



Words of Wisdom

From the Saints & Teachers

Today Readings

Epistle: Rom 10:1-10

Gospel: Mt 8:28-9:1

10:1 Praying That the Jews Will Be Saved

No Hatred for Judaism. St Ambrosiaster: Since Paul wants to liberate the Jews from the law, which is a veil over their faces, but does not want to appear to desire this out of any hatred for Judaism, he shows his love for them and says many good things about the law. But he teaches that the time for obeying the law has come to an end and by doing this bears witness that he is concerned for them, if only they will listen to him and not assume that he is their enemy. Commentary on Paul's Epistles.

Bray, G. (Ed.). (1998). Romans (Revised) (p. 261). Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.

8:34 They Begged Jesus to Leave

Begging the Lord to Leave. St Chromatius: The town from which they came to meet the Lord, asking him to leave their district, represents the synagogue, which did not want to receive the Lord and Savior of the human race even after witnessing his divine power. He therefore returned to his own town. Because he was rejected by the synagogue, he came to his church, which is properly called the city of Christ. On seeing him, the Gerasenes entreated the Lord to depart from their district. Such people are also found among us. Out of faithlessness they compel the Lord and Savior of the world to depart from the district of their hearts, for according to Scripture, "the Holy Spirit will not enter a perverse soul or dwell in a body enslaved to sin." Tractate on Matthew 43.7.¹³

Simonetti, M. (Ed.). (2001). Matthew 1-13 (p. 172). Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.



From The Ambvon

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Sun, July 17th - 5th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 4. Fathers of the 1st Six Ecumenical Councils.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays: Helen Bezhuly (7/17)

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Anniversary:

Baptism:

Travelers: For all who are traveling this week

Prospora Schedule: 11-17 July - Robert Kane & Amaya Jackson

Early Bird: 11-17 July - Blaise Shepherd

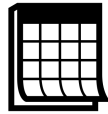
Visitors: Thank you for joining us and please introduce yourself to Fr Michael

Do you have a birthday or anniversary this/next week? Please add it to our list on the shelf in the Vestibule/Narthex.

Service Attendance: Last weekend Divine Liturgy: 29

DEAR GUESTS AND FRIENDS: A most sincere and heartfelt welcome to you from our community. According to the ancient traditions of the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is to be administered only to Orthodox Christians

who have prepared to receive themselves by fasting and a recent (monthly) confession..If you have questions please ask Fr Michael!



Service Schedule

THIS WEEK: 18-24 July22

SAT, July 23rd: @ 3:30 PM Steering Committee Meeting

SAT, July 23rd: @ 5:00 PM Great Vespers / Confession After

SAT, July 23rd: @ 6:00 PM Catechism

SUN, July 24th: Hours @ 9:10 AM, Divine Liturgy @ 9:30 AM

NEXT WEEKEND

SAT, July 30th: @ 3:30 PM Steering Committee Meeting

SAT, July 30th: @ 5:00 PM Great Vespers / Confession After

SUN, July 31st: Hours @ 9:10 AM, Divine Liturgy @ 9:30 AM

UP COMING

Baptismal Liturgy & Chrismation for Michael and Euphemia (Mia): Aug 7th

Baptismal Liturgy & Chrismation for Robert and Amaya: Aug 14th



Announcements

& Upcoming Parish & Diocesan Events

All American Council: July 18-22 (Fr Michael will be gone all week)

Church Work Day: July 23 All Day. Many items to be cleaned - COME HELP!

Parish Steering Meeting: July 23, @ 3:30 p.m. prior to Great Vespers

Financial Meeting: July 27th, @ 10 a.m.

Bazaar/Food fest: July 29/30 Holy Trinity - Wilkesbarre

Daniel 12:1 - "And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book."

Holy Archangel Michael Pray unto God for us!

Pogonatos.

The Church venerates the Holy Fathers of the Ecumenical Councils because Christ has established them as "lights upon the earth," guiding us to the true Faith. "Adorned with the robe of truth," the doctrine of the Fathers, based upon the preaching of the Apostles, has established one faith for the Church. The Ecumenical Councils, are the highest authority in the Church. Such Councils, guided by the grace of the Holy Spirit, and accepted by the Church, are infallible. The fact that the Seventh Ecumenical Council (Nicea II) is not commemorated today testifies to the antiquity of today's celebration. The Seventh Council, commemorated on the Sunday nearest to October 11, was convened at Nicea in the year 787 against the Iconoclast heresy, under the emperor Constantine and his mother Irene.

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The Ecumenical Councils were always convened for a specific reason: to combat false opinions and heresies, and to clarify the Orthodox Church's teaching. But the Holy Spirit has thus seen fit, that the dogmas, the truths of faith, immutable in their content and scope, constantly and consequently are revealed by the conciliar mind of the Church, and are given precision by the holy Fathers within theological concepts and terms in exactly such measure as is needed by the Church itself for its economy of salvation. The Church, in expounding its dogmas, is dealing with the concerns of a given historical moment, "not revealing everything in haste and thoughtlessly, nor indeed, ultimately hiding something" (St Gregory the Theologian).

Read more at: <https://pravoslavie.ru/47851.html>

Parish Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers LIVING
Captive Hierarchs PAUL and JOHN

All those caring for the sick and suffering at this time throughout the world, especially our families and friends: Mike Jadick, Bernie Elko, Rose Krenitsky, Margaret Pregmon, David Lezinsky, Stella Krenitsky, Marie Buranich, Helen Wytovich, Tammy Wytovich, Rosemary Kuzmich, Sandra Pritchky, Marie Pasternak, Sandy Batton, Paula Stavisky, Al Pritchky, Eli Stavisky, Evelyn Bunevitch, Nadia Macheska, John Pritchky, Paulette Ezbiansky, Andrew Lutzick, Daniel Jones, Charissa Voroziichak

Ill-afflicted Archpriests John Nightingale & Fr Theodore Orzolek

Matushka Paula Soucek

Servants of God Dcn Nathan, Mat. Katherine, Miraiiah, Evangeline, Gideon, Zacharias, Ignatius, Basil (Clausson), Mat. Emilia, Blaise, Maximus, Rodion, Savina (Shepherd), Barbara Sevensky, Bev Elko, Sandra Condon, Ann Tyrpak, Sandy & Danny Pregmann, David Cushner, Walter Pritchky,

DEPARTED

Newly departed: Michael Polanchiak (7/6); Stella Krenitsky (7/12);
Departed: John Sokol (7/7); William Keslosky (7/15); Michael Peregrim Sr. (7/18); Justin Ludwig (7/19); Steve Serniak (7/20);
Genevieve Barile (7/31);

Catechumen: Michael Keklak & Euphemia (Mia) Keklak (6/12); Amaya Jackson (6/19); Robert Kane (6/19)

Vigil Lights

From Donna Polanchiak

In Memory Of: Michael, Steve, Darcey, Helen, Teresa

From: Washko Family

In Memory Of: Genie Washko

From Stephen Krenitsky

In Memory Of: Stella

- **Reminder: Names will be rotated off on occasion – request again to have a loved one put back on again.**
- **Please sign up for early bird and prosphora making on the shelf in the Vestibule/Narthex**
- **Reminder to sign the statement of intent**

Ask Fr. Michael: Do you have questions about the Orthodox faith? Fr. Michael may have the answer, AND if he doesn't he will get it for you. In the narthex there is a basket and blank question slips for you to anonymously submit your questions. Fr. Michael will answer these questions during coffee hour and/or in the bulletin.

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST SIX COUNCILS

The Sunday between July 13/26 and July 19/August 1

First Ecumenical Council

In the Ninth Article of the Nicea-Constantinople Symbol of Faith proclaimed by the holy Fathers of the First and Second Ecumenical Councils, we confess our faith in "One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church." By virtue of the catholic nature of the Church, an Ecumenical Council is the Church's supreme authority, and possesses the competence to resolve major questions of church life. An Ecumenical Council is comprised of archpastors and pastors of the Church, and representatives of all the local Churches, from every land of the "oikumene" (i.e. from all the whole inhabited world).

The Orthodox Church acknowledges Seven Holy Ecumenical Councils: The First Ecumenical Council (Nicea I) (May 29, and also on seventh Sunday after Pascha) was convened in the year 325 against the heresy of Arius, in the city of Nicea in Bithynia under StConstantine the Great, Equal of the Apostles.

The Second Ecumenical Council (Constantinople I) (May 22) was convened in the year 381 against the heresy of Macedonias, by the emperor Theodosius the Great.

The Third Ecumenical Council (Ephesus) (September 9) was convened in the year 431 against the heresy of Nestorius, in the city of Ephesus by the emperor Theodosius the Younger.

The Fourth Ecumenical Council (Chalcedon) (July 16) was convened in the year 451, against the Monophysite heresy, in the city of Chalcedon under the emperor Marcian.

The Fifth Ecumenical Council (Constnatinople II) (July 25) "Concerning the Three Chapters," was convened in the year 553, under the emperor Justinian the Great.

The Sixth Ecumenical Council (Constantinople III) (January 23) met during the years 680-681, to fight the Monothelite heresy, under the emperor Constantine

| If your Annual Gross Income is: | Your Proportionate Weekly Gift Would Be: | | | | |
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| | 3% | 4% | 5% | 10% | 12% |
| \$20,000 | \$11.54 | \$15.38 | \$19.23 | \$38.46 | \$46.15 |
| \$25,000 | \$14.42 | \$19.23 | \$24.04 | \$48.08 | \$57.69 |
| \$30,000 | \$17.31 | \$23.08 | \$28.85 | \$57.69 | \$69.23 |
| \$35,000 | \$20.19 | \$26.92 | \$33.65 | \$67.31 | \$80.77 |
| \$40,000 | \$23.08 | \$30.77 | \$38.46 | \$76.92 | \$92.31 |
| \$45,000 | \$25.96 | \$34.62 | \$43.27 | \$86.54 | \$103.85 |
| \$50,000 | \$26.92 | \$38.46 | \$48.08 | \$96.15 | \$115.35 |
| \$55,000 | \$31.73 | \$42.31 | \$52.88 | \$105.77 | \$126.92 |
| \$60,000 | \$34.62 | \$46.15 | \$57.69 | \$115.38 | \$138.46 |

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| The Month of June (as of July 16th) | |
| WEEKLY GIVING UPDATE: We thank you for your continued giving in gratitude for all that our loving God does for each of us, for His Holy Church, and all the blessings we receive through her. | |
| Weekly Cost to Keep the Church Open: \$3,245.23 | |
| Monthly Cost to Keep the Church Open: \$12,980.92 | |
| Collections July 6th: | \$2086.60 |
| Collections July 13th: | <u>\$2530.00</u> |
| Total | \$4616.60 |

Dear Parishioners, We have been falling below the monthly minimum we need to keep up with our expenses. We humbly request that you remember to maintain your tithes and offerings throughout these months when you may not be in church or are on vacation. Thank you for your continued support!