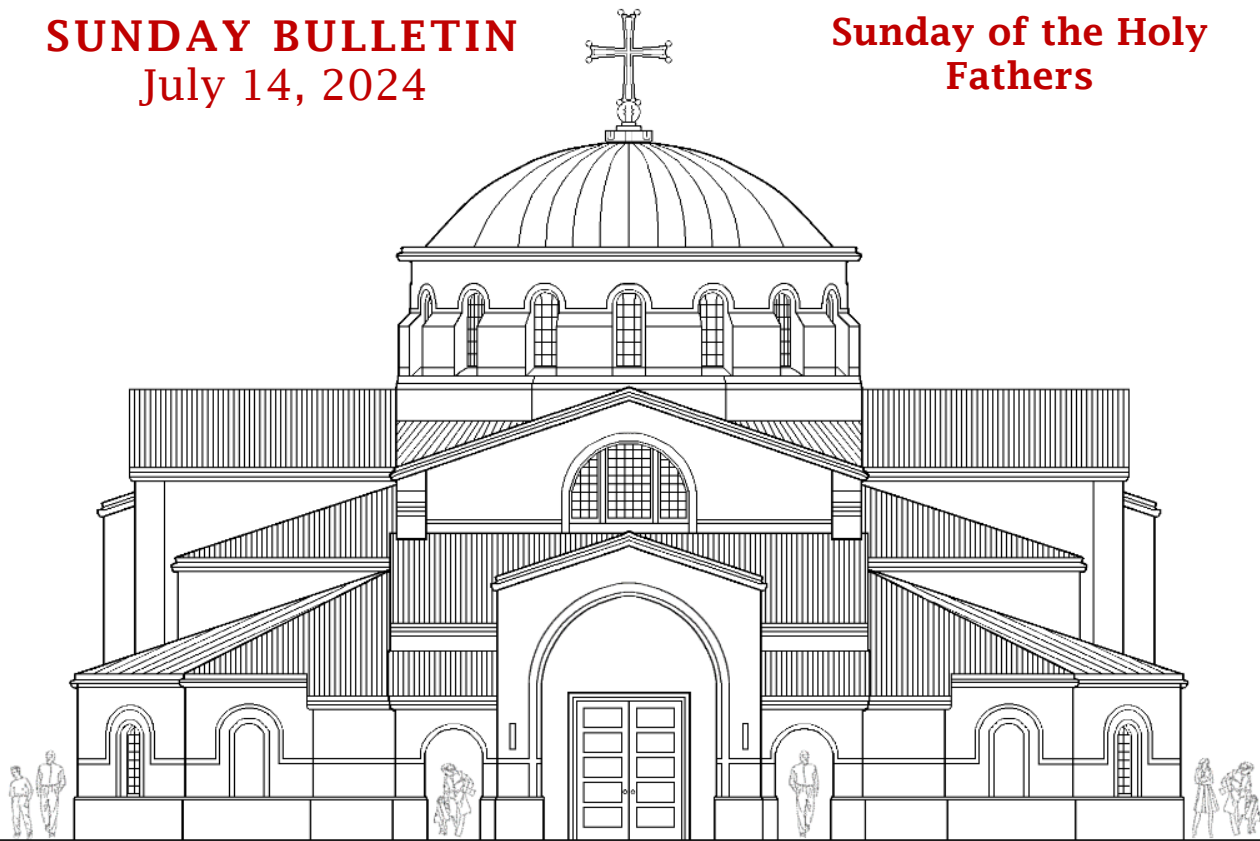




SUNDAY BULLETIN
July 14, 2024

**Sunday of the Holy
Fathers**



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Fathers of the First Six Councils

The Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils.

In the Ninth Article of the Nicea-Constantinople Symbol of Faith proclaimed by the holy Fathers of the First and Second Ecumenical Councils, we confess our faith in “One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.” By virtue of the catholic nature of the Church, an Ecumenical Council is the Church’s supreme authority, and possesses the competence to resolve major questions of church life. An Ecumenical Council is comprised of archpastors and pastors of the Church, and representatives of all the local Churches, from every land of the “oikumene” (i.e. from all the whole inhabited world).

The Orthodox Church acknowledges Seven Holy Ecumenical Councils:

The First Ecumenical Council (Nicea I) (May 29, and also on seventh Sunday after Pascha) was convened in the year 325 against the heresy of Arius, in the city of Nicea in Bithynia under Saint Constantine the Great, Equal of the Apostles.

The Second Ecumenical Council (Constantinople I) (May 22) was convened in the year 381 against the heresy of Macedonias, by the emperor Theodosius the Great.

The Third Ecumenical Council (Ephesus) (September 9) was convened in the year 431 against the heresy of Nestorius, in the city of Ephesus by the emperor Theodosius the Younger.

The Fourth Ecumenical Council (Chalcedon) (July 16) was convened in the year 451, against the Monophysite heresy, in the city of Chalcedon under the emperor Marcian.

The Fifth Ecumenical Council (Constantinople II) (July 25) “Concerning the Three Chapters,” was convened in the year 553, under the emperor Justinian the Great.

The Sixth Ecumenical Council (Constantinople III) (January 23) met during the years 680-681, to fight the Monothelite heresy, under the emperor Constantine Pogonatos.

A brief summary of the dogmatic theology of the First Six Ecumenical Councils is formulated and contained in the First Canon of the Council of Trullo (also known as Quinisext), held in the year 692. The 318 Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council are spoken of in this Canon I of Trullo as having: “with unanimity of faith revealed and declared to us the consubstantiality of the three Persons of the Divine nature and, ... instructing the faithful to adore the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit with one worship, they cast down and dispelled the false teaching about different degrees of Divinity.”

Fathers of the First Six Councils

The 150 Holy Fathers of the Second Ecumenical Council left their mark on the theology of the Church concerning the Holy Spirit, “repudiating the teaching of Macedonius, as one who wished to divide the inseparable Unity, so that there might be no perfect mystery of our hope.”

The 200 God-bearing Fathers of the Third Ecumenical Council expounded the teaching that “Christ, the Incarnate Son of God is One.” They also confessed that “she who bore Him without seed was the spotless Ever-Virgin, glorifying her as truly the Mother of God.

The 630 Holy Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council decreed that “the One Christ, the Son of God... must be glorified in two natures.”

The 165 God-bearing Holy Fathers of the Fifth Ecumenical Council “in synod anathematized and repudiated Theodore of Mopsuestia (the teacher of Nestorius), and Origen, and Didymus, and Evagrius, renovators of the Hellenic teaching about the transmigration of souls and the transmutation of bodies and the impieties they raised against the resurrection of the dead.”

The 170 Holy Fathers of the Sixth Ecumenical Council “taught that we ought to confess two natural volitions, or two wills [trans. note: one divine, and the other human], and two natural operations (energies) in Him Who was incarnate for our salvation, Jesus Christ, our true God.”

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HYMNS FOR THE DAY

Resurrectional Apolytikion, Mode 2

When You descended unto Death, O Lord, You who are immortal Life put Hades to death, by the lightning of Your divinity. And when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the hosts of heaven sang aloud to You, "O Christ God, Giver of life, glory to You!"

Apolytikion for the Fathers, Mode pl. 4

Supremely blessed are You, O Christ our God. You established the holy Fathers upon the earth as beacons, and through them You have guided us all to the true Faith, O greatly merciful One, glory be to You.

Apolytikion of St. Markella, Mode 1

Obedient to the laws of the Lord and to His divine teachings, you kept them blamelessly, O Markella and being frightened of the violence of your father who pursued you. O pure bride of Christ you hid in the mountains where he found you and took your life. Glory to Him who has given you strength, Glory to Him who has crowned you, Glory to Him who works healings through you to every-one.

Apolytikion of St. Demetrios, Mode 3

The world found in you a great champion in danger. A victor who could turn the nations back. As you restrained Levi in the arena, you also inspired Nestor to courage. Therefore, Holy Great Martyr Demetrios, entreat Christ God, to grant us great, great mercy!

Kontakion, Mode 2

O Protection of Christians that never falls, intercession with the Creator that never fails, we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry out to you with faith. Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who protect now and ever those who honor you.

EPISTLE READING

Titus 3:8 – 15

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:14 – 19

The Lord said to his disciples, “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”

TODAY

Sunday of the Holy Fathers

Memorial Service for relatives of Oana Cazacu and Mary Gardner
May Their Memories be Eternal!

Altar Group Today: Basil

Parish Council Meeting 12:30pm

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, July 15

Bible Study 9am—Zoom

Sunday, July 21

4th Sunday of Matthew

Matins 8:45am, Liturgy 10am

Greek Dance Practice 1:00pm

Vespers 5pm



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Bartholomew Mosley, Jonas Mosley, Michael Simpson*
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Damian Mosley, Gabriel Mosley, Michael Mosley*
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Chanters –Andrew McBroom, Megan Morgan, Alex Pugh
Video:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREEK DANCERS OF STS MARKELLA AND DEMETRIOS

The Greek Dancers of Sts Markella and Demetrios will practice Sunday, July 21 at 1:00pm. Please join them for fun and dancing.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL JULY 29– AUGUST 1, 2024

We are preparing for Vacation Church School this year. The dates are July 29–August 1, Monday through Thursday. VCS is for children from age 3 to those entering 5th grade this year. GOYAns are welcomed as helpers! We believe that VCS should be a religious and spiritual experience for our youth, so we will start each day in prayer, then move to the hall for a lesson, and then a craft related to the topic of the day. The Theme this year is Spiritual Virtues. Times are 9am to 12:30 each day.

If you are interested, sign your children up immediately. The paperwork is posted on the Youth Bulletin Board.

ZOOM LINK FOR ALL MEETINGS CURRENTLY

Meeting ID: 869 106 3878 Password: 19641975
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Following today's Liturgy,
please join us for
Fellowship Hour in the
Barbara "Cookie" Kostopoulos
Fellowship Hall

This week is:

Aaron & Vivian Crosby

Next week is:

Elizabeth, Margarete, et al

Thank You John Newby for Coffee Hour on Sunday, July 7, 2024!

PRAY FOR OUR LOVED ONES

The Community is praying for the following:

Erica Ailes	Zachary Fletcher	Joann Yanora Salazar
Joy Ailes	Betty Floyd	Judy Savage
Jan Aker	Angie Furst	Edward Scruggs
Vasio Arvanites	Dean Gigicos	& Family
Nolan Baker	Diana Green	George Sigalos
Rebecca Baker	Brian Guthrie	Melissa Simpson
Aaron, Trina, Gabriel, and	Diana Guthrie	Stanojka Stevanovic
Liora Bradley	Demetrios Hadjisimos	David Stewart
Judy Bradley	Shannon Holst	Janet Sutherland
Donna Branch	Jake Hoskin	Susan Tringas
Kathy Bowdoin & Family	Mallory Howard	Ireni, Vasiliki, John and
Larry Broadus	Katheryn Kaffoglou	Andrew Vallianatos
Christopher Brockman	Mary Spiridoula Kalista	Dana Visioiu
Kevin Byrne	George and Julia Karov	Badra Walters
Penelope Calabrese	Julie Mamani	Mary Walters
Mary Campbell	Marika Maris	Dwight Ward
Litsa Carrion	Kelly Maris	Nikole G. Webb
Charles B. Chapman	Angela McBroom	Gary Wilson
Vonni Cobb	Ariel McBroom	
Angela Walters Comfort	Nicholas McBroom	All service men and women
Max Copeland	Andrew Michas	who are deployed overseas
Betty Dodson	George Michas	
Jamie Douglas	Nina Michas	
Dorothy Eshelman	Rebecca Pallone	
Tim Feeney	Janice Parton	
Shirley Feltman	Anastas and Betsy Pazevic	

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WELCOME

Thank you for joining us today for worship. This is information to help make your worship experience more meaningful.

At 10:00 am the Divine Liturgy, which is the main worship service of the Orthodox Church, begins with the words from the priest “Blessed is the kingdom of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit...”

We welcome people of all faiths and denominations to worship with us and appreciate your joining us. For those who are not Orthodox Christians we ask that you not receive the Holy Communion when it is offered to the congregation. Those visitors who are Orthodox Christians may receive Communion provided you normally receive at your home parish and have not been restricted in any way. For Orthodox Christians, when in doubt whether to receive or not, please ask Fr. John in advance and he will be happy to advise you.

For those of you visiting an Orthodox Christian Church for the first time, we pray that you have a very meaningful worship experience. Orthodox worship reaches all five senses. Through sight with the icons, church architecture and the movement of worship; through smell with the use of incense; through sound through the beauty of the Church music; through taste with the receiving of Holy Communion; and through touch with lighting of candles, crossing oneself, and the veneration of icons.

You will find that the Orthodox place a great emphasis on reverence in worship. Our reverence is serious, but also very joyful as well. Please ask one of the attendants in the Narthex (the entrance area of the church) if you have any questions.

May the blessings of the Lord be with you.

Sts. Markella & Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church

July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Bible Study 9am -Zoom	2	3	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5	6
				Fr. John on Vacation		
7 2nd Sunday of Matthew Matins 8:45am Liturgy 10am Greek Dance Practice 1:00pm	8 Bible Study 9am -Zoom	9	10 Parish Council Agenda Committee Meeting 5pm--Zoom	11	12	13 Vespers 5pm
14 Sunday of the Holy Fathers Matins 8:45am Liturgy 10am Parish Council Meeting 12:30pm	15 Bible Study 9am -Zoom	16	17	18	19	20
21 4th Sunday of Matthew Matins 8:45am Liturgy 10am Greek Dance Practice 1:00pm Vespers 5pm	22 Feast Day of St. Markella Matins 8:45am Liturgy 10am Artoklasia to follow 1:00pm Vespers 5pm	23	24	25	26	27
28 5th Sunday of Matthew Matins 8:45am Liturgy 10am	29 Bible Study 9am -Zoom	30	31			
	Vacation Church School 9am--12:30pm					

PHILOPTOCHOS

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE:

Our Parish is always looking for hosts for our Fellowship Hour that occurs following the Divine Liturgy.

- o Please sign up on the calendar that is in the hallway of the Cookie Kostopoulos Fellowship Hall.
- o If you provide a receipt for your purchases to the Church Office, the Parish Council will reimburse you for up to \$40 of what you provide for your brothers and sisters in Christ.
- o You do not have to do this alone. Sign up with a friend or ask a friendly face to join you.
- o Help tidy before you leave, that's it!

FELLOWSHIP HOUR IDEAS:

We can do this, TOGETHER!

- bagel bar
- cereal and milk
- cheese and crackers
- chips and dips
- doughnuts
- fruit or vegetable tray
- pastries
- peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, cut into pieces
- popcorn
- pretzels
- soups

more ideas are always welcome



Plan for
around 60 people