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BULLETIN OF MAY 20, 2018

7TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA/MAY 20

Ss. Zebulon & Susanna of Georgia

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
Church School/ Teen Class; Coffee Hour

MONDAY/MAY 21 & TUESDAY/MAY 22

7 to 9:00p.m. Work Party in church to move
items to hall for flooring project

THURSDAY/MAY 24

7:00p.m. Parish Council Meeting

SATURDAY/MAY 26

Memorial Saturday

9:30a.m. General Memorial at Cemetery
(in case of rain 9:45a.m. in church)
5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

SUNDAY/MAY 27

PENTECOST SUNDAY

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
with Vespers & Kneeling Prayers;
Coffee Hour

MONDAY/MAY 28

Day of the Holy Spirit

Memorial Day

114th Pilgrimage to the Monastery of
St. Tikhon in So. Canaan, PA.

TUESDAY/MAY 29 & WEDNESDAY/MAY 30

7 to 9:00p.m. Work Party in church to move
items to hall for flooring project



Offerings Week of May 20

Relics Candle: for parishioners; in honor of St. John Maximovitch; for safe travel.

Olive Oil: in memory of Sarchisian and Bocai families; in memory of Michael, Justina, Anastasia, Dimitri, Rosalie, & Ivanna; for the health of Michael (birthday).

Wine: for the health and protection of Nicholas; for the health of Jerome Sr.

Litya Breads: for the health of Katherine

Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

May 21, 1985 Julia Grigorieff

May 22, 1939 Ephraim Demianov

May 22, 1951 Joseph Fenuck

May 23, 1925 John Korolovich

May 23, 1954 Wasyl Mlinetz

May 23, 1962 Thomas Cimpko

May 24, 1941 Semeon Kozak

May 27, 1977 Julian Sudillo

May 27, 1988 Tatiana Shvidrik

Coffee Hour Schedule

Coffee Hour Hosts prepare foods that are simple so you are not absent from the Divine Liturgy.

May 20 Peterson, Bakaletz, Mattei, Erkman & Stone

May 27 Kita, Keller, Turri, Torrisi & Kachek

Counters Schedule

May 20 Irina S. & Lisa K.

May 27 Larissa M. & Paulina N.

Ushers Schedule

May 20 Dennis F. & Robert E.

May 27 Edward S. & Kahka K.

Readers Schedule

May 20 Ciprian C. / May 27 Daniel T.

Parish Council Meeting -

May 24th, Thursday at 7:00p.m.

New Church Flooring Donations Received

The Total Cost of the Project is \$30,000

Total As of May 13th is \$22, 120 (74%)

House Keeping Items in regard to Children

Parents please make sure your offspring are not eating in the Gazebo, or going upstairs during coffee hour, leaving foods and plates in the Conference Room and meandering about on stairs or in areas other than the Lower Hall. Thanks.

Names day Greetings

St. Constantine/May 21: Constantine Gorbatuk

St. Helen/May 21: Helen Lapchuk

Many Blessed Years!

Recognition of Graduates – June 17th

On this Sunday we want to recognize our graduates. Please let Fr. James know as soon possible who they are and where they are graduating from.

May Month Annual Cemetery Appeal

One a year, in the month of May we make an appeal for cemetery care. Please use the envelope and enable us to keep our cemetery in the good order it is. The Lord bless your offering!

Commemoration Books Usage

The Bulletin of May 13 had an extensive article in regard to Commemoration Books and Prospora. If you are up-dating your book or purchasing a new one please follow the instructions provided.

The Installation of New Church Flooring begins on Monday, June 4th

On Sunday, June 10th we will join Holy Ghost Church for the Divine Liturgy, 9:30a.m. at their church. There will be no services in our church from June 4th, Monday until June 16th, Saturday.

Ss. Peter & Paul Lent: June 4th – 29th

This is one of the Four Lenten Seasons of the year.

Liturgical Notations for Paschal Season

- The Paschal Season is 50 days, ending with the Feast of Pentecost, this year on May 27.
- We do not kneel or make prostrations at church services or in our homes until Pentecost.
- The Prayer, "O Heavenly King..." is not said
- Until Pentecost Feast.



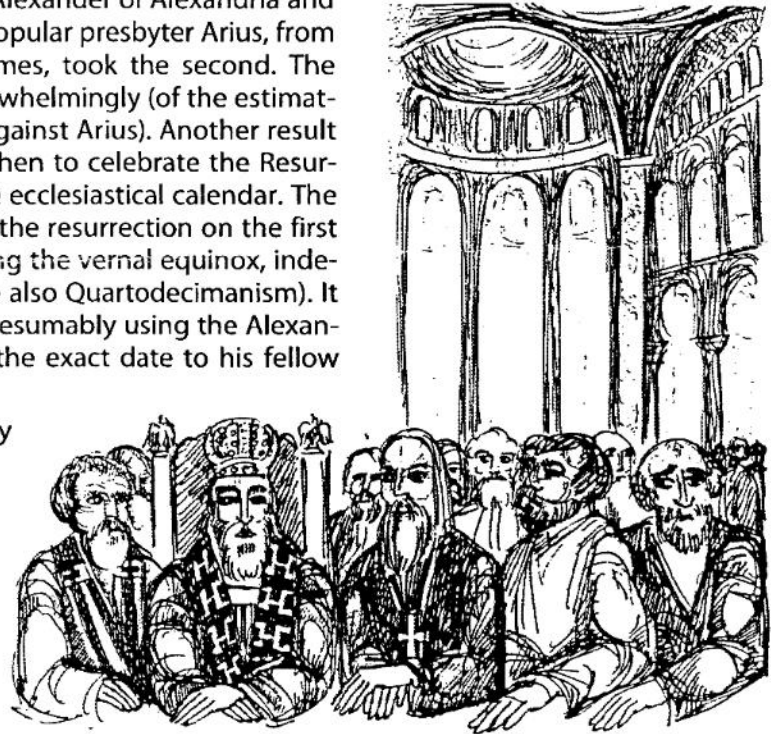
THE FIRST COUNCIL OF NICAEA
From Wikipedia.org



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.

LIVING IN THE BODY

Going to church for worship is one element in living as a Christian. *Being church* means making an active contribution to the Church's life, being a vital organ in a living body.

The first step in being church is being connected to others in our parish by:

- **Cultivating community** in the "fellowship of the Holy Spirit." Get to know one another in a more than casual way.
- **Treating others as brothers and sisters in the family** of God in Christ. Give others the time and attention we would give to our blood relatives.
- "Above all, **clothing yourselves with love**, which binds everything together in perfect harmony" (Colossians 3:14).



We nurture the relationships in the parish or the eparchy when we:

- ⌘ **Share our lives** – Authentic fellowship calls for more than coffee-hour courtesies. Grow to the stage when you can share your troubles as well.
 - ⌘ **Learn together** - Take part in adult formation, retreats, or workshops to encourage others as well as to improve our own spiritual life.
 - ⌘ **Work together** - Join in parish projects or committees to support the work of others as well as to make our own contribution. *"So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith"* (Galatians 6:10).
 - ⌘ **Encourage each other** – by supporting their efforts, praying for their concerns and building them up in the eyes of others. *"Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor"* (Romans 12:10).
 - ⌘ **Bear one another's burdens** – Be accepting of the weaker community members. There is no "perfect" church: every parish is made up of "saints" who are sinners, each with their own weaknesses and infirmities. *"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ"* (Galatians 6:2).
 - ⌘ **Admonish one another** – Do not shrink from confronting "family members" who are hurting others by promoting conflicts, pettiness, or legalism. *"My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted"* (Galatians 6:1).
 - ⌘ **Protect the unity of the church** – by avoiding gossip or cliques, and speaking ill of others.
 - ⌘ **Restore broken relationships** – when they occur by admitting our faults. No project or program is worth harming the family's inner life. *"If anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive"* (Colossians 3:13).
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ON THE CHURCH TEMPLE

By St. John Chrysostom

Just as a calm and sheltered harbor provides great security to the ships moored there, so does the temple of God: when people enter it, it snatches them away from worldly affairs as from a storm, and gives them the capacity to stand and listen to God's words in calm and security. This place is the bedrock of virtue and the school of spiritual life...You need only set foot on the threshold of a church and at once you are liberated from the cares of daily life. Go on into the church, and spiritual dew will envelop your soul. The stillness there moves you to awe, and teaches you how to live spiritually. It elevates your thoughts and prevents you from remembering things or matters belonging to the present life. It transports you from earth to heaven. And if there is such great gain from simply being in church when no service is going on, then how much benefit will people derive from being present...when the holy Apostles proclaim the Gospel, Christ stands in our midst, God the Father receives the Mysteries that are performed and the Holy Spirit gives His own joy.

John Chrysostom
ca. 349-407



ON FERVENT PRAYER TO GOD

By St. Nikolai Velimirovich

"Prayer consisting of words alone does not help if the heart does not participate in prayer. God hears only a fervent prayer. Abba Zoilus of Thebaid was once returning from Mt. Sinai and met a monk who complained to him, that they are suffering much from drought in the monastery. Zoilus said to him: 'Why don't you pray and implore God?' The monk replied: 'We have prayed and have implored, but there is no rain.' To this, Zoilus replied: 'It is evident that you are not praying fervently. Do you want to be convinced that it is so?' Having said this, the elder raised his hands to heaven and prayed. Abundant rain fell to the earth. Seeing this, the astonished monk fell to the ground and bowed before the elder, but the elder, fearing the glory of men, quickly fled. The Lord Himself said: 'Ask and it will be given you' (St. Luke 11:9). In vain are mouths full of prayer if the heart is empty. God does not stand and listen to the mouth but to the heart. Let the heart be filled with prayer even though the mouth might be silent. God will hear and will receive the prayer. For God only listens to a fervent prayer."



FULLY GIVEN TO GOD

By St. Silouan the Athonite

The Lord gave us the Holy Spirit, and the man in whom the Holy Spirit lives feels that he has paradise within him.

Perhaps you will say, 'Why is it I have not grace like that?' It is because you have not surrendered yourself to the will of God but live in your own way. Look at the man who likes to have his own way. His soul is never at peace and he is always discontented: this is not right and that is not as it should be. But the man who is entirely given over to the will of God can pray with a pure mind, his soul loves the Lord, and he finds everything pleasant and agreeable.

Thus did the Most Holy Virgin submit herself to God: 'Behold, the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to Thy word.' And were we to say likewise—'Behold the servant of the Lord; be it unto me according to Thy word'—then the Lord's words written in the Gospels by the Holy Spirit would live in our souls, and the whole world would be filled with the love of God, and how beautiful would life be on earth! And although the words of God have been heard the length and breadth of the universe for so many centuries, people do not understand and will not accept them. But the man who lives according to the will of God will be glorified in heaven and on earth."

MANVILLE REFORMED CHURCH



*Ss. Peter & Paul Church
1st Sunday of
each month
Food Basket in
our church
vestibule.*

May 5, 2018

St. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church
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Dear Reverend Parsells,

Thank you so much for the generous donation of canned goods to the Manville Reformed Church Food Pantry. The items your congregation provided have been distributed to families in town who are experiencing a hardship at this time. Each person who has come into the pantry for assistance has been very appreciative of the food they received. God has worked in a mighty way with the pantry and has provided for it each month through your church and other local organizations. On behalf of the Manville Reformed Church, thank you again to you and your congregation for assisting us with the pantry.

In His Name,

Cynthia Britt
Chief Elder
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