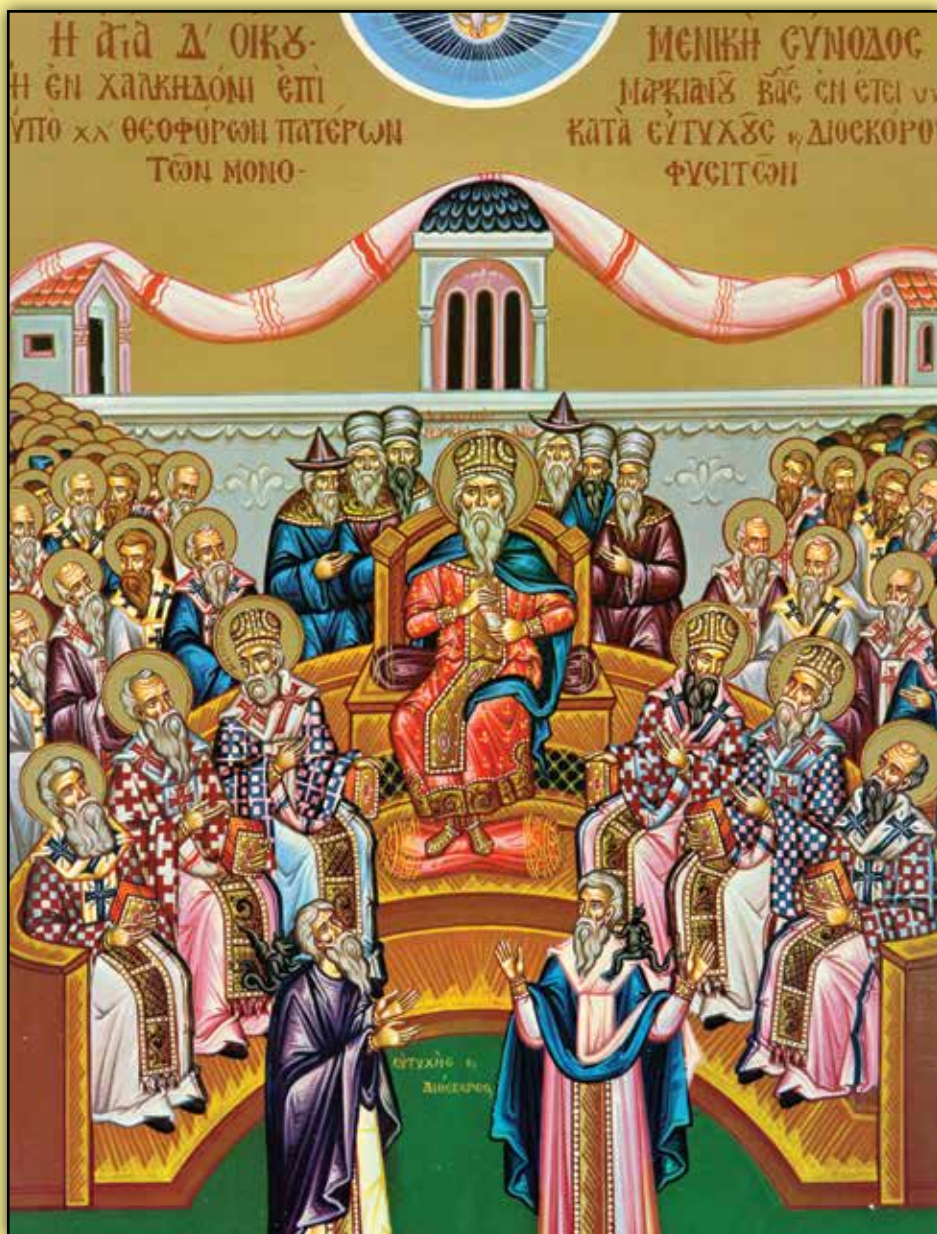


## SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS



*Icon of the Holy Fathers*

<b>July 18 2021: Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Councils</b>		
Epistle: 1 Cor. 1: 10-18		Gospel: Mt. 14: 14-22
<b>Mon., July 19</b>	9:00	+ Jacqueline Ortiz (Jule Harris)
<b>Tues., July 20</b>	9:00	+ Mildred Gongliewski (Chezik Family)
<b>Wed., July 21</b>	9:00	+ David Collarini (Lauren Telep)
<b>Thurs. July 22</b>	9:00	+ John Sereditch & + Matthew Beckage (Howard Smith)
<b>Fri., July 23</b>	9:00	+ Evelyn Trently (Debbie, Paulette, Kenny & Dan Zinsky)
<b>Sat., July 24</b>	<b>No Morning Divine Liturgy</b> 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm For Our Parishioners	
<b>Sun., July 18</b>	10:00	+ Carol Chaykosky (William & Jane Granza)

## **FATHERS OF THE FIRST SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS**

*“Brethren, remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God; consider the outcome of their lives, and imitate their faith.”*

Today we remember the Fathers of the first six Ecumenical Councils, those pastor-bishops who met in various gatherings from the fourth to the seventh century to combat heresies and formulate canons, or rules, to guide the Church in holy living. We honor these Fathers – indeed, we honor all the saints – because they are friends of Christ, because they show us Christ. The Fathers committed

their lives, many of them as martyrs, to teaching clearly and faithfully the word of God. And so, we are called to consider carefully the outcome of their life and to imitate their faith. We are to follow their examples in never neglecting to do good and to share what we have, for such is the way of the fathers, the way of the saints, and such sacrifices are well-pleasing to God.

One of the reasons our Churches are filled with icons is to aid us in this task. In worship we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, a tre-

mendous company of those who teach us in word and deed the way of Christ. Many of them were mistreated by the world. Like their Lord Christ, they met their end in dishonor, “dying outside the city,” far removed from fame or fortune. For here they had no lasting city, but rather they sought a city which is to come. As a community of faithful we are to remember them, we cling to their relics, we venerate their icons, because we know that they’re not simply dead and gone, buried and forgotten. We know that in Christ they live! Dwelling in the fullness of His presence, they are in a certain pro-

found sense more alive than we are in our present struggles.

And so we ask their prayers, that our lives may become more deeply rooted in the life and love of Christ, just as theirs are. We remember them this day and every day. In the words of St. John of Damascus, who wrote in the eighth century: “Let us carefully review the life of these men, and let us emulate their faith and love and hope and zeal and way of life, and endurance of sufferings and patience even to (the shedding of) blood, in order that we may be sharers with them in their crowns of glory.” Amen

## **FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL**

St. Cyril’s Church in Olyphant is hosting the second of three 2021 Food Truck Festivals on Saturday, July 17th and Sunday, July 18th from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm each day. The Festival will be held in the church parking lot at 207 River Street in Olyphant. Featured will be nine food trucks: Grumpy Grab, BellaRose, FonDippitty, Murts Diner Truck, 2 Wayz/One Passion, Roseanna’s Pizza, Lou’s Funnel Cakes, Murts Desserts, and Udder Delights. This is a modern twist on the church picnics of years gone by. In addition to the food trucks, two wineries will be featured:

Capra Collina and Case Quattro Wineries. There will be indoor BINGO. For the children, there will be games with prizes and free balloons. Several craft vendors will offer various handmade items: Krysta’s Crafts, Wreaths by Cheryl, Rose Glass by Mary Glen, Lady Jane Jewelry and Friends with Paws. Raffle tickets will be available for a 50:50 1st prize, crystal vase 2nd prize, and gift basket 3rd prize. DJ entertainment on both days, with live music on Sunday from 2:00 to 4:00. Social distancing is suggested. All are welcome. Please come and enjoy!!!

## **CHICKEN DINNER**

Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church will hold a Chicken Dinner as their Why Cook Wednesday Dinner for July. The dinner will be on Wednesday, July 21, 2021 in their school hall on the corner of North River and West Chestnut Streets, near the General Hospital Parkade in Wilkes-Barre. This dinner will be Take-Out Only and Pre-Orders are strongly encouraged.

Dinners will be \$15 and will include; a brined and roasted half-chicken, baked potato, corn, macaroni salad, roll and dessert. Place your order by calling the School Hall Kitchen (570) 829-3051. Pick-Ups will be from 4:00 to 7:00pm. Tickets will also be sold for a Basket Raffle. Remember...When Baba Cooks, Everybody's Happy!"

## **87<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SEMINARY DAY**

This event will be held Sunday, July 25, 2021 at St. Nicholas Church picnic grounds in Primrose (just outside Minersville) PA. This annual event is sponsored by the 12 parishes and faithful of the South Anthracite Deanery under the leadership of their pastors. Plans for the

day already include a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with the clergy of the deanery at 11 A.M. and Drive-Thru Food Sale will start at 1 P.M. with delicious ethnic and regional foods prepared by the parishes of the deanery.

## **VFW CHICKEN BBQ**

Shopa-Davey (Veterans of Foreign War) VFW Pos 6082 Peckville, PA is sponsoring a TAKE OUT ONLY! Chicken BBQ on Sunday, July 25, 2021, Serving 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. (or until sold out!!!) Tickets are available

at VFW 6082 at 123 Electric Street, Peckville, PA. for this fundraiser, \$11.00 per dinner. Open to the public!!! Get there early! Over 400 BBQ dinners will be available for "TAKE OUT ONLY"

## **IT'S VACATION TIME... (BUT NOT FOR CHURCH BILLS)**

It's that time of year again...Vacation Time. We take time out of our normal routine for rest and relaxation. Some-

times we stay at home; sometimes we take trips to visit friends, explore new places or go on adventures. We may

even forget about our normal routines for a little while.

Unfortunately, our bills and financial obligations never take a vacation. This includes our Church's bills, which always seem to INCREASE during

summer time. Please, when you prepare to go on vacation, don't forget about YOUR CHURCH! You can always mail in your Sunday Collection envelopes and then can enjoy your vacations.

## **SUPPORT OUR VOLUNTEERS AT ST. CYRIL'S CHURCH**

We are a small community at our parish of St. Cyril's. The majority of us are the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd generation coming from Eastern Europe. We are now over 133 years old. We have survived so many events over the years. We should all be proud of our Ukrainian heritage.

Our church survives through the love, dedication, and donations of our parishioners and volunteers. We have had a variety of fundraisers over the years to help finance the expenses of the church. So many parishioners give beyond their time, dedication, and knowledge for the benefit of our parish.

It is disheartening that I have to mention the destruction of photos and flyers in the vestibule of our church. (again) This does not hurt anyone in particular but does affect the entire parish. Why would anyone draw on newspaper articles' faces or remove the dates from flyers in the vestibule? This childish action only destroys the publicity (photos or flyers) for the

benefit of the Church. What did you prove by crossing out the dates, hiding the flyers and the bulletins in the church bathroom, drawing on people's faces, removing the flyer from the glass door, or removing church bulletins, altogether? Perhaps your jealousy, and hatred of the volunteers, you need to reflect on your life and try to be a better person.

We know this is a parishioner, a Catholic, and a person who attends our Divine Liturgy. WE may not know who you are by name, but know, God is watching. All the volunteers work so hard to keep our "church doors" open, please thank them, for all their work and dedication. What would the church do without the benefit of ALL the volunteers and the fundraisers? Please stop your hatred of your fellow parishioners, who work so hard for our church. Life is too short to be anything but happy. Perhaps, if you volunteered for a few events, you would not be so destructive towards anyone (volunteers) for our Church Events.





welcome Mary Mlaker who has volunteer to work on our Book Room. Special thanks to Helen Pagnotti who was our “Librarian” for so many years.

## **SCHEDULE FOR JULY 2021, PREPARATION FOR OUR NEXT RUMMAGE SALE 2021 FUNDRAISER**

Plan ahead and set time aside to volunteer for St. Cyrils Church Event/Rummage Sale. Lauren will be at the school gym for the scheduled time listed. Come for a few hours, stay as long as you could!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Parishioner's donations can be dropped off during this time and can do some early shopping!!

July 2021 (2 weeks) at 133 River Street, St. Cyril's School Gym.\*

July 17 and 18th Volunteer at “St. Cyril's” Food Truck Festival-Church Event

July 19th Monday 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

July 20th, Tuesday 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

July 21st, Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

July 24th, Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The last week in July:

July 26th Monday 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

July 27th, Tuesday 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

July 28th, Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

\*Help is needed daily with the empty boxes, bins, recyclable items, and setting up for the sale in August 2021. Thank you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

## **COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...**

The Collection Processing Team for the Pagnotti, Marlene Zelno, Dorothy month of July 2021 is Team #3: Helen Zinsky, and Cheryl Matuszewski.

**Sunday Collection for July 10 & 11, 2021: \$**

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### ***Authority of the Council - Authority of the Church***

The authority of the Councils is based also on their ecclesiological grounding. A council is not an independent, autonomous body, additional, coming from outside, acting unilaterally. It is not the product of accidental circumstances in history and imposed afterwards. It is closely, or rather organically, related with the very essence of the Church. This body of Christ is a living organism, destined to grow, to face difficulties during this process, to be implanted in other regions of the world needing inculturation and a certain adaptation.

Such embodiment and multifaceted ministry creates problems, tensions, even divisions and in spite of the good will of the local

bishop and pastors, the convocation of as a major assembly is considered as a natural instrument, salutary and indispensable.

The official voice of the catholicity and the koinonia of all the other sister churches, in harmony and guided by the Spirit, would only provide the new assessments, possible remedies and solutions. The functioning of such a council was such that the opinions and requests at issue found expression from the very womb of the Church. Once the decision was made, the people had a part in receiving it and publicizing it (Acts 15:22) as is seen in the first assembly of Jerusalem.

*Metropolitan Emilianos*