed,
was in that Grocery Store

And all you couldn't carry, you
come back the next day for more.

First I got some Patience, Love
was in the same row,

Further down was
Understanding, you need that
everywhere you go.

I got a box or two of Wisdom, a
bag or two of Faith,

I just couldn't miss the Holy
Ghost, for it was all over the place.

I stopped to get some Strength
and Courage to help me run this
race,

By then my basket was getting
full, but I remembered I needed

some Grace,

I didn't forget Salvation,
Salvation has always been free,

So I tried to get enough to save
both you and me.

Then I started up to the counter
to pay my Grocery bill,

For I thought I had everything
to do my Master's Will

As I went up the aisle, I saw
Prayer and I just had to put that in,

For I knew when I stepped
outside, I would run right into Sin.

Peace and Joy were plentiful,
they were on the last shelf,

Songs and Praises were hanging
near, so I just helped myself,

Then I said to the angel, now
how much do I owe?

He just smiled and said, just
take them everywhere you go.

Again I smiled at Him and said,
how much do I really Owe?

He smiled again and said:

"My Child! Jesus Paid Your Bill
a Long Time Ago."

THE QUARANTINE CONTINUES

Please note, the suspension still continues. We will continue
of public services at our Parish to LIVESTREAM our Services.

Join our live streamed Sunday services at 9:00 a.m. on Facebook or on YouTube after the service is uploaded and processed.

Thank you to all of our

Parishioners who are making this great sacrifice and staying home for the benefit and safety of one another. I look forward to praying with all of you soon!

MOLEBEN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD

During the month of May our Church honors Mary the Mother of God in a special Moleben Service. Every Wednesday during May, at 6:00 pm, we will celebrate the

Moleben Service and pray for Our Lady's continued protection of all those who face the effects of the coronavirus plague.

LITURGICAL SERVICES ONLINE

Thank you for your prayerful presence to all Parishioners who are able to join us at our services online. The responses to our streaming services have been positive and continue to grow each week. I continue to pray and offer services for you every day. Please remember, that while we cannot be filling our beautiful Church together, we can still worship together, by you joining our live-streaming services on Facebook or through a link on our website <https://stcyriils.weconnect.com> on YouTube.

To make your online worship experience an expression of our

“Church of the Home,” please consider the following:

- Watch the services in a special place, such as in your icon corner or the prayer space of your home.
- Prepare yourself as if you were going to Church, perhaps even dressing as you usually do for a service at the Church.
- Turn off distractions such as other media and your phone.
- Most importantly, tune in spiritually as participants, not just observers. This is still your Church!

REMEMBER TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH

Jesus asks us to commit ourselves to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, to share our time, our talent and our treasure as an outward sign of the love and gratitude we have for Him.

We all are going through an unique and difficult time in our world and in our Parish. As we still

need to keep the church running, please consider your support for the church and send your tax-deductible donations to us by mail or drop them off at the office. I pray I will see you soon. Until we meet again, let us keep praying for each other.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion means uniting one's self in prayer with Christ's sacrifice and worshipping Him in His Body and Blood. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend the Divine Liturgy. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive

Holy Communion worthily. When unable to receive Holy Communion, pray the following prayer:

"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen."

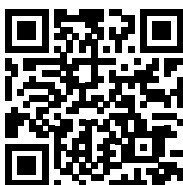
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Shining the Light

One Sunday morning, the parish priest talked about being the “light of the world” in his sermon. He explained that a person filled with the light of Christ means that a person is filled with goodness and knowledge and justice and truth. He ended his sermon by asking the congregation, “How do you intend to be a light of the world?” Unexpectedly, a little girl shouted out, “By being a pretty window!” Her parents were embarrassed by her outburst and told her to be quiet.

Afterwards, however, the parish priest asked her what she meant. It turns out that the little girl had been staring at the church’s stained glass windows during the sermon. She said that the sun shining through the windows caused pretty colors to shine on people all through the

church. “If Jesus wants us to let our ‘light shine on others,’ then the best way to do that is by being a pretty window,” she said.

There is much truth in the simplicity of the little girl’s observations. Light is truth and it dispels the darkness of error and deceit. Christ our Lord said that we are to be the lights of that world and that our light must shine on others. (Matthew 5:16) Today, we keep the memory of the Fathers of the First Nicene Council. These enlightened and inspired men were filled with the light of truth and corrected some grave misunderstandings about the humanity and divinity of Christ. The light of the truths they taught in the fourth century still shines upon us today and is contained within the words of the Nicene Creed.