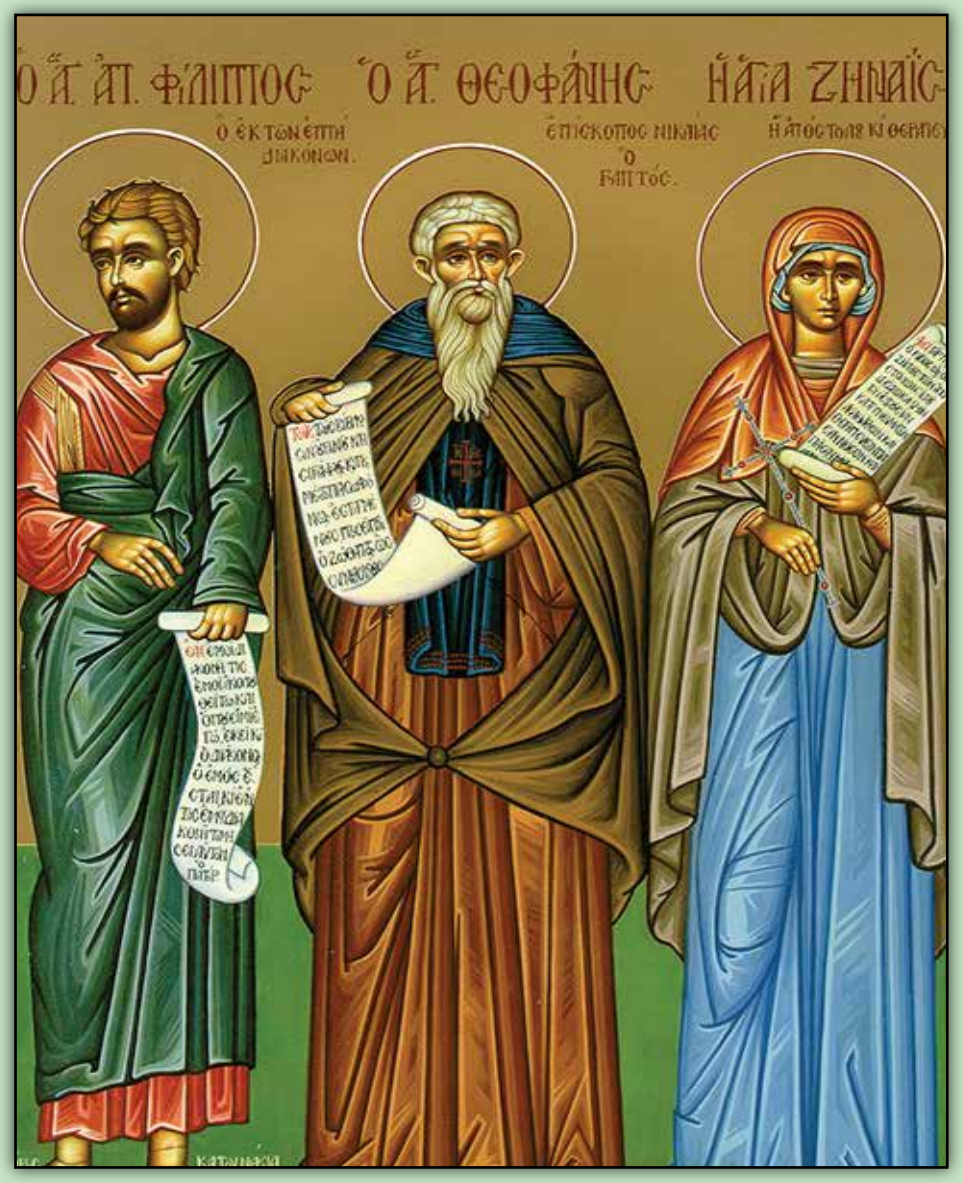
Sunday of the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council



Icon of Saints Philip, Theophan, and Zena -- October 11th

October 11, 2026: Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

Epistle: Heb. 13: 7-16 Gospel: Jn. 17: 1-13

This Weekend	4:00 pm	+ Bill Davis (Wife, Michaelene)
	10:30	For Our Parishioners
Mon., Oct. 12	9:00	+ Jacob, Ann & Karen Jablonski (Gloria Jablonski)
Tues., Oct. 13	9:00	+ Andrew & Julia Evanina Family (Grandson, Howard)
Wed., Oct. 14	9:00	+ Johanna Sokirka (Eileen Kushner)
Thurs., Oct. 15	9:00	+ Jennifer Phillips (Jule Harris)
Fri., Oct. 16	9:00	Health & God's Blessings on Father Nestor (Michaelene)
Sat., Oct. 17		**No Morning Divine Liturgy**
	2:00 pm	Confessions
	4:00 pm	+ Gene & Jimmy Maslar (Famiy)
Sun., Oct. 18	10:30	For Our Parishioners

Sunday of the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

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.

Why Do We Need to Go to Church?

Many people who rarely attend church have a kind of consumer's attitude towards church. They come to church, for instance, before a long trip – to light a candle just for the sake of it, so that nothing would happen on the road. They come for two or three minutes, hurriedly cross themselves and, having lit a candle, go on their way. Some, entering a church, say: "I want to pay money so that priest would pray for such-and-such" – and pay money and leave. The priest needs to pray, but these people themselves do not participate in the prayer.

This is a wrong attitude. The Church is not a machine for buying "Snickers": drop your coin and candy falls out. The Church is a place to go to live and study. If you are experiencing certain difficulties or if one of your neighbors has fallen ill, do not limit yourself to going and putting up a candle. Come to church for the Divine Service, immerse yourself in the elements of prayer, and lift up your prayer for your need along with the priest and the community. It is important that attendance at church be regular. It is good to attend church every Sunday. The Sunday Divine Liturgy, as well as the Liturgy on great Feast Days, is the time when we can, by giving up one or two hours of our earthly affairs, plunge ourselves into the elements of prayer.

It is good to come to church with one's entire family, in order to receive Confession and Communion. If one learns to live from Sunday to Sunday, in the rhythm of the church services, in the rhythm of the Divine Liturgy, then one's whole life will change dramatically. Above all, it will become disciplined. The believer

knows that next Sunday he will have to give an answer to God, and he lives differently: he does not allow himself many sins that he would otherwise allow himself if he did not go to church. Moreover, the Divine Liturgy itself is an opportunity to receive Holy Communion, that is, to unite with God not only spiritually, but also physically.

Finally, the Divine Liturgy is a comprehensive service at which the entire church community and each of its members can pray for everyone that troubles or worries him or her. The faithful during the Liturgy can pray for themselves, and for their neighbors, and for their future, bringing repentance for their sins and asking God's blessing for their further ministry. It is very important to learn to participate fully in the Divine Liturgy, because the Liturgy is the center of church prayer, AND IT SHOULD BECOME THE CENTER OF THE SPIRITUAL LIFE OF EVERY CHRISTIAN AND EVERY CHRISTIAN FAMILY.

Burning Candles in Church

One of the devotional practices in our Church is the beautiful custom of burning candles in front of sacred shrines, icons or relics. It is symbolic of the sacrifice of the Christian soul in order to shine with divine graces, confident in the example and intercession of the saints. So the candle burns itself up to give out light. Light symbolizes Christ, "The Light of the World." When attending the Divine Liturgy on Sunday or any Worship Service, the believer may light a candle(s) in front of the Church, accompanied by a donation. The faithful will then make the sign of the cross, say a prayer and then return to the pew.

Simpson Fundraiser Cash Prize Bingo

A fundraiser Cash Prize Bingo is planned for October 11, 2026 at Trinity Hall, Prospect St., Simpson. The Bingo will include 14 games, 3 Specials, and a Jackpot prize. Snacks and refreshments will be

available for purchase. Tickets will be $20 in advance and $25 at the door.

For tickets or more information, call 570-282-5680 or 570-282-0796.

Annual Prayer Breakfast

Please mark your calendar for Pennsylvanians for Human Life – Scranton Chapter's 52nd Annual Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, October 17, 2026, at Fiorelli's, 1501 Main Street, Peckville.

Doors open at 8:00 AM. Breakfast begins at 9:00 AM.

This beloved annual gathering brings our community together for prayer, fellowship, encouragement, and support for the mission of protecting and defending every innocent human life from conception to natural death.

This year, we are especially focused on our Mother and Baby core community — coming alongside mothers, babies, and the organizations that serve them with compassion, practical support, and hope.

The morning will include: Breakfast, Raffle Baskets, Silent Auction, An inspiring keynote message, Opportunities to support the mission of PHL.

From the Valley Community Library: Paws To Relax

Children and teens are invited to unwind and relax Monday, October 19 at 5:30 during this calming, sensory-friendly program. Take a break from the stress of everyday life by spending time with friendly therapy dogs from Companionate Canines while enjoying a variety of hands-on sensory activities. Whether you prefer petting a furry friend, exploring calming sensory stations, or simply relaxing in a quiet space, this program offers a peaceful opportunity to pause and relax. Ages 6-17. Registration is required. This program is a PA FORWARD Initiative promoting Health Literacy.

Ethnic Dinner at St. Mary's Churh

St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, located at Linden St. & Mifflin Ave. in downtown Scranton, invites us to their Ethnic Dinner which is scheduled for Sunday, October 25, 2026 (11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.). Dinner includes: halupki, halushki, pirohi, kielbassa, bread and butter. Potato pancakes, bake sale, and basket raffles are also available. For tickets & information, please call: 570-343-5151..

Community Event: Mid Valley Secondary Center PTSA Craft Fair

Join the Mid Valley Secondary Center PTSA for their annual Craft Fair on Saturday, November 21, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Mid Valley Secondary Center in Throop.

Kick off your holiday shopping with a variety of local vendors, a basket raffle, a visit from Santa, and more! Proceeds directly support Mid Valley students and school programs.

Vendors Needed: Vendor applications are currently being accepted. Official details and registration information can be found on their Facebook event page (Mid Valley Secondary Center PTSA Craft Fair). Please note: For safety, the PTSA will never request online payments for vendor fees.

Collection Processing Team

The Collection Processing Team for the month of October 2026 is Team #2: Eugene Zinsky, John Turko, Jr., and Michael Shumek.

Sunday Collection for Oct. 3 & 4, 2026: $.

Sincere thanks to all of you for your kindness and generosity.

Growing the Good News

WHIPPANY

October 3rd
5:30pm

PHILADELPHIA

October 17th
5:30pm

TICKETS:

Early Bird Pricing (through September 1st): $175 per person
Regular Pricing (after September 1st): $200 per person

Enjoy an elegant evening featuring a cocktail hour, silent auction, and live musical accompaniment.

Find more information here:

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The Shepherd's Family

The mark of Christ's sheep is their willingness to hear and obey, just as the sign of those who are not His is their disobedience. We take the word "hear" to imply obedience to what has been said. People who hear God are known by Him. No one is entirely unknown by God, but to be known in this way is to become his kin. Thus, when Christ says, "I know mine," He means, "I will receive them, and give them permanent mystical kinship with Me."

It might be said that inasmuch as He has become man, He has made all human beings His kin, since all are members of the same race; we are all united to Christ in a mystical relationship because of His incarnation. Yet those who do not preserve the likeness of His holiness are alienated from Him. "My sheep follow me," says Christ. By a certain God-given grace, believers follow in the footsteps of Christ. No longer subject to the shadows of the law, they obey the commands of Christ, and guided by His words rise in grace to His own dignity, for they are called children of God. When Christ ascends into heaven, they also follow Him.

Christ promises His followers as a recompense and reward eternal life, exemption from death and corruption, and from the torments the judge inflicts upon transgressors. By giving life Christ shows that by nature He is life. He does not receive it from another, but supplies it from His own resources. And by eternal life we understand not only length of days which all, both good and bad, shall possess after the resurrection, but also the passing of those days in peace and joy.

We may also see in the word "life" a reference to the Eucharist, by means of which Christ implants in believers His own life through their sharing in His flesh.

St. Cyril of Alexandria