

**HOLY FATHERS AND THE CREED
1ST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL - 325 AD**

SUNDAY, MAY 27TH

7th Sunday of Pascha

8:40a.m. Hours
9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour

SATURDAY, JUNE 2ND

5:15p.m. Memorial Service
6:00p.m. Great Vespers w/ Litiya

SUNDAY, JUNE 3RD

Holy Pentecost

One of the Twelve Great Feasts

8:40a.m. Hours
9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy; Vespers
w/ Kneeling Prayers
Coffee Hour

READER SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 3rd

Gabriela Jones

Sunday, June 10th

Kathy Parrish



O LORD JESUS CHRIST SON OF GOD
HAVE MERCY ON ME A SINNER

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BULLETIN OF MAY 27, 2012

Welcome Visitors

We warmly welcome all those who are visiting us today, especially Fr. Valery Shemchuk, who will lead us in the Divine Services. It is good to have you all with us!

Archpastoral Visit of Met. Jonah

His Beatitude will be visiting us to bless our new facilities in Berlin, MD on July 7-8th. More information will be forthcoming. Please set aside both Saturday and Sunday for the festivities!

Donors Are Sought

for the remaining items necessary to move into our new parish center: 8 trees, lumber for our sign and benches, & stain/paint/primer. If you would like to donate a(n) item(s), please see Bruce Eckerd or Fr. John immediately.



The Choir

will meet on the following Sundays in preparation of the Metropolitan's visit and the blessing of our new parish center: June 10th and June 17th. Please plan to stay for these important practices.

The Saturday Evening Class

is being postponed until the church moves to the new property. The Vespers will be held as usual at 6:00pm. Thank you for your understanding.

Feast of Pentecost – Sunday, June 3rd

On Sunday, June 3rd, we celebrate the Descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, 50 days after Pascha. As a reminder, on this day we will have Vespers with the Kneeling Prayers immediately following the Divine Liturgy. There is a strong possibility that we will be in our new parish center on this Sunday. More information is forthcoming.



Fast-Free Week

During the week after Pentecost (June 3rd through June 10th) we do not fast, even on Wednesday and Friday. This week is given to us to celebrate the renewal of the Holy Spirit received on Pentecost.

Baptism of Anna Lucia – Sunday, June 10th

On Sunday, June 10th, we will have the Baptism of Anna Lucia. May the Lord grant her many blessed years!

Prayer for Graduates

will be offered on Sunday, June 17th, at the end of the Liturgy.

Prayer List: Fr. Michael Mihalick, Fr. Alexander Atty, Fr. Christian, Mat. Dunia, Ana Lucia, Bill Parrish, Hayley, Tyler Pelesh, Wallace & Michelle, Ryan & Kayla, Maleah Morse, Victoria Kokkinos, Karen Nichols, Denise Royal, Jane Koshutko, Nina Gordon, Mirela & Chris, Bruce Eckerd, Stella, Ari, Nedelina.

OPERATING THRU 4/30/12			MAY OPERATING			RENOVATION TO PARISH CENTER		
Income	Expense	Net	Income	Goal	Difference	Income + Loan	Goal	Expense
23,394	21,059	+2,335	3,035	4,858	-1,823	48,121 + 30K	80,000	80,547



THE FIRST COUNCIL OF NICAEA

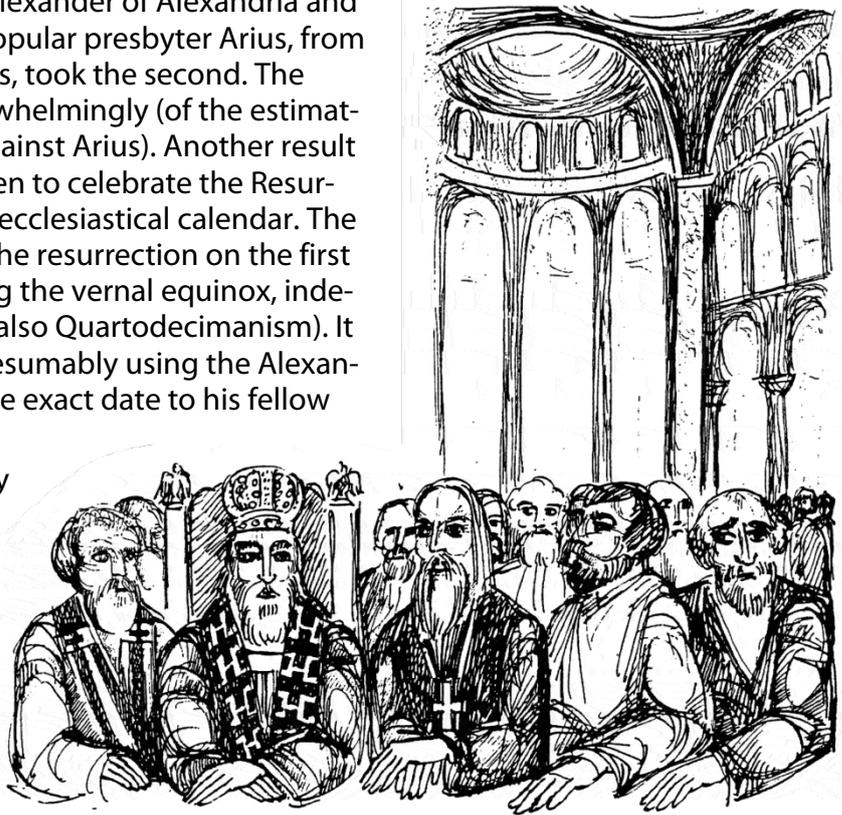
From Wikipedia.org



The First Council of Nicaea, held in Nicaea in Bithynia (present-day Iznik in Turkey), convoked by the Roman Emperor Constantine I in 325, was the first Ecumenical council of the Christian Church, and most significantly resulted in the first uniform Christian doctrine, called the Nicene Creed. With the creation of the creed, a precedent was established for subsequent 'general (ecumenical) councils of Bishops' (Synods) to create statements of belief and canons of doctrinal orthodoxy—the intent being to define unity of beliefs for the whole of Christendom.

The purpose of the council was to resolve disagreements in the Church of Alexandria over the nature of Jesus in relationship to the Father; in particular, whether Jesus was of the same substance as God the Father or merely of similar substance. St. Alexander of Alexandria and Athanasius took the first position; the popular presbyter Arius, from whom the term Arian controversy comes, took the second. The council decided against the Arians overwhelmingly (of the estimated 250-318 attendees, all but 2 voted against Arius). Another result of the council was an agreement on when to celebrate the Resurrection, the most important feast of the ecclesiastical calendar. The council decided in favor of celebrating the resurrection on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the vernal equinox, independently of the Hebrew Calendar (see also Quartodecimanism). It authorized the Bishop of Alexandria (presumably using the Alexandrian calendar) to announce annually the exact date to his fellow bishops.

The Council of Nicaea was historically significant because it was the first effort to attain consensus in the church through an assembly representing all of Christendom. "It was the first occasion for the development of technical Christology." A precedent was set for subsequent general councils to create creeds and canons.



IN MEMORIAM: METROPOLITAN CONSTANTINE OF THE UOCUSA

From OCA.org / May 21, 2012

His Eminence, Metropolitan Constantine, 76, Ruling Hierarch of the Central Eparchy and Primate of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, fell asleep in the Lord on the morning of Monday, May 21, 2012 — one day after celebrating the 40th anniversary of his Archpastoral ministry in the Pittsburgh area.

According to a press release issued by the Consistory Office of Public Relations, Metropolitan Constantine was "stricken with a serious illness just a few weeks ago and was released only three days ago from a local Pittsburgh hospital, which enabled him to participate in the celebration of his 40th anniversary of Archpastoral ministry among the faithful of our Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA. This celebration took place at the

Dormition of the Mother of God Ukrainian Orthodox Church in McKees Rocks, PA with the presence of his brother Ukrainian Orthodox hierarchs and visiting bishops of other Orthodox jurisdictions, his family from the United States and his beloved spiritual children, the clergy and faithful of the UOC of the USA, South America and Europe." May Metropolitan Constantine's memory be eternal!