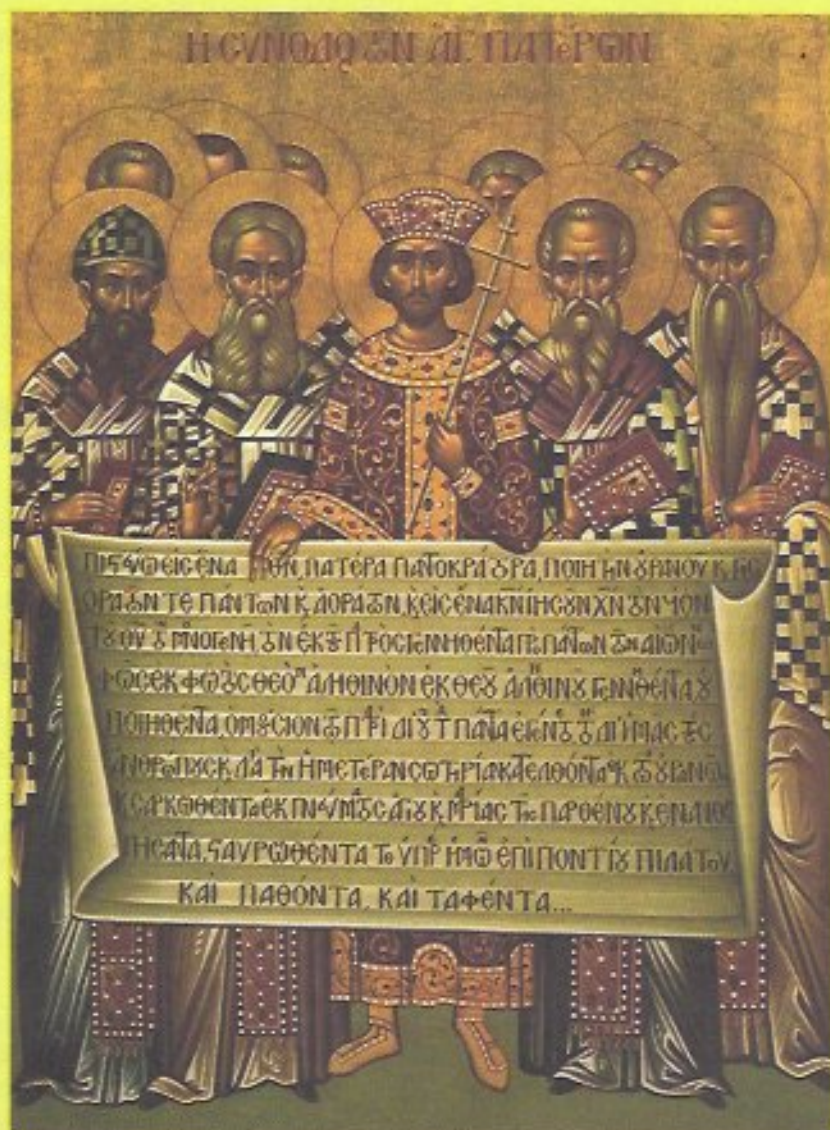


SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS AT THE
FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL AT NICEA



Icon of the Holy Fathers at the First Ecumenical Council at Nicea

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May 28-June 4, 2017

SUNDAY of the Fathers of the 1st Council

Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 20:16-38

Gospel: John 17:1-13

SATURDAY 6:00PM +Walter & Lillian Kiniuk – Pearl Kiniuk

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

9:30AM (Ukrainian) For the Parishioners

11:00AM (English) Health of Joseph Bodnar – Dan & Loretta Bodnar

All Divine Liturgies celebrated at 9:00AM unless otherwise noted

MONDAY 9:00AM Memorial Day at Borough Hall West Easton

10:00AM Memorial Day Services at the Cemetary

TUESDAY Deceased members of the Armed Forces of our nation

Deceased members of our parish of Holy Ghost

WEDNESDAY No Divine Liturgy

THURSDAY +Antoinette Ridilla – Dan & Loretta Bodnar

FRIDAY Health of Fr. Mark Fesniak: Holy Ghost Parishioners

SATURDAY 6:00PM (English) +Margaret Hutnik – Marlene Lightcap

PENTECOST SUNDAY: June 4, 2017

11:00AM (Ukrainian & English) Solemn First Communion

Sara Bellfy, Zachary Mattes, Nineliya Martinez

12:15PM First Communion Brunch and Parish Feast Day Celebration

All are invited and welcome!

COLLECTION – \$1338.00 Thank you for your generosity and support.

Picnic Donation: \$50 Sharpless Family

Eternal Light & Altar Candles: In memory of the deceased members of our Armed Forces

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

Helen & Betty Terleski Antoinette & Paul Ridilla

Catherine Kutzler

Olga Turczyn

Mae Kulczykcki

Sophie Troyan

William Peters

Iryna Stefurak

Melvane Thatcher

Mary Heverling

Richard Suter

Harold Osmun

Olga Bryksa

Julian Trusz

Michael Sidlar

Timothy Kohutka

Joseph Bodnar

Lillian Opp

Frank & Betty Maitiski

Sarah Shanks

Kim Lightcap

Gregory & Dot Neff

Stephen Terleski

Fr Mark Fesniak

Margaret Dashe

Helen Potak

Anna Drozd

Olga Trusz

Mary Heverling

Frieda Lubosky

Barbara Hacker

Fr. David Clooney

V. Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit



The Gifts of the Holy Spirit (See Isaiah 11: 2-3)

1. Fear of the Lord (a deep awe and reverence for God);
2. Piety (prompts us to do all things with devotion and respect for God);
3. Fortitude (the courage and strength to do God's holy will, even in the face of persecution);
4. Knowledge (the gift of learning divine truth);
5. Understanding (a better and deeper awareness of the divine truths we have learned);
6. Counsel (to see what is pleasing to God and to give good advice, first in relation to self, then to others);
7. Wisdom (this gift is especially evident when all the other gifts of the Holy Spirit are present and working in harmony).

MEMORIAL DAY: GOD BLESS AMERICA

During the first celebration of Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, after which 5,000 participants helped to decorate the graves of the more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried in the cemetery.

This 1868 celebration was inspired by local observances of the day in several towns throughout America that had taken place in the three years since the Civil War. In fact, several Northern and Southern cities claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day, including Columbus, Miss.; Macon, Ga.; Richmond, Va.; Boalsburg, Pa.; and Carbondale, Ill.

In 1966, the federal government, under the direction of President Lyndon Johnson, declared Waterloo, N.Y., the official birthplace of Memorial Day. They chose Waterloo—which had first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866—because the town had made Memorial Day an annual, community-wide event during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.

By the late 1800s, many communities across the country had begun to celebrate Memorial Day and, after World War I, observances also began to honor those who had died in all of America's wars. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be celebrated the last Monday in May. (In addition to Memorial Day, Veterans Day, a day set aside to honor all veterans, living and dead, is celebrated each year on November 11. The date was chosen because of the armistice of World War I, the 11th month, the eleventh day, the eleventh hour.)

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.

Second 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.
Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.
Son of God, who ascended in glory, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.
For God is the great Lord and the great king over all the earth.
Son of God, who ascended in glory, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Entrance Hymn:

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.
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. Now 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 (4):

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-)

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.Aleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

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.

Hirmos: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.

The Ukrainian American Sport Center in Horsham PA will host a Father's Day Ukrainian Fest June 18 beginning at 1:00PM. At 2:00PM the stage show will feature the Voloshky School of Ukrainian Dance, Walt Syzonenko on Accordion and music and dancing. Admission is free and more information can be obtained at www.tryzub.org Homemade Ukrainian food, refreshments . Call 267-664-3857.

PRAYERS REQUESTED Please remember Fr Mark Fesniak, your former pastor, in your prayers. He is suffering from a very serious liver disease and is in need of your love and prayers. His address is you would like to send him a card is:
Fr Mark Fesniak, St Nicholas Church 415 N Front Street Minersville Pa 17954.

VISITATION OF THE SICK

The sick and homebound of the parish will be visited with the sacrament of Holy Communion Wednesday through Friday of this week. Fr Dan will call prior to his visit to set a time with you. If you would like to be visited please contact the rectory office.

PARISH FEAST DAY

The feast of Pentecost is the birthday of the church. The descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles began their public ministry proclaiming Jesus at the Savior of the world. We also celebrate our parish feast day. Our church is dedicated to the Holy Spirit: He is our protector, our patron and the guiding force of our faith community. We normally would have a parish dinner to celebrate the occasion but are choosing to celebrate this year with a covered dish meal to celebrate with our First Communicants and as a community. Please join us downstairs in the church hall. We have some suggestions for foods we need in the vestibule of the church. We have a large cake for the celebration so are not in need of desserts. Please pick a food to help us celebrate. Thank you.

MEMORIAL DAY 2017

There is a special celebration at the **Borough Hall Veterans Memorial in West Easton** on Monday at 9:00AM. Fr Dan will be having the opening prayer, and Ted Veresink will be master of ceremonies for the ceremony. Please make an effort to honor our deceased veterans by attending this brief ceremony. Thank you
AT 10:00AM at Holy Ghost Cemetary we will be having a Panachyda at the Cross and will be remembering all of our deceased war dead and the deceased members of our parish. After the panachyda Fr Dan will bless the individual graves at the cemetery weather permitting.

In the event of stormy rain, services will be held in the church at 10AM instead.

GREEN SUNDAY is another term for Pentecost in our Ukrainian Catholic Church. We decorate our homes and church with the green branches of new life. As the dove brought the olive branch of peace to Noah, we too symbolize our new life in the Holy Spirit in wearing green and decorating our church.

SUNDAY OF THE FATHER'S OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

The Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First ecumenical council is celebrated the Sunday before Pentecost, following Ascension Thursday. When Christ ascended, He reiterated His promise of the Holy Spirit to the apostles. The Holy Spirit guided the church, and this guidance is magnificently made manifest in the ecumenical councils, when dogmas were confirmed and heretics were put to shame. As we await the celebration of the giving of the Holy Spirit, it is appropriate to think of the ways in which He guides the church. Through the Holy Spirit, who guided the Holy Fathers in the councils and confirmed their pronouncements in the mind of the Church, the True Faith, which is nothing less than the only correct and saving faith in the true God, was preserved.

The principle that hierarchs can meet and formulate doctrinal and disciplinary statements and resolutions that are the will of God and accepted by the entire church was established in the apostolic period, with the first recorded council, which was reported by St. Luke in His acts, with the famous statement which has become an anthem of sorts for the Church: "For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us" (Acts 15:28). There have been seven ecumenical councils, which were always convened when there was some heresy that was endangering the purity of the faith. The First Ecumenical council was held in 325 AD in Nicca. It was called primarily to combat the heresy of Arianism.

The Symbol of Faith, the Niccan Creed, was authored in part in Nicca (the first seven articles were written). This was the first written expression of the unwritten belief regarding the nature of God, and the internal relationship of the Father to the Son. It was the first document accepted universally defining what Christianity was. It was the first universal mean: it was the measure by which one could delineate Truth from Heresy. To vary from it meant that was had ceased to be Christian. Therefore, to this day, it is impossible for one to be a Christian if this symbol, which dogmatizes Divine Truth about God and His economy, is not believed.

The church is guided by the Holy Spirit, and the members of her are also guided by this same spirit. Since the Holy Spirit never contradicts Himself, the individual must agree with the consensus of the One Holy and Catholic Church.

"The Holy Spirit provides all things; He flows forth prophecy; He perfects the priesthood; He has taught wisdom to the illiterate. He has shown forth the fishermen as theologians. He holds together the whole institution of the Church. Wherefore, O Comforter, one in essence and throne with the Father and the Son, glory be to Thee."
(Vespers of Pentecost)

Pentecost

“Who is so great a God as our God?”

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 fulness of time and that which is beyond time: the Kingdom of God itself. It symbolizes the fulness of time by its first component: 49, which is the fulness of seven (7×7): 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 fulness 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.:

All this is revealed in the three prayers which the celebrant reads now as we all kneel and listen to him. In the first prayer, we bring to God our repentance, our increased appeal for forgiveness of sins, the first condition for entering into the Kingdom of God.

In the second prayer, we ask the Holy Spirit to help us, to teach us to pray and to follow the true path in the dark and difficult night of our earthly existence. Finally, in the third prayer, we remember all those who have achieved their earthly journey, but who are united with us in the eternal God of Love.

The joy of Easter has been completed and we again have to wait for the dawn of the Eternal Day. Yet, knowing our weakness, humbling ourselves by kneeling, we also know the joy and the power of the Holy Spirit who has come. We know that God is with us, that in Him is our victory.

Thus is completed the feast of Pentecost and we enter “the ordinary time” of the year. Yet, every Sunday now will be called “after Pentecost”—and this means that it is from the power and light of these fifty days that we shall receive our own power, the Divine help in our daily struggle. At Pentecost we decorate our churches with flowers and green branches—for the Church “never grows old, but is always young.” It is an evergreen, ever-living Tree of grace and life, of joy and comfort. For the Holy Spirit—“the Treasury of Blessings and Giver of Life—comes and abides in us, and cleanses us from all impurity,” and fills our life with meaning, love, faith and hope.

PICNIC VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers for the upcoming Church picnic in June. There will be a schedule in the back of the church for the days events. There are captains of the different work areas: **Kitchen** : John Drozd Jr **Food Service**: Donna Sidlar **Desserts** Donna Hale or Andrea Suter **Ticket Sales** Ted Veresink **Entertainment**: Oksana Savkanitch **Burger/Hotdog Stand** Dave & Leah Wright **Grounds Maintenance**: Craig Stoken **Clean up** Fr Dan **Advertising** Vitalia Martinez **Beverages** Bill Hutnik, Dan Bodnar **Children's Games and Activities** : Sherry Bellfy, Chelsea Thatcher, Chrissy Mattes, If you are interested in working at any of these areas please talk with the Captains or Fr Dan. An hour or two of your time would be greatly appreciated. We will also be having a raffle in connection with the picnic to help offset some of the costs. Please support us through ticket sales. Thank you.

FIRST CONFESSION AND COMMUNION

We will be celebrating First Confession and Holy Communion with Zachary Mattes, Sarah Bellfy and Neonilia Martinez on the Feast of Pentecost. First Confession will be held on Saturday June 3 at 10:00AM. Children should arrive at the Church on Sunday by 10:30AM to prepare for the Divine Liturgy.

We will be decorating the hall and church on Saturday morning beginning at 9:00AM. All interested in helping please join us.

SUMMER LITURGY SCHEDULE

Beginning on June 11, we will return to our regular schedule of Divine Liturgies for the weekend

6:00PM Saturday English 9:00AM Sunday Ukrainian and 11:00AM English.

SPECIAL DIVINE LITURGY ON PENTECOST

On Sunday June 4th there will be only one Divine Liturgy on Sunday in Ukrainian and English at 11:00AM. We will be celebrating First Confession and Communion with our children and celebrating the Patron of our Church the Holy Spirit . After the Divine Liturgy we will have a covered dish social downstairs for everyone! It is an wonderful opportunity to join together and celebrate our faith, our children, and our community at Holy Ghost. Please join us!

PENTECOST SUNDAY 11:00AM Ukrainian and English

Happy 35th Anniversary of Priestly ordination to our Archbishop Stefan Soroka! Also happy 25th Anniversary to Fr Evhen Moniuk!
May God grant them many more healthy happy years in God's service!

THE CHAPEL SCHEDULE

- **Alcoholics Anonymous** Every Monday at 7:00AM there is a meeting of AA .
- **Ukrainian American Veterans Post 42** meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday at 7:00PM for their business & Post meeting.
- **Adult Religious Education.** Wednesday evenings beginning May 3 6:30PM
- **Religious Education classes for youth** 12:15-1:00PM Sundays;.
- **Grief Support Group** Support for older teens and adults who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Open to everyone of all faiths and creeds.
Contact Paul LaChance 908-235-848

CHAPEL/HALL RENTAL

Anyone interested in renting the chapel for a shower or family get together please contact the church office. There is a \$99.00 insurance fee necessary for all non-church functions, plus a \$100.00 donation for non-parishioners, \$50.00 for parishioners. There is a contract available at the rectory office.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Pyrohy Sale: June 13-14 (Not a public sale: For picnic)

Memorial Day Services: Monday May 29 : 10AM Holy Ghost Cemetery

The names from the Sorokousty will be remembered on Memorial Day at the cemetery services. If you have additional names please clearly write them on an envelope by Sunday May 28 and drop them in the collection basket.

First Confession/Communion and Pentecost Brunch : June 4

Holy Ghost Picnic Festival June 25 12:00-7:00PM

Summer Church Camp: July 17-21

HOLY GHOST PICNIC MEETING June 8

There will be a meeting on Thursday evening at 6:30PM to continue preparing for the Church picnic on June 25. Please join us to help in preparing, to offer suggestions and support. The date is quickly approaching, please come and attend the meeting : Fliers, and brochures will be distributed at this meeting.

SUMMER PROJECTS

During the summer months we are looking to repair the wooden retaining wall behind the church which has fallen over and is now a safety hazard and scrape and paint the window frames of the church's stained glass windows . Anyone interested in helping please sign the work sheet in the vestibule of the church.

Thank you. **Next Saturday June 3** we will continue scraping and painting the window frames on the church. Weather permitting, we will begin at 11:00AM until 3:00PM. If you are able to give us an hour or two, or the entire time, your help would be appreciated. Thank you.

PRAYER FOR MEMORIAL DAY

O Heavenly Father, on this day of remembrance for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy every day, we think of how they have followed in the footsteps of your son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, sacrificing themselves so that we may live in freedom. We remember today all those who have died in the service of our country. May their memory always be eternal!

As we remember our dead, please hold our servicemen and women in your strong arms. Cover them with your sheltering grace and your presence as they stand in defense of our nation and freedoms. O Lord, remember the families of our troops. We ask for your unique blessings to fill their homes, and we pray your peace, provision, hope and strength will fill their lives. May the members of our armed forces be supplied with courage to face each day and may they trust in the Lord's mighty power to accomplish each task. May our military brothers and sisters feel our love and support. Amen.

"That we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."-- Abraham Lincoln, Gettysburg Address, 1863

Revealing His Name

When the Savior declares that He has made known the name of God the Father, it is the same as saying that He has shown the whole world His glory. How did He do this? By making Himself known through His wonderful works. The Father is glorified in the Son as in an image and type of His own form, for the beauty of the archetype is seen in its image. The only Son then has made Himself known, and He is in His essence wisdom and life, the creator of the universe; He is immortal and incorruptible, pure, blameless, merciful, holy, good. His Father is known to be like Him, since He could not be different in nature from His offspring. The Father's glory is seen, as in an image and type of His own form, in the glory of the Son.

To call God "Father" is more exact than to call Him "God." The word "God" signifies His

dignity, but the word "Father" points to the distinctive attribute of his Person. If we say "God" we declare Him to be Lord of the universe. If we call him "Father" we show the way in which He is distinct as a Person, for we make known the fact that He has a Son. The Son himself gave God the name of Father, as being in some sense the more appropriate and truer appellation, when He said, not "I and God" but I and the Father are one, and also, with reference to Himself, On him has God the Father set his seal. And when He commanded His disciples to baptize all nations, He did not tell them to do this in the name of God, but expressly ordained that they were to do it in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

St. Cyril of Alexandria