

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST COUNCIL



Icon of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicea

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May 13-20, 2018 SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE 1ST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

Epistle: Acts 20:16-18 28-38

Gospel: John 17:1-13

SATURDAY(English) For the Living and deceased Mother's of our parish
SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE 1ST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL MOTHER'S DAY
9:30AM (Ukrainian) For the Parishioners & Mother's Day intentions
11:00AM(English) For the Living and deceased Mother's of our parish

Daily Divine Liturgies are celebrated at 9:00AM. Please join us in prayer.

MONDAY + Robert Hutnik – JoAnn Fulmer

TUESDAY +Anna Drozd – Halyna Henhalo

5:30PM CHOIR PRACTICE for PENTECOST

WEDNESDAY Special Intention: Fr Dan

5:30PM Moleben to Mother of God

THURSDAY No Divine Liturgy

FRIDAY +Anisia & Petro Mirchuk – Ihor Mirchuk

12:00 noon Rosary

SATURDAY 6:00PM VESPERS FOR PENTECOST: BLESSING OF CHURCH

7:00PM WINE AND CHEESE SOCIAL IN CHAPEL CENTER

PENTECOST SUNDAY : May 20, 2018

10:00AM (English and Ukrainian) For the Parishioners

Divine Liturgy with Archbishop Stefan Soroka : First Solemn Communion

Maria Laurenzi, Matthew Patskan, Cara Beery

12:00 noon: Feast Day Dinner

<u>COLLECTION</u> \$	Sunday Collection :	\$1991.00
	Painting Fund :	<u>\$1500.00</u>

Total : \$3491.00 Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Eternal Light & Altar Candles In memory of +Joseph Bodnar – Robert and Mary Sarisky

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE NICENE COUNCIL (Seventh Paschal Sunday)

First Antiphon: All you peoples, clap your hands; shout to God with cries of gladness.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear; great King over all the earth.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

He subdues peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

God ascends amid shouts of joy; the Lord ascends amid sounds of trumpets.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

2nd Antiphon: Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; let us acclaim God, our Savior.

Son of God, who ascended in glory, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Troparion (6): Angelic powers were upon Your tomb and the guards became like dead men; Mary stood before Your tomb seeking Your most pure body. You captured Hades without being overcome by it. You met the Virgin and granted life. O Lord risen from the dead, glory be to You!

Troparion - Ascension (4): You ascended in glory, O Christ our God; You delighted the disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through this blessing, they were assured, that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world. Troparion -

Holy Fathers (8): O Christ our God, You are most glorified, for You established our fathers as lights upon the earth. Through them You led us to the true faith. O most merciful Lord, glory be to You!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, and for ever and ever:

Amen. Kontakion -- Ascension (4): When You fulfilled the plan of salvation for us and united all things on earth to those in heaven, O Christ our God, You ascended in glory, never leaving us, but remaining ever-present. For You proclaimed to those who love You: I am with you and no one else has power over you.

Prokimenon: Blessed are You, and praiseworthy, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and glorious forever is Your name.

Verse: In all that You have done Your justice is apparent.

Epistle: Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles. (Acts 20,16-18;28-36) In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus in order not to lose time in the province of Asia, for he was hurrying to be in Jerusalem, if at all possible, for the day of Pentecost. From Miletus he had the presbyters of the church at Ephesus summoned. When they came to him, he addressed them, "You know how I lived among you the whole time from the day I first came to the province of Asia. Keep watch over yourselves and over the whole flock of which the holy Spirit has appointed you overseers, in which you tend the church of God that he acquired with his own blood. I know that after my departure savage wolves will come among you, and they will not spare the flock. And from your own group, men will come forward perverting the truth to draw the disciples away after them. So be vigilant and remember that for three years, night

and day, I unceasingly admonished each of you with tears. And now I commend you to God and to that gracious word of his that can build you up and give you the inheritance among all who are consecrated. I have never wanted anyone's silver or gold or clothing. You know well that these very hands have served my needs and my companions. In every way I have shown you that by hard work of that sort we must help the weak, and keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus who himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" When he had finished speaking he knelt down and prayed with them all.

Alleluia Verses: Verse: The God of gods, the Lord, has spoken and summoned the earth, from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Verse: Summon before Me, My people who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice

Gospel: (Jn 17,1-13) At that time, Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that he may give eternal life to all you gave him. Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ. I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began. I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you gave me is from you, because the words you gave to me I have given to them, and they accepted them and truly understood that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours, and everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are. When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely."

It is truly right... (Or the Hirmos of the Feast): O my soul, extol the Lord, Who, in glory ascended bodily into heaven. / We, the faithful, with one accord extol you, O Mother of God; /for, in a manner beyond our understanding and expression, you gave birth in time to the Lord, /Whom time cannot contain.

Communion Verse: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Instead of: We have seen the true light: Be exalted above the heavens, O God, and let Your glory be over all the earth. **May our mouths be filled:** Be exalted above the heavens, O God, and let Your glory be over all the earth. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (3)

COMPLETION OF CHURCH PAINTING PROJECT

Special thanks to all those who have donated towards our project, if you haven't donated please consider a donation towards this project. It will help us meet our financial goals. Thank you .

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SCHEDULE FOR PENTECOST VISIT WITH ARCHBISHOP STEFAN

SATURDAY EVENING 6:00PM VESPERS FOR PENTECOST with the blessing of the new church interior with Archbishop Stefan

7:00PM -8:30PM WINE AND CHEESE SOCIAL in the chapel community center.

SUNDAY MAY 20, 2018 10:00AM DIVINE LITURGY in English and Ukrainian for Pentecost with Archbishop Stefan

First Solemn Communion for Maria Laurenzi - Matthew Patskan - Cara Beery

11:30PM Dinner and Social in the Church hall with Archbishop Stefan

Donations accepted at the door for each event for Chancery Building Fund.

This is the final week for registering for the socials after the Vespers service and blessing of our church with Archbishop Stefan, Please show your support by registering this weekend. Thank you.

CANTOR AND CHOIR PREPARATION

We will have a meeting on May 15th at 5:30PM in the chapel community center to go over the services for Pentecost Vespers and Liturgy, The services will be in English and Ukrainian and books will be provided for each service. Please join us to make this celebration a prayerful and unified expression of our love and faith. Thank you.

JUNE 10TH : FAREWELL SERVICE IN CATHEDRAL: Archbishop Stefan

On Sunday June 10 at 3:00PM there will be a moleben service to the Mother of God at our Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception for our recently retired Archbishop Stefan Soroka. We will be traveling to Philadelphia for the event, anyone wishing to join us please sign the registration sheet in the vestibule of the church

MAY DEVOTIONS

During the Month of May we offer our attention and prayers in a special way to our Mother of God Mary. The Rosary will be recited on **Fridays at 12:00noon** and the **Moleben** to the Mother of God will held on **Wednesdays at 5:30PM**. Please join us in honoring Mary and asking for her love and protection during this special time of year!

SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to all those who came to help at our pyrohy sale this past week. 315 dozen were made! Special thanks to : Dan Bodnar, Jean Lakomski, Bill Hutnik, JoAnn Fulmier, Judy Palinkas, Olga Bryksa, Paulette Bellis, Donna Hale, Pat Peters, Diane Bush, Ed Herman, Maria Best, Maryann Kramer, Kathy Sargent, Stefania Trusz, Linda Hutnik, Robert Sarisky, Lori Wynne, Debbi Osmun, Fr Dan, Oleh Balaziuk, Elizabeth Poleschuk, Wilhelmina Wichryk, Karen Eible, God bless them for their dedication and support!

IN MEMORIAM

We offer our sympathy and prayers to Dan & Loretta Bodnar on the death of his brother **+Joseph Bodnar**.

We offer our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Linda Hutnik on the death of her brother **+Robert Hutnik**, who died this past week.

We offer our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of **+Catherine Kutzler**, a long time member of Holy Ghost who died this past week. Her funeral services will be held Wednesday.

We offer our love and prayers to the family of **+Yanochka Masley**, the baby girl from Ukraine we had been praying for and collected funds for. After a long hospital stay, she passed away last week. Special thanks to all those who donated towards her family's expenses and offered your prayers.

May our Lord comfort the family and friends of our departed brothers and sister and may their memory be eternal **VICHNAYA PAMYAT!**

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS go out to Chrissy and Zachary Mattes who had birthdays last week! **MNOHAYA LITA!**

NEW BABY: CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our love and congratulations to Michelle (Veresink) and Eric Richmond on the birth of their son **Wyatt Laurence Richmond**. The maternal grandparents are Ted and Rosemary Veresink. May God bless this new life and may God grant them all many healthy and happy years! **MNOHAYA LITA**

Please remember to pray for the sick and all those who have requested our prayers

Betty Terleski	Paul Ridilla	Olga Turczyn	Sister Servants
Mae Kulczykcki	Sophie Troyan	Claudette Kemmerer	Iryna Stefurak
Melvane Thatcher	Craig Stoken	Richard Suter	Basilian Sisters
Olga Bryksa	Julian Trusz	Michael Sidlar	Fr Dan Gurovich
Lillian Opp	Frank & Betty Maitiski	Sarah Shanks	Monks of Mt Tabor
Kim Lightcap	Gregory & Dot Neff	John Wolfgang	Fr Mark Fesniak
Margaret Dashe	Helen Potak	Kathleen Cremone	Olga Trusz
Mary Heverling	Frieda Lubosky	Barbara Hacker	Fr. David Clooney
Delbert Atherholt	Harold Osmun	Michael Brodt	Paulette Bellis
Stefania Trusz	Diane Troyan	Bryant Pfaff	Archbishop Stefan
Jean Lakomski	John Grabowski	Joseph Liptock	Yanochka Masley

THE CHAPEL SCHEDULE

- **Alcoholics Anonymous** Every Monday at 7:00AM there is an open meeting for those interested in learning more about alcoholism and alcoholics.
- **Ukrainian American Veterans Post 42** meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday at 7:00PM for their business & Post meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **MAY 13 Mother's Day**
- **FRIDAY 5:30PM** Setting up hall and chapel for festivities
- **MAY 20 PENTECOST: Blessing of Church with Archbishop Stefan Soroka**
- **6:00PM SATURDAY Vespers & Blessing**
- **10:00AM English & Ukrainian Divine Liturgy for Pentecost and First Solemn Communion**
- **MAY 28 9:00AM Memorial Day Service at West Easton Borough Hall**
- **10:00AM Memorial Day Services at Holy Ghost Cemetery**
- **May 29 5:30PM FESTIVAL MEETING**
- **June 12-13: Pyrohy Making for Festival**
- **June 17 FATHER'S DAY**
- **June 24 HOLY GHOST PICNIC FESTIVAL 12:00-6:00PM**

PENTECOST SUNDAY: BLESSING OF RENOVATIONS OF CHURCH

On May 20th 2018: Pentecost, we will have the official blessing of the newly renovated dome and church interior with our Archbishop Emeritus Stefan Soroka. There will be vespers at 6:00PM Saturday for Pentecost with the blessing of the church interior, and 10:00AM Divine Liturgy in English and Ukrainian and First Confession and Solemn communion for Maria Laurenzi and Matthew Patskan, and Cara Beery

Mothers in Prayer

(By uniting in prayer, we save our children.)



Єднаючись у молитві,
ми рятуємо наших дітей

«Cease your cries of mourning,
Wipe the tears from your eyes.

The sorrow you have shown shall have its reward, says the
Lord,

They shall return from the enemies land.
There is hope for our future, says the Lord;
Your sons shall return to their won borders.»

(Jeremiah 31. 16-17)

The **Mother's in Prayer Movement** started in England in 1995 when two grandmothers, Veronica and her sister in law Sandra decided to pray for their

children in a special way. While they prayed they realized that Jesus wants all mothers to entrust their children under His care, to pass along their maternal love to Him so that He could send his blessings on their children. The Mother's in Prayer Movement spread all over the world. The mothers gather for common prayer every first Friday of the month. They pray for their children and grandchildren and for children who have no relatives and have no one to pray for them. Common prayer brings them closer to God, and what's more, God draws near to them and their relatives, for their faith opens the way for them to their Creator. At the end of each prayer session on First Friday they take part in a Divine Liturgy where they pray for the above mentioned intentions.

Their road to God, as with every person of faith, is made up of good deeds, prayer, fasting and almsgiving. **Prayer** is one wing - and **faith** another and they raise their community to heaven. Prayer without faith makes about as much sense as faith without prayer. **Fasting** is an expression of love and devotion, a sacrifice of creature comforts in order to reach heaven. **Almsgiving** is a bright example that we think not only of ourselves but, first of all, about our neighbors. Beside praying for their children the mothers do charity work to benefit people in need.

We will be organizing a Mother's In Prayer group for our parish community, Please see Tanya Bondar Shevtsiv 773-875-5885 or Oxana Patskan 859-230-5426 for information. There is a registration sheet in the vestibule of the church. Please include your name and number and you will be contacted with additional information. Thank you



We ask God's blessings, health,
And Happiness on all of the
Mother's of our parish!
May God Grant them many ,happy
Years MNOHAYA LITA!

In blessed repose grant eternal rest
O Lord to the deceased Mother's of
Our parish and may their memory
Be eternal! VICHNAYA PAMYAT!

Mother's Day Remembrance

Living:

Jane Atherholt, Kathy Paskewicz

Joyce Beery

Irene Noe

Sherry Bellfy

Julia Barna, Paulette Bellis, Dalaine
Mary Lou Shannon

Irene Tomori

Loretta Bodnar

Olga Bryksa

JoAnn Fulmer

Arlene Zeigafuse, Nicole Hutnik
Ruth Hutnik

Ruth Hutnik

Nancy Eible, Karen Eible, Kathleen
Cremone, Anna Carlson

Debi Schaeffer, Ketal Cron

Luba Iieczko

Requested By:

Atherholt Family

Cara Beery

Joyce Beery

Emily & Sarah

Bellis Family

Larry & Kathy Birgl

Daniel Bodnar

Bryksa Family

Children
Barbara Hacker

Bill & Ruth Hutnik

Daniel, Aaron, Nicole, Emma
Brynn

Tom and Karen Eible

Margie Frable

Iieczko Family

Deceased:

+ Jean Paskewicz, Nancy Atherholt, Anna Wimmer
Mary Paskewicz

+Mary Barna, Margaret, Tessie, Anna & Mary Barna

+Barbara Sowirka, Pearl Birgl

+ Stella Bodnar, Agnes Gutowski, Antoinette Ridill

Julia Sagat, Sophie Bryksa

+Anna, +Jean, +Effie, +Millie
+Susan, +Isabelle +Theresa
+Mildred Bartholomew, +Margaret "Peg"
Hutnik +Emma Marsh, +Melvenc Haffner

+ Helen Kozup, Grace Dunn, Elizabeth Popovich
Ann Eible

+ Anna & Carolyn Pokrivchuk, Julia Joseph, Anna
Morris, Helen Stechel

+Kathryn Tokarski, +Josephine Iieczko

Cindy Preston, Kathy Sagl, Diane Snyder Maryann Kramer	Stan & Maryann Kramer	+Lauser Family, +Simock Family +Kramer Family
Rachel LaChance	Caclin & Ian	
Jean Lakomski Lucille Kopcko	Jean Lakomski	+Ksenia Sidlar +Anna Kramer, +Katherine Hrycyshyn
Marichka Myts	Robert & Roberta Leiby	+Anna Dollinger, +Betty Leiby, +Mary Dranchak, +Mary Szvetocz
Sonia Laurenzi	Maria & Joseph	
Marlene Lightcap Kristine Steele	Lightcap Family	+Mary Bogusky
Betty Maitski	Maitski Family	+Justyna Hryniw +Anna Maitski
Alexandra Michtchak Anna Bilan, Vitalia Martinez	Vitalia, Noel, Nila and Noel Martinez	
Christine Mattes	Julia, Ryan, Mikayla & Zachary Bernadette Shifter	+Olga Kucynda, +Eva Kucynda
Anna Alexandra Nataliya	Michtchak Family	
Helen Maloney, Barbara Maloney Arlene Engert	Maloney Family	+Stella Suter
Dorothy Neff, Mary Macht Margaret Pavkovic	Neff Family Irene Noc	+Sophie Tomko, +Elizabeth Neff +Susan Tomko, +Susan Neff +Lyona Drutarovsky
Oksana Patskan	Judy Palinkas & JoAnn Fulmer	+Josephine Romanic, +Anna Vedomsky, +Catherine Romanic
	Matthew Patskan	
	Harry Praschyk Jr	+Kateryna Praschyk
Elizabeth Poleschuk	Poleschuk Family	+Mary Bodnarsky
Katherine Sargent, Eugenia Ursone	Sargent Family	+Kateryna Praschyk
Oksana Savkanich	Petro Savkanich	
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Barbara Maloney, Donna Suter, Andrea Suter	Richard Suter	+Stella Suter
	Elizabeth Terleski	+Anna Terleski
		+Mary Holownathy
Bohdonna Sidlar, Jennifer Thatcher, Elizabeth Williamson, Terry Thatcher	Thatcher Family	+Eugenia Perih +Anna Sidlar
Sophie Troyan, Patricia Smith Christine Masser ,Sarah Shanks	Troyan Family	+Anna Machuzak, +Anna Troyan +Helen Warcholyk,
Olga Trusz	Trusz Family	+Katarzyna Trusz +Rosalia Makanec +Tekla Makanec, +Maria Halubec
Stefania Trusz Danuta Garasio	Stefania Trusz & Family	+Maria Pliszka, +Franceszka Pliczka +Katerina Trusz
Rosemary Veresink Sandra Veresink Michelle Richmond	Veresink Family	+Anna Veresink, +Rosalia Veresink, +Alexandra Lubosky, +Evelyn Evans
Wilhelmina Wichryk Leah Wright, Geena Wichryk	Adam Wichryk	+Dorothy Wichryk
Wilhelmina Wichryk Leah Wright, Geena Wichryk	Wilhelmina Wichryk	+Dorothy Wichryk, +Anna Wichryk, +Bronislawa Wilkowska
Wilhelmina Wichryk Janice Wright	Dave & Leah Wright	+Dorothy Wichryk
Lori Wynne	Patrick & Christopher	
Carol Verboot	Verboot /Ileczko Family	+Josephine Ileczko
Judy Palinkas, Merle Wynne, JoAnn Fulmer	Wynne Family	+Josephine Romanic, +Ruth Herbert
Lynn DiRenzo	Anthony & Phillip	
Jaroslawa Zuk Iryna Makota, Marta Makota	Zuk Family	+Maria Pliszka, Eugenia Makota Natalia Gumetska



A prayer for Mother's Day

Lord, we remember the mothers
who have gone before us.

**For their love, sacrifice, struggle
and joy, we thank you.**

Lord, we remember the mothers of
Scripture who are a part of our story
as we are a part of your story.

**For their courage, faith, love and
fierceness, we thank you.**

Lord, we remember those who have not
given birth to us, but are mothers to us.
**For their gift of themselves that they
have given, we thank you.**

For the women who struggle with
fertility, for those women whom
society labels as less in their childlessness,
for those women who have lost children.

**For their tears, for their strength,
for their wisdom, for their lives,
we thank you.**

In your name we pray. Amen.

Knowledge of the True God Nurtures Us to Eternal Life

Are we saying that knowledge is eternal life? Are we saying that to know the one true and living God will suffice to give us complete security for the future without need of anything else? Then how is "faith apart from works dead?" When we speak of faith, we mean the true knowledge of God and nothing else, since knowledge comes by faith. The prophet Isaiah tells us this: "If you do not believe, neither shall you understand." But he is not talking about a knowledge that consists in barren speculations, which is entirely worthless. For one of the holy disciples said, "You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe and shudder." What then shall we say to this? How is it that Christ speaks the truth when He says that eternal life is the knowledge of God the Father, the one true God, and with Him of the Son? I think, indeed, we must answer that the saying of the Savior is completely true. For this knowledge is life, laboring as it were in birth of the whole meaning of the mystery and

granting to us participation in the mystery of the Eucharist, whereby we are joined to the living and life-giving Word. And for this reason, I think, Paul says that the Gentiles are made fellow members of the body and fellow partakers of Christ, inasmuch as they partake in His Blessed Body and Blood. And our members may in this sense be conceived of as being members of Christ. This knowledge, then, which also brings to us the Eucharist by the Spirit, is life. For it dwells in our hearts, reshaping those who receive it into son-ship with Him and molding them into incorruption and piety toward God through life, according to the Gospel. Our Lord Jesus Christ, then, knowing that the knowledge of the one true God brings to us and promotes our union with the blessings of which we have spoken, says that it is eternal life. It is the mother and nurse of eternal life, being in its power and nature pregnant with those things that cause life and lead to life.

St. Cyril of Alexandria