

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST

7th Sunday of Pascha

8:40a.m. Hours
9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour/Open Pool
Parish Council Meeting

SATURDAY, JUNE 7TH

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 8TH

Holy Pentecost

One of the Twelve Great Feasts

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

The 1st Ecumenical Council was held in Nicaea in A.D. 325 and set a pattern for all later Ecumenical Councils. It addressed Arianism, wrote the original version of the Nicene Creed, and set a universal guide for calculating the date of Pascha.

READER SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 8th
Alexis Oleynik

Sunday, June 15th
Gabriela Jones



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BULLETIN OF JUNE 1, 2014

A Warm Welcome!

We warmly welcome all of our visitors! It's good to have you with us!

Feast of Pentecost – Sunday, June 8th

Next Sunday, June 8th, 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 Liturgy. This is a High Holy Day, which everyone should be present for. On Saturday evening the festive Great Vespers will be served with Litiya.



Fast-Free Week

During the week after Pentecost (June 8th through June 15th) 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

Memorial Service – Saturday, June 7th

It is the tradition of the Church to offer prayers for the departed on the Eve of Pentecost. On this day, we have a Memorial at 5:15pm.

Upcoming Baptisms

- ❖ Sunday, June 15th: Nicholas David Reynolds
- ❖ Saturday, June 21st: Liam Alexander Moss (tentative)

The Parish Council

will meet today, Sunday, June 1st, following the coffee hour, for the our 2nd quarterly meeting of 2014. Full reports will be offered.



Prayer for Graduates – Sunday, June 22nd

As we come to the conclusion of the academic year, we offer thanks to God for His blessings. This prayer will be offered at the end of the Liturgy on Sunday, June 22nd.

Liturgical Covers: Help is Needed!

New fabric has been donated for red and blue liturgical covers. We need seamstresses to prepare the coverings for use. The red set needs completion by June 29th and the blue set by August 15th. To help, please see Fr. John.



Open Pool

Following the Divine Liturgy and until 1pm, the pool will be open for swimming. A certified lifeguard will be on duty, but parents should still watch their children. Be safe and enjoy! Questions? Please see Fr. John.

The June Calendar

may be found on page 4 of this bulletin. Please be sure to check the weekly schedule for any changes. Questions, please see Fr. John.

CASH FLOWS THROUGH 4/30/14					CASH FLOWS IN MAY 2014					FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT		
OPERATING		OTHER		ALL	OPERATING		OTHER		ALL	ASSETS & LIABILITIES – 6/1		
Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Net	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Net	Checking	Overdue	Mortgage
26,952	26,069	4,950	8,569	-2,736	5,099	2,898	1,000	1,000	+1,011	9,945	0	360,326



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.



A PRAYER FOR THE DEPARTED

From the Memorial Service

O God of spirits, and of all flesh, who hast trampled down death and overthrown the Devil and given life to Thy world: Do Thou, the same Lord, give rest to the soul of Thy departed servant _____, in a place of brightness, a place of refreshment, a place of repose, where all sickness, sighing, and sorrow have fled away. Pardon every transgression which he has committed, whether by word or deed or thought. For Thou art a good God and lovest mankind; because there is no man who lives yet does not sin; for Thou only art without sin; Thy righteousness is to all eternity; and Thy word is truth.

For Thou art the resurrection, the life, and the repose of Thy servant, _____, who is fallen asleep, O Christ our God, and unto Thee we ascribe glory, together with Thy Father, Who is from everlasting, and Thine all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

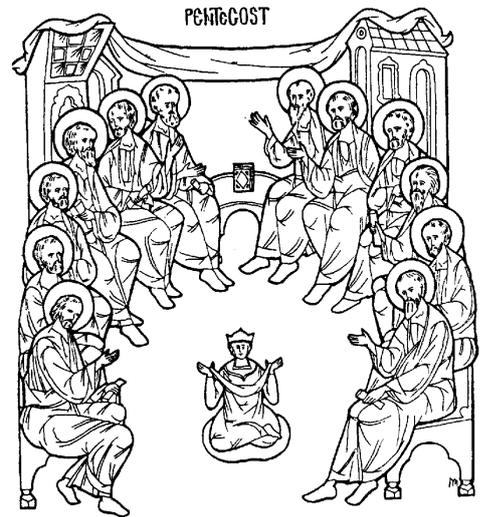
Please note: A general memorial service for departed family, friends, and parishioners will be offered at 5:15pm on Saturday, June 7, 2014.

ON THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

By Fr. Alexander Schememann

In the Church's annual liturgical cycle, Pentecost is "the last and great day." It is the celebration by the Church of the coming of the Holy Spirit as the end - the achievement and fulfillment - of the entire history of salvation. For the same reason, however, it is also the celebration of the beginning: it is the "birthday" of the Church as the presence among us of the Holy Spirit, of the new life in Christ, of grace, knowledge, adoption to God and holiness.

This double meaning and double joy is revealed to us, first of all, in the very name of the feast. Pentecost in Greek means fifty, and in the sacred biblical symbolism of numbers, the number fifty symbolizes both the fullness of time and that which is beyond time: the Kingdom of God itself. It symbolizes the fullness of time by its first component: 49, which is the fullness of seven (7 x 7): the number of time. And, it symbolizes that which is beyond time by its second component: 49 + 1, this one being the new day, the "day without evening" of God's eternal Kingdom. With the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Christ's disciples, the time of salvation, the Divine work of redemption has been completed, the fullness revealed, all gifts bestowed: it belongs to us now to "appropriate" these gifts, to be that which we have become in Christ: participants and citizens of His Kingdom.



WISDOM FROM THE FATHERS

God is the life of all free beings. He is the salvation of all, of believers and unbelievers, of the just and the unjust, of the pious and the impious, of those freed from the passions and those caught up in them, of monks and those living in the world, of the educated or the illiterate, of the healthy or the sick, of the young or of the old. He is like the outpouring of light, the glimpse of the sun, or the changes of the weather, which are the same for everyone without exception.

St. John of the Ladder

If a man has no care whatever for himself because of love for God and virtuous deeds, knowing that God will take care of him - such hope is true and wise. But if a man takes care of his own affairs and turns to prayer only when unavoidable misfortunes overtake him and he sees no way of averting them by his own power, only then beginning to hope in God's aid - such hope is vain and false. True hope seeks the Kingdom of God alone and is convinced that everything earthly that is necessary for this transitory life will unfailingly be given.

St. Seraphim of Sarov

As it is impossible to verbally describe the sweetness of honey to one who has never tasted honey, so the goodness of God cannot be clearly communicated by way of teaching if we ourselves are not able to penetrate into the goodness of the Lord by our own experience.

St. Basil the Great



JUNE CONGRATULATIONS!

Anniversaries:

- 6/2 Gregory & Danyella Parsells
- 6/12 Fr. John & Mat. Emily Parsells
- 6/17 Alan & Denise Royal
- 6/22 Francis & Renie Abdow
- 6/24 Bill & Kathy Parrish
- 6/27 George & Ellen Kaloroumakis

Birthdays:

- 6/4 Danyella Parsells
- 6/6 Nicholas Parsells
- 6/9 Chadwick Stewart
- 6/9 Maria Stewart
- 6/10 Derek Keller
- 6/14 Cheryl Kokkinos
- 6/15 John Krynitsky
- 6/17 Alexander Azar
- 6/19 Richard Evanusa
- 6/25 Augustine Theodore Stewart
- 6/28 Renie Abdow
- 6/30 Christiana Milite
- 6/30 Bill Parrish

Namesdays:

- 6/29 Holy Apostles Peter & Paul
- Darrell Paul Wilson

Not on the list? Please see Fr. John.