

### *A Word of Warning*

Store up in your minds the Lord's words which you receive through your ears, for the word of the Lord is the nourishment of the mind. When His word is heard but not stored away in the memory, it is like food which has been eaten and then rejected by an upset stomach. A person's life is despaired of if he cannot retain his food. So if you receive the food of holy exhortations, but fail to store in your memory those words of life which nurture righteousness, you have good reason to fear the danger of everlasting death. Be careful, then, that the word you have received through your ears remains in your heart. Be careful that the seed does not fall along the path, for fear that the evil spirit may come and take it from your memory. Be careful that the seed is not received in stony ground, so that it produces a harvest of good works without the roots of perseverance. Many people are pleased with what they hear and resolve to undertake some good work, but as soon as dif-

ficulties begin to arise and hinder them they leave the work unfinished. The stony ground lacked the necessary moisture for the sprouting seed to yield the fruit of perseverance.

Good earth, on the other hand, brings forth fruit by patience. The reason for this is that nothing we do is good unless we also bear with equanimity the injuries done us by our neighbors. In fact, the more we progress, the more hardships we shall have to endure in this world; for when our love for the present world dies, its sufferings increase. This is why we see many people doing good works and at the same time struggling under a heavy burden of afflictions. They now shun earthly desires, and yet they are tormented by greater sufferings. But, as the Lord said, they bring forth fruit by patience, because, since they humbly endure misfortunes, they are welcomed when these are over into a place of rest in heaven.

*St. Gregory the Great*

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. MEMORY OF THE FATHERS AT THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL



*Icon of the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council*



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**Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever! Слава Ісусу Христу! Слава навіки!**

**Reader Great Vespers: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays, 5:00pm**  
**Divine Liturgy in English, Sundays 10:30am**  
**Holy Mystery of Repentance (Confession): Sundays, 9:45am**  
 The church is open for prayer M-F, 9-5, unless otherwise announced.

**OCTOBER 12, 2025 – 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (TONE 1); THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL, AT NICAEA (AD 787); MARTYRS PROBOS, TARAKHOS, AND ANDRONIKES**

**GIVING REPORT** – The in-pew collection for October 5 was \$932.05. *We invite you to continue supporting the ministry of our parish as the baskets are passed on Sundays, or find us on [tithely](https://tithely.com), our e-giving platform. Thank you for your generosity, dedication, and support!*

**NO WEEKDAY DIVINE LITURGY** – No Divine Liturgy on Wednesday this week.

**CLERGY AWAY THIS WEEK** – Fr Robert and Fr Mykola are both away this week on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday for the Clergy Conference of the USA Ukrainian Catholic Metropolia being held in Chicago. If there should be an emergency; please ask the hospital to call any Catholic Priest to administer the Sacraments. Should there be a death in the parish, please call the parish emergency number at (202) 262-5040 and leave a message; we will make arrangements as soon as possible.

**READER GREAT VESPERS** is served on the second and fourth Saturday of each month at 5:00pm: This month on Oct 11 & 25. Contact Subdeacon David for more information: dmwallace@gmail.com. Coming to vespers is a great way to familiarize yourself with the samohlasni tones used during the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts on the Wednesdays and Fridays of Great Lent.

**WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB** will next meet on Thurs, October 16, 8:00pm, at 403 McCoys Ford Rd to pray and discuss *Always Believe in Love: Selected Writings of Elizabeth of the Trinity*. Newcomers welcome! Contact Kate: kateclairenelson@gmail.com

**4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PARISH CHILI COOKOFF & PUMPKIN DECORATING** – Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> after the Divine Liturgy. Bring a pot of your best chili. There are a variety of categories to enter. Pumpkin decorating for the children; pumpkins provided. Scan the QR code for more information and to sign-up!



One of the first Fathers who elaborated a theological foundation for icon veneration was Saint John of Damascus. He teaches: “I venerate the icon of Christ the incarnate God...because the honour that we render unto the image belongs to the Prototype.” In the icon, we venerate not the image but the imaged person, whom we prayerfully contemplate. This is because the icon raises our mind from the image to the Prototype. The Seventh Ecumenical Council of 787 condemned Iconoclasm and confirmed the veneration of icons of the Lord Jesus Christ, the most holy Mother of God, and the angels and saints. Along with this, the Council distinguished between adoration, which is due exclusively to God (in Greek, *latreia*), and veneration (in Greek, *proskynesis*), which we render unto icons, the Gospel Book, the cross, and the relics of saints. We venerate icons by kissing and censing them, and lighting candles and lamps before them. The icon is also the Church’s teaching expressed in images. Therefore it should be written not arbitrarily but only according to iconographic canons which ensure that the faces of Christ, the Mother of God, and of the saints are recognizable in all instances.

*Christ Our Pascha Catechism, 591*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Nancy & Jon Anderson, Julie, Lisa Behnke, Alison Bernhoft, Yevhenia Borys, Robert Matthew, Carrie Chuff, Elizabeth Deegan, Clara Anne Duda, Fr Michael Duesterhaus, Robert Dulaine, Pat Fagan, Danylo (Neyko) Fedoryka, Emma Flournoy, Katie Flynn, Lilian Garland, Jerry Gawron, CR Gaush, Samuel Gaush, Josie Hacker, Brigid and Marlena Hess, Ellen Hitchens, Janet Hitchens, Oksana Horszynska, Ihor Hulawyj, Sarah Kelt, Dixie Lane, Catherine Luckey, Destiny Makins, Michael Marshner & Family, Bridget McDonald, Laura McMahan, Vince McLaughlin, Thomas Pavick, Robert Rice, Chris Saboe, Betsy Sayre, Truman L Sayre, Jr, CJ & Theresa Sidrow, Amy Smith, Karena Tapsak, and Fr George Worschak. *Teresa Fedoryka is our prayer coordinator; please email bulletin prayer requests to [ssjoachimandannaucc@gmail.com](mailto:ssjoachimandannaucc@gmail.com).*

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost; Commemoration of the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council (AD 787)

**Troparion, Tone 1 (p. 329).** Though the stone was sealed by the Judeans,\* and soldiers guarded Your most pure body,\* You arose, O Saviour, on the third day,\* and gave life to the world.\* And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of Life:\* Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ!\* Glory to Your kingdom!\* Glory to Your saving plan,\* O only Lover of mankind. **Troparion, Tone 8 (p. 707).** Christ our God, You are glorified above all,\* You established our fathers as beacons on the earth\* and through them guided all of us to the true faith.\* Glory to You, most compassionate Lord. **Kontakion, Tone 1 (p. 330).** You arose in glory from the tomb\* and with Yourself You raised the world.\* All humanity acclaims You as God,\* and death has vanished.\* Adam exults, O Master,\* and Eve, redeemed now from bondage, cries out for joy:\* “You are the One, O Christ, Who offer resurrection to all.” (p. 707). *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.* **Kontakion, Tone 6 (p. 708).** The Son who ineffably shone from the Father\* was born two-fold of nature from a woman.\* Beholding Him, we do not reject the image of His form;\* but depicting it, we revere it faithfully.\* Therefore the Church, holding the true faith,\* kisses the icon of Christ’s becoming man. (p. 708). *Now and forever and ever. Amen.* **Theotokion, Tone 6 (p. 709).** Undaunted patroness of Christians,\* O steadfast intermediary with the Creator,\* turn not away from the suppliant voices of sinners,\* but in your kindness come to help us who cry out to you in faith.\* Be quick to intercede, make haste to plead,\* for you are ever the patroness of those who honour you, O Mother of God.

**Prokeimenon, Tone 1 (p. 332).** Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You. *verse:* Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. **Prokeimenon, Tone 4 (p. 710).** Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers,\* and praised and glorified is Your Name forever.

**Epistle: Hebrews 13:7-16.** Brothers and Sisters, Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings; for it is well for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by regulations about food, which have not benefited those who observe them. We have an altar from which those who officiate in the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also suffered outside the

city gate in order to sanctify the people by his own blood. Let us then go to him outside the camp and bear the abuse he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we are looking for the city that is to come. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

**Alleluia, Tone 1 (p. 332).** *verse 1:* God gives me vindication, and has subdued people under me. *verse 2:* Making great the salvation of the king, and showing mercy to His anointed, to David, and to His posterity forever. *verse 3:* The God of gods, the Lord, spoke and summoned the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. *verse 4:* Gather to Him His devout ones, who with sacrifice make covenant with Him.

**Gospel: John 17:1-13.** At that time, Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.

**Communion Verses.** Praise the Lord from the heavens,\* praise Him in the highest.\* Rejoice in the Lord, O you just;\* praise befits the righteous.\* Alleluia, alleluia,\* alleluia.