

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE 1ST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA

June 2, 2019

9:10 AM Rosary

9:30 AM Health/Blessings for all Parishioners

DIVINE SERVICES/EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, June 3rd

Readings: Acts 21:8-14, John 14:27-15:7

NO DIVINE SERVICES

Tuesday, June 4th

Readings: Acts 21:26-32, John 16:2-13

NO DIVINE SERVICES

Wednesday, June 5th

Readings: Acts 23:1-11, John 16:15-23

NO DIVINE SERVICES

6:30 PM BIBLE STUDY – in the parish hall

Thursday, June 6th

Readings: Acts 25:13-19, John 16:23-33

NO DIVINE SERVICES

Friday, June 7th

Readings: Acts 27:1-44, John 17:18-26

NO DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, June 8th

5th ALL SOULS SATURDAY

9:30 AM: TYPICA SERVICE FOR ALL SOULS (AS READER'S SERVICE)

Readings: For Saturday: Acts 28:1-31, 20:7-12, John 21:15-25

For All Souls: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17, John 4:24-30

5:00 PM SUNDAY VIGIL DIVINE LITURGY

Sunday, June 9th

HOLY AND GLORIOUS PENTECOST

8:40 AM Rosary

9:00 AM Health/Blessings for all Parishioners

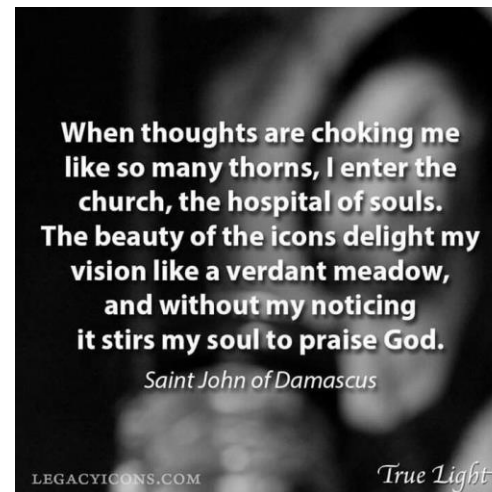
11:00 AM Alpha - Learning to Evangelize Session

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CONGRATULATIONS:

Happy wedding anniversary this week to Joe and Krystyna Szewczyk (6/6) and happy birthdays to Judy Schwager (6/2), Natalie Procyk (6/8) and Laszlo Szijarto (6/9)! Keep them in your prayers and may God grant them **many happy years, Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita!**

Do you want to recognize someone (or someones) in your life? Please let us know at holyghostmarketing@gmail.com and we will include them in the bulletin!

FESTIVAL HELP

Please pick up your envelopes located in the vestibule containing festival raffle ticket books. Return the filled out stubs and money from the sale to the collection basket any Sunday. Also, as we have done in the past, the Festival Committee is requesting monetary donations to help pay for the festival (raffle prizes, tent rental, entertainment, etc.). Every dollar helps! Envelopes marked "FESTIVAL DONATIONS" are available for your contributions at both church entrances.

FAITH FORMATION

Next Sunday, June 9th, after Divine Liturgy, we will hold our final Alpha - Learning to Evangelize sessions. These sessions have been great opportunities to discuss our faith with each other in honest and open dialogues. Even if you have not attended a prior session, we encourage you join us and share your thoughts.

ANNUAL PIEROGY OPEN INFO

This year the Pierogy Open will be held on Saturday, August 24 at Mayfair Country Club. The tee time will be at 2 pm., with our normal shotgun start. This includes a free lunch buffet before tee off. This event is important for our parish and the orphanage in Berezhany, Ukraine. The cost is \$60. Please try to bring a foursome or two! Please contact Chris Ross (330-620-8108) or Eddie Halamay (330-606-7888) for more information.

EASTER LILIES:

The lilies that graced our church during the Easter season will be available to take home. When planted in the ground, the lily bulbs should rebloom next year.

PLANNING AHEAD:

June 8 – 5th All Souls Saturday

June 9 – Pentecost: Sunday Liturgy will be at 9:00am

June 9 – "Learning to Evangelize" Session

June 16 – Josh Lehner's Baptism

June 17 – Apostles' Fast Begins

June 22 – Pyrohy

June 23 – Divine Liturgy at 9 AM

June 29 – Annual Parish Festival

June 30 – Divine Liturgy in Canton

August 24 – Pierogy Open

WHAT WAS THE 1ST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL?

Also known as the Council of Nicaea, the 1st Ecumenical Council was a gathering of Catholic bishops in 325 AD by the Roman Emperor Constantine I in the city of Nicaea (now Iznik, Turkey). Attendees included Patriarch Alexander of Alexandria, Patriarch Eustathius



of Antioch, St. Nicholas of Myra (yes, that one!), Eusebius of Caesarea (known as the first historian of the Church), Marcus of Calabria from Italia, Nicasius of Die from Gaul (modern-day France), and confessors such as Paphnutius of Thebes and Paul of Neocaesarea who still bore the marks of their persecutions and the great defender of the faith, St. Athanasius, a young deacon at the time.



Hagia Sophia of Nicaea, By Elelicht - Own work, CC BY-SA 3.0

The council sought to deal with:

1. The question of Arianism (the relationship of God the Father and God the Son)
2. Date of celebration of Easter
3. The Melitian schism (a schism on how to receive back those who renounced the faith during persecution and later repented)
4. Various matters of church discipline

The fruits of the efforts of the Council Fathers include:

1. The original version of the Nicene Creed was written (later modified at the First Council of Constantinople in 381) and specifically counters the Arian heresy
2. Easter was to be celebrated on a Sunday, uniformly worldwide, and chosen independently of the Jewish calendar. No details for determining the actual date of Easter were established during the Council.
3. While the Council dealt mildly with the Meletians, they joined the Arian cause and eventually faded around the mid-5th century
4. Twenty new church laws, or canons were promulgated.

VESPERS AS EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS

The structure of Vespers lends itself to evangelization and catechesis of people encountering God for the first time and advanced in their walk with Christ.

We pray Psalms, grounding us in the universe God created for us. These Psalms give us a past, present and future with Christ, connecting with the Israelites of the past, praying for mercy on us presently and echoing our ache and hope for a better future on earth and new life in Christ, a longing common between new and old seekers of Christ

We offer up prayer intentions through litanies and repeated responses, entering a meditative or contemplative state towards God. Non-Christians may be familiar with meditation; Through the liturgical service repetition, our thoughts focus on God as we ponder His Mystery.

We incorporate poetry and song from the Christian age, incorporated by the Church into the services as she has seen fit. These poems and songs remind us of Christ's love, grace and saving works for, as well as saints, apostles, prophets, and martyrs who have come before us and set an example for us, strengthening all those on the journey toward union with God.

As we seek to deepen our liturgical life in Christ and begin praying Vespers, ask to borrow a Great Vespers book or look in the Church library for a Horologion book and put study the prayers in preparation. Alternatively, download the ECPubs app and pray Vespers using the prayers provided. Let us seek to glorify God both personally and communally!

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC PRAYER APP:

A daily prayer app is now available from Eastern Christian Publications for iOS and Android devices. The app is titled "ECPubs" and is available for free download from either the Apple Store or Google Play. This is the only Byzantine Catholic app available in English with all the changeable prayer texts included for the Daily Office. The app is updated daily with full texts of The Hours and Daily Vespers, and with all changeable parts included according to the Byzantine *Typicon*, or liturgical calendar. To download and install the app, visit the Apple Store or Google Play and search for **ECPubs**.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:

With all lungs of the Church seeking to provide sufficiently for the spiritual needs of the faithful, let us pray for an increase in vocations to Holy Orders and growth of the monasteries.

"Almighty and merciful God, inspire those You have chosen to hear and answer Your call to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Give them the courage to be the prophets for our times. Give them the wisdom and openness to live their personal call. Give them the strength to be ready witness of Your love and care for the world. Amen."

PRAYER INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Father Sal and family journey back this week for the enthronement of Metropolitan Borys in Philadelphia. Let us pray for Father Sal and family for a relaxing vacation and safe trip back!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
ON THE OCCASION OF THE INAUGURATION OF THE MINISTRY OF
METROPOLITAN ARCHBISHOP BORYS GUDZIAK

EWTN will broadcast the Enthronement Divine Liturgy Live at 11 AM on Tuesday June 4th

P R O G R A M

All services will be in Ukrainian/English

**Sunday, June 2:
Opening Day**

4:30 PM "Twentieth Century Witness and Twenty First Century Mission, Eastern Catholics and the Universal Church". *Introductory Lecture by George Weigel*
 6:00 PM Vespers opening eight days of prayer

**Monday, June 3:
Day of Prayer**

8:00 AM Matins
 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
 6:00 PM Vespers with Lyttia
 7:00 PM Mothers in Prayer

**Tuesday, June 4:
Enthronement**

8:00 AM Matins
 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy presided by His Beatitude Sviatoslav and Enthronement
 2:00 PM Reception
 4:00 PM Concert Bria Blessing and Taras Chubay
 6:00 PM Vespers

**Wednesday, June 5:
Day of Clergy and Religious**

7:30 AM Matins
 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy
 10:30 AM Meeting of His Beatitude Sviatoslav and Metropolitan Borys with clergy
 3:30 PM Meeting of His Beatitude Sviatoslav and Metropolitan Borys with religious

**Thursday, June 6:
Conference at the Catholic University of America (Washington, DC)**

8:00 AM Divine Liturgy at the Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family (4250 Harewood Road, NE, Washington DC 20017)
 10:30 AM Registration for Conference
 11:00 AM Conference & Discussions
 5:30 PM Vespers
 6:30 PM Banquet at Ukrainian National Shrine of the Holy Family

**Friday, June 7:
Conference & Sightseeing in Washington**

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy at the Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family
 11:00 AM Post-Conference Round Table

**Saturday, June 8:
Archieparchial Youth Day, "Heart to Heart"**

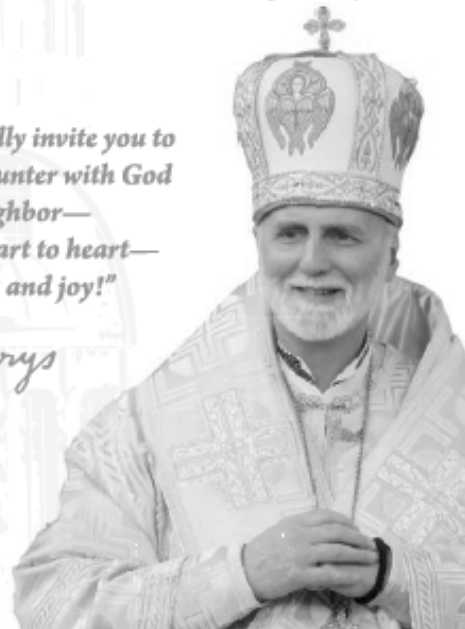
10:00 AM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with Metropolitan Borys
 11:30 AM Lunch
 12:15 PM Presentations and activities in groups
 2:00 PM Healing service
 3:00 PM Procession
 5:30 PM Supper at the Ukrainian Club soccer field and concert
 6:45 PM Youth Evangelical Program
 9 PM - 12 AM Night Vigil

**Sunday, June 9:
Pentecost Sunday – Unity in the Spirit: Sharing the Gifts**

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy with His Beatitude Sviatoslav and Metropolitan Borys

"I cordially invite you to an encounter with God and neighbor— from heart to heart— in peace and joy!"

+ *Borys*



LAWNCARE:

Your Lawncare Crew, Roman, Michael, & Ronald, would like to spend this season training NEW members "on the job" for this ministry to our parish community, in anticipation of the well-grounded hope of passing on to "higher positions." We work flexible hours and days according to the growing season, weather conditions, weddings, funerals, and any other unforeseen change of plans. We welcome students, part-timers, full-timers, or anyone who enjoys invigorating outdoor activities. Remuneration is negotiable, retirement benefits are "out of this world!" This could lead to a lifetime achievement award or just a "hobby" according to your needs. Parishioners only. Serious inquiries please contact: Fr. Sal, Roman Kostiuk, or Mike Mosyjowski. Thank you to those who inquired about helping!

DAILY WISDOM FROM THE BIBLE

Looking for a daily dose of Divinely-inspired motivation? Sign up for our Proverbs text message service by texting "DAILYPROVERBS" to 552-22 and receive a proverb every morning on your phone as you start your day.

WHILE FATHER IS AWAY:

Please be advised that Fr. Sal is on vacation. For any church related matters, please contact Patty Lehner 330-603-0199 or Michael Mosyjowski: 330-644-3063.

In case of Emergency for Sacraments of Holy Anointing of the sick, please contact:

- St. Francis Parish @ (330) 644-2225
- Fr. David Misbrener (330)325-0557
dmisbrener@neo.rr.com
- Fr. Volodymyr Hrytsyuk (440-832-1318)

VISIT THE HOLY GHOST LIBRARY

Located in the parish hall near the double doors, our library has books and other materials to borrow. Browse selections on Liturgy, Scripture, Mary, Saints, prayer, the Sacraments, and children's books. Let us know if you have books to add to the library. Books of this type may be left in the box marked "Book Donations" near the Library shelves.

FOOD DONATIONS

We are accepting donations of non-perishable food items in blue bin located in the narthex for the Akron- Regional Foodbank. May God bless your generosity!

BIBLE STUDY—COME AND SEE!

Every **Wednesday at 6:30 PM** in the parish hall, a group of men and women gather to pray, read, study, and learn more about our Faith through readings from the Catechism, the Old and New Testaments. Interesting commentary and questions about real-life issues from our reading material and from each other help us to discern God's Voice in the midst of our busy lives. Please join us.

FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T JOIN US:

Know that we are praying for all the souls connected with Holy Ghost Parish, the Ukrainian Catholic Church, the Greater Catholic (Universal) Church, and all Christian souls in the world. We also pray for non-Christians, and we pray for our enemies. The goal of our prayers is to bring the world into greater harmony, that all may become one in the unity of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ, as he commanded.

The Ukrainian Catholic Church in America will celebrate the installation of the new Metropolitan-Archbishop of Philadelphia, Borys Gudziak, with the installation itself taking part on June 4, 2019 in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia, PA. Archbishop Gudziak is inviting children, youth, and young adults from all four Ukrainian Catholic eparchies in the United States to take part on Saturday, June 8, in the bi-lingual (English-Ukrainian) youth day in Philadelphia that will be an opportunity for our young people and the leadership of our Church to spend time, pray, and glorify the Lord together. The Eparchial Youth Committee has been tasked by our Bishop Bohdan Danylo to organize a youth group from our eparchy for the June 8 event.

Those young people, who are planning to attend the event are asked to register in the following manner. First, an e-mail needs to be sent to h2hyouthday@gmail.com with the young person's name, mailing address, age, and the primary language. Secondly, once the organizing committee in Philadelphia receives this information, they will send to the participant the forms that need to be filled out as well as the detailed information about the event. Thirdly, as soon as the young person is registered with the Philadelphia Archeparchy, he or she immediately needs to send an e-mail to Fr. Lubomyr Zhybak at zhybak@hotmail.com if a young person wishes to travel to Philadelphia with other young people from our eparchy (the cost of the transportation is free; it will be covered by St. Josaphat Eparchy). Please, have the young people register no later than May 19, 2019.

It is important, from time to time, to remind the people of our Eparchy that if anyone has been the victim of sexual abuse by the clergy or laity, he or she should come forward and make that known either to the bishop, to one's pastor, or to a member of the special Review Board that handles such cases. The bishop can be reached at his Chancery at: 1-440-888-1522 or by writing at: Most Rev. Bishop Bohdan J. Danylo, Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat, P.O. Box 34780, Parma, OH 44134"

THE UNITED STATES COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

We are all invited to visit www.usccb.org/conscience to learn more about various social issues relative to the teaching of the Catholic Church. It helps to stay informed, as we continue to mature in our Catholic Christian Faith. See what the hierarchy has discussed, decided and published in order to guide the faithful.

“28. The parish is not an outdated institution; precisely because it possesses great flexibility, it can assume quite different contours depending on the openness and missionary creativity of the pastor and the community. While certainly not the only institution which evangelizes, if the parish proves capable of self-renewal and constant adaptivity, it continues to be “the Church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters”. This presumes that it really is in contact with the homes and the lives of its people, and does not become a useless structure out of touch with people or a self-absorbed group made up of a chosen few. The parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God's word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration. In all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelizers. It is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a center of constant missionary outreach.”

Pope Francis, *Apostolic Exhortation on the Proclamation of the Gospel in Today's World*

ARE YOU READY?:

Many people think because they attend a particular parish, they automatically belong. But membership requires signing up---formally enrolling yourself in parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish. Please make an effort to register in our parish.

FORGIVENESS:

Forgiveness does not mean acceptance of a lie. When we forgive, we don't put up with evil, but on the contrary, we name it and call a wrongdoer as such. But when we forgive, this means that first of all we throw evil out of our own heart. Only that person who is spiritually higher and stronger, can forgive. To forgive means to overcome evil. Forgiveness does not mean release from responsibility for wrongdoings. Fair punishment is necessary for reconciliation. Otherwise how can we speak about the due respect for the victims of crimes, due satisfaction for their offences if, according to the principles of justice, the person who offended them will not suffer deserved punishment?

MARRIAGE The Holy Mystery of Marriage (from the catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church) Marriage Is a Mystery of Love between a Man and a Woman # 472

Marriage is based on the fact that the married couple mutually complements one another. The Church gives witness to this in a prayer of the Rite of Crowning: “Holy God, you created man from the dust and from his side fashioned a woman as a suitable helpmate for him, for

such was the good pleasure of your majesty that man should not be alone on earth.” In their gender differentiation, a man and a woman complete one another, creating an indissoluble union of one body

St. Paul of the Cross was an expert in helping people to connect their experience with Jesus’ Passion: “

I will try with all my strength to follow the footsteps of Jesus. If I am afflicted, abandoned, desolate, I will keep Him company in the Garden. If I am despised and injured, I will keep him company in the Praetorium. If I am depressed and afflicted in the agonies of suffering, I will keep him company faithfully on the Mount, and in a generous spirit I will keep him company on the Cross with the lance in my heart. Oh, how sweet it is to die!”

Prayer for Priests

O Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests; for Your unfaithful and tepid priests; for Your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for Your tempted priests; for Your lonely and desolate priests; for Your young priests; for Your dying priests; for the souls of Your priests in purgatory. But above all I recommend to You the priests dearest to me; the priest who baptized me; the priests who absolved me from my sins; the priests at whose Divine Liturgies I assisted and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way. O Jesus, keep them all close to Your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen

Our life, given us by the Lord, is given in order that we would use it correctly and advantageously. If we didn’t have life, than everything else would not have any worth or value. Only in the context of our life everything else can have some kind of value. If God gifted us with life, then He expects us to spend it profitably and bring Him the fruits in our particular state of life. The Lord gave us life, and better said, lent it – handed it to us. In the final analysis, it is not our property, we are only making use of it and some day we will stand before God to bring its fruits from it.

It’s similar to that when someone who has a treasure, money, and tries to deposit it in the best way, either in a bank or in a business, in order that the transaction would yield a profit. So it is with our life—it’s an enormous treasure. And the question rests is in this, where we are investing it. Inevitably we will invest it. If we invest it correctly, then later in eternity, we will have accrued a profitable yield from this transaction.

Other Bulletin Ideas:

Byzantine Catholic Prayer App:

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P.A.C. Meeting:

The Pastor’s Advisory Council will meet Sunday, June 10th following the 9:30am Divine Liturgy. All members (M. Mosyjowski) I. Fenkanyn, D. Griffiths, Pat or T. Lehner, MD., T Lehner Jr, Jeremy & Judy Schwager, A. Stump, S. Syvanych) are requested to attend. The upcoming Festival will be discussed, as well as other pertinent topics.

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KIDS BULLETIN:

We now have a children's bulletin available in the vestibule each week. It has religious stories and games aimed at the youth in our church. Feel free to take some for a child or a grandchild who may not be here. A new addition will be available each week.

Vespers & Matins

In keeping with Apostolic Tradition, we pray with the traditions we have received from our fathers. In ancient Israel, the Torah (or Pentateuch) commanded the Israelites to pray in the morning and evening (the Shema). The early Church also assembled twice a day for prayers, and after legalization of Christianity, assembled in the Churches to pray. Out of these assemblies developed what we know as Vespers and Matins (or Orthros in Greek).

From *Christ our Pascha*:

“541 Of the Divine Services of the daily cycle it is Vespers and Matins that have entered parish life most consistently. Great Vespers is celebrated each Saturday evening and Resurrection Matins every Sunday morning...The unique theological, spiritual, poetic, and artistic riches of Vespers and Matins help us to integrate more deeply into our lives the history of salvation.

542 Fundamentally, Vespers is a prayer in which we alternately glorify the Lord, ask for his gifts, and repent for our sins.

544 The core parts of Matins are the Six Psalms, the Gospel reading (when appointed), the Canon, the Psalms of Praise, and the Doxology. The Six Psalms (also known as the Hexapsalm), which open Matins, reveal the faithful keeping watch in expectation of the victorious approach of Christ's light.”

Other Sources:

The Way newsletter