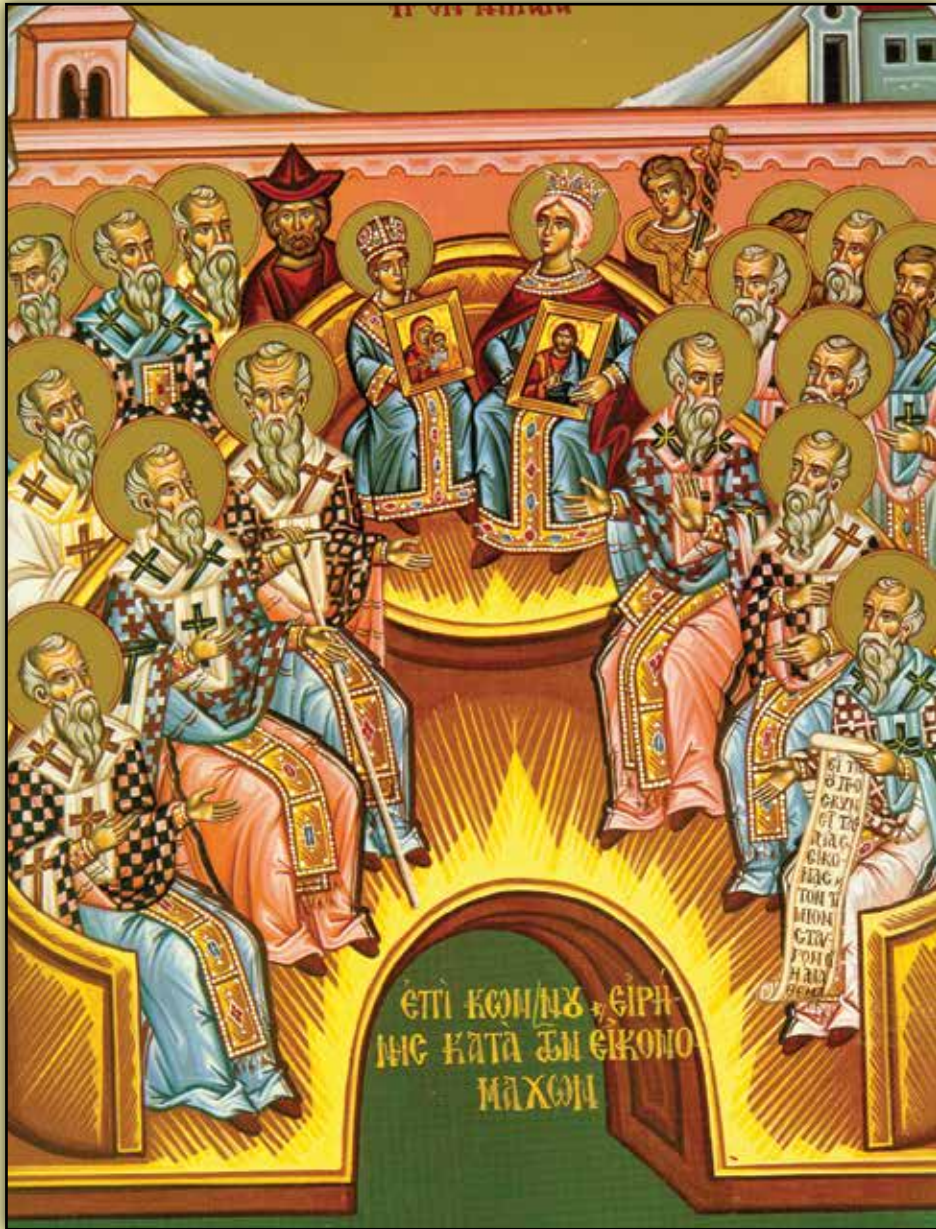


SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL



Icon of the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

Oct. 11, 2020: Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council		
Epistle: Heb. 13: 7-16		Gospel: Jn. 17: 1-13
Mon., Oct. 12	9:00	+ Andrew Chezik (Daughters & Sons)
Tues., Oct. 13	9:00	+ Bill Davis (Michaelene)
Wed., Oct. 14	9:00	+ John & Nellie Priblo Family & Spurge Chidillo (Dolly Daniels)
Thurs. Oct. 15	9:00	+ Ruth Ann Covalesky (John & Mary Ann Turko)
Fri., Oct. 16	9:00	Health & God's Blessings on Father Nestor (Morning Liturgy Ladies)
Sat., Oct. 17		No Morning Divine Liturgy
	2:00	Confessions.
	4:00	+ Petra Sedlak (Family)
Sun., Oct. 18	10:00	For Our Parishioners Baptism of Anna Sophia Brzozowski

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Today is a commemoration of an historical event — which, to allay all critics — is not found “in the Bible” — because it observes the fact which happened after the written part of our Tradition was closed to further addition. The living Tradition of the Church is that experienced by those people who follow the norms of Scripture and are thus sanctified by these writings, and give witness to ways

of interpreting them for their lives — and a proof of the invaluable worth of the Scripture. Such is the case of celebrating the Sunday of the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council. During the early development of the codification of the Christian Doctrine and clarification of the elements of the Truth to be found — sometimes hidden — in the Sacred scripture, there were at times people who

would profess ideas which were not in conformity with what was and is written. The Fathers of the Seventh Council who battled the heretical thought are honored in the Liturgy

in the Tropar while the Kondak of the feast proclaims the Truth over which they so valiantly — even physically — fought.

TEN SPIRITUAL REMINDERS

1) Time is a special gift from God. Use your time wisely and it can bring you eternal rewards. Time wasted is gone forever.

2) Be sincere, be humble in all that you do for the greater glory of God, the good of the Church, the salvation of souls, for “What a person is in the eyes of God -- that he/she is, and no more.”

3) Always do your work neatly, accurately, honestly and to the best of your ability.

4) Avoid the near occasions of sin, i.e., certain persons, places, or things that can easily lead you into sin. But, if a temptation suddenly comes your way, don't let it stay; get rid of it right away! Instantly, keep giving the temptation the 1-2 to punch: saying a little prayer, turning your attention elsewhere! Then, God's actual grace will come quickly to help you win and not

commit a sin!

5) Each day try to be kind, helpful, patient. Furthermore, never hold a grudge or seek revenge against a person, always remembering what we say to God the Father in the Lord's Prayer: “and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.”

6) In word and deed, always give good example. Personal good example is the prime requisite for being a good teacher.

7) “Come to me, all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you” (Mt. 11:28). Accept this perennial invitation of the Lord.

8) Receive the sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist worthily, fervently, and frequently.

9) Knowledge always comes before love. The more you know about the Catholic Faith, the more

you will love and appreciate it; the more you will benefit from it; the better prepared you will be to defend it and to teach it to your children/students.

10) “Life is God’s gift to you.

What you do with your life – is your gift to God.” Meditate well on this oftenquoted passage, and end up with a good resolution.

By Msgr. John Squiller, STL

BE HAPPY WITH WHAT YOU HAVE

Should you find it hard to get to sleep tonight, remember the homeless family without beds to sleep in. Should you find yourself frustrated, stuck in traffic, don’t despair. There are people in this world for whom driving is an unheard of privilege. Should you have a bad day at work, think of the man who has been out of work for years. Should you despair over a relationship gone bad, think of the person who has never known what it is like to love and be loved in return. Should you grieve the passing of another weekend, think of the woman in dire straits, working twelve hours a day seven days a week to feed her children.

Should your car break down, leaving you miles from any assistance, think of the paraplegic who would love the opportunity to take a walk. Should you notice a few gray hairs in the mirror, think of the cancer patient undergoing chemotherapy who wishes she had hair to examine. Should you find yourself at a loss and pondering what life is all about, asking “what is my purpose”, be thankful. There are those who didn’t live long enough to get the opportunity. Should you find yourself the victim of other people’s bitterness, ignorance, smallness or insecurities, remember, things could be worse. You could be them!

DOCTOR’S SERVICE!

A doctor quickly entered the hospital after being called in for

an urgent surgery. He changed his clothes and went directly to the sur-

gery block. He saw the boy's father walking back and forth in the hall waiting for the doctor.

Once seeing the doctor, the dad yelled: "Why did you take all this time to come? Don't you know that my son's life is in danger? Don't you have the sense of responsibility?"

The doctor smiled and said: "I am sorry, I wasn't in the hospital and I came the fastest I could... now, I wish you'd calm down so that I can do my work."

"Calm down?! What if your son was in this room right now, would you calm down? If your own son dies now what will you do?" said the father angrily.

The doctor smiled again and replied: "I will say what is said in the Holy Bible 'From dust we came and to dust we return, blessed be the name of God.' Doctors cannot

prolong lives. Go and intercede for your son, we will do our best by God's grace."

"Giving advice when we're not concerned is so easy" murmured the father.

The surgery took some hours after which the doctor went out happy, "Thank God! Your son is saved!"

And without waiting for the father's reply he carried on his way running. "If you have any question, ask the nurse."

"Why is he so arrogant? He couldn't wait some minutes so that I ask about my son's state?" commented the father when seeing the nurse minutes after the doctor left.

The nurse answered: "His son died yesterday in a road accident, he was in the burial when we called him for your son's surgery."

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and best wishes to **Madelyn Durko**, along with her parents Kyle and Kelly, on the occasion her initiation into the flock of Jesus Christ during the Divine

Liturgy this Sunday, October 11th. Madelyn, we welcome you into our Parish family. May God grant you many happy and blessed years! Mnohaya i Blahaya Leeta!

PASTIE SALE

Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, North Wilkes-Barre is taking orders for Pasties for pick-up on Saturday, October 17th, 2020. Our Pasties are made with seasoned ground beef and potatoes wrapped in a pie crust pastry and are available with or without onions. Pasties are \$7.00 each and Gravy is available for \$1.00

for an 8 oz. cup. Call (570)829-3051 to place your order. (Please specify with or without onions.) Drive-Thru Pick-up from 1:30 to 3:30pm in our Parish Parking Lot, corner of North River and West Chestnut Streets, Wilkes-Barre. Remember, when Baba cooks... everybody's happy!

HOLUBKI TAKE-OUT DINNER

Scranton's St. Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church, 430 North Seventh Avenue, will conduct a holubki take-out dinner on Sunday, October 18 with pick-up between 12 noon to 2:00pm at its Parish Center. The \$13.00 dinner includes holubki, mashed potato,

vegetable, rye bread and dessert. Reservations are limited and must be made no later than Tuesday, October 13. No walk-ins. For reservations phone 570 503-1514. 50/50 and basket raffles will be available.

PIG IN THE BLANKET DINNER

Eureka Hose Company No.4 will sponsor its 2nd Annual Pig In The Blanket Dinner, Saturday October 24th from 3:00 to 7:00 pm at the fire station 717 East Grant Street Olyphant.

Limited \$10.00 tickets available from members or by stopping at the station on Monday, 6:30 to 8:00 pm all proceeds will be used to maintain the station and apparatus.

ROAST BEEF DINNER

St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church, 205 N. Main St. Pittston, Pa. is having a drive-thru Roast Beef Dinner on October 25, 2020. The Dinner will have roast beef, mashed potatoes and

gravy, vegetable and dessert. The cost is \$12.00 per dinner. Everyone is welcome and please wear your mask. Thank you.

KEEPING ORGANIZED FOR THE 10TH ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

The 10th annual Rummage Sale at St. Cyril's for 2020/2021 is still on hold. We have collected a large amount of merchandise in the school gym. Before things get "out of control" we would like to keep the gym organized in Pre-rummage sale mode. We have started with "domestics" (afghans, sheets, tablecloths, valences, pillows etc...) that have been taken out of the boxes and bags. They have been coordinated and put on hangers and racks. It is the start of preparing the gym for the future Rummage sale. In the past years, we worked 6-8 hours a day for 5-6 months for the opening.

On Thursday, October 15, and Friday, October 16, 2020, the school gym will be open at 10:00 a.m. for 2 to 3 hours. Volunteers are welcomed to come and help out, as we continue to work forward to our annual fundraiser sale. Working a few hours a week, for "if and when" the Rummage Sale can be held, we will be ready for opening day. Contact LaurenTelep at 570-393-0319 or cell 646-242-9443.

Information about "Donations" to the Rummage sale can be found in the lobby on the pink flyers.

Once again, newspaper photos posted in the lobby in the church have been defaced. St. Cyril's Church has great publicity in the local newspapers depicting the volunteers and activities for our fundraisers. There is no reason for a parishioner to "attack" any of the volunteers and all their work for our church. Perhaps they should consider volunteering themselves and realize all that work entailed in the fundraiser for the church. Rember "God Is Watching"

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...

The Collection Processing Team for Jr., Leonard Mitchko and Michael the month of October 2020 is Team Shumek.
#2: Eugene Zinsky, John Turko,

Sunday Collection for Oct. 3 & 4, 2020: \$

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The Image of God Within

There was once a very interesting psychological experiment carried out on a college campus. A researcher asked twelve volunteers to assist her in studying how the general public would respond to a person with a physical deformity. Each one of the students was placed in a separate room without mirrors. Next, a make-up artist was sent in to each room to paint a life-like facial scar on the left cheek of each volunteer.

When this was done, the researcher then came into each room and privately told each volunteer that she had to make some last minute adjustments to the scar. While pretending to make adjustments the scar, the researcher actually wiped off the make-up! The students, however, still believed that they had a scar on their left cheek. They were then sent out to various loca-

tions to observe how the public responded to their scar. Upon returning at the end of the day, each student reported that they were treated rudely and that people stared at the "scar."

The study provided the students with a good lesson in self-image. If we dislike ourselves, we may convince ourselves that others dislike us as well and we will treat them accordingly. How many arguments and personality conflicts could be avoided if only we remembered that we are all made in the image and likeness of God. This Sunday commemorates the restoration of icons (holy images) at the Seventh Ecumenical Council in 787. Let us take this occasion to remind ourselves that the Holy Image of God is within each of us and that we are all unique and precious in God's eyes!