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Sunday, October 11, 2020
18th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Fathers of 7th Ecumenical Council

Glory Be To Jesus Christ!

Glory Be Forever!

At this time, we are utilizing up to 50% capacity in the church, so the first 75 people who arrive at the church to attend Divine Liturgy on Sunday will be permitted to attend the service. At the candle stand will be a sign-in sheet that you must sign so we know who is attending the service. There is no pressure or expectation to attend services during this period of COVID-19. Remember to wear a mask and practice social distancing of six feet except for immediate family members. These procedures and guidelines are in effect not only to protect ourselves but also to protect one another. It is essential that we know who is attending the Divine Liturgy in the event that a "notice of infection" is requested and contact tracing becomes necessary.

Some points to remember:

Please have the usher write down your name and phone # on the attendance sheet as soon as you enter the church. Your temperature will be taken.

Please follow the directions of the usher on lighting candles.

Please expect assigned seating to ensure proper social distancing.

Icons may be venerated by blessing yourself with the sign of the cross and bowing without physical contact (no kissing or touching the icons)

Please follow the instructions of the Priest on how to receive Communion.

Antidoron will not be distributed at this time.

Please remember to wear a mask and bring your own Divine Liturgy Book.

Liturgical Services have started, although with 'preventative measures'! Please see May 31, 2020 bulletin for the full procedures. We are blessed to have the services with restrictions, and we pray for the time that these conditions are no longer necessary!

Sun...October 11...9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in church hall – following Social Distancing Guidelines

Sat...October 17...4:00 PM – Vespers – in **church hall basement** – must wear a mask

Sun...October 18...9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in church hall– must wear a mask

Wed...October 21...3:00 PM – Church Council Meeting in church hall – following social distancing guidelines

NEXT Parastas is scheduled for October 25, 2020

Prayer List: HEAVENLY FATHER ... *Physician of our souls and bodies, Who has sent your only begotten Son to heal every sickness and infirmity, visit us and heal us, Your servants, from all physical and spiritual ailments through the grace of Your Son Jesus Christ; grant to us patience in this sickness, strength of body and spirit, and recovery of health. Lord, You have taught us through Your word to pray for each other that we may be healed. You are the source of healing and to You, we give glory; to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Matushka Lovey Ropitsky, Matushka Lisa Weremedic, Michael Birosik, Clark Bogosh, Theodore Bogosh, Jane Bubernak, Cecil Buchanan, Emmalyn Naomi Buchanan, Evanna Jane Buchanan, Stephanie Chmel, Edward Conarty, Irene David, Ilene Devine, Julia Forte, Olga Hebda, Peter Holoviak, John King, Claire Kononchuk, Michael Kulick, John Kushnir, MaryAnn Macenka, Mary Maholick, Alexandra Miller, Britney Miller, Courtney Miller, Isaac Miller, Mildred O'Shura, Anna Pisko, Melissa Schmitt, Althea Shellock, Helen Suda, Martha Stafiniak, Martha Teno, Nancy Vanno, Elizabeth Warcholak, Russell Wishousky, Russell Yallas, & Richard York.

October Birthdays: 3-Fr. James Weremedic, 5- Barbara Teno, 7-Michael Harahus, 10-Andrew Balliet, 18- John W. King, 20-Martha Stafiniak, 26- Peggy Lampman, 27- Fr. Paul Ropitsky, 30- John Lampman, 31- Margaret Miller

October Wedding Anniversaries: 1- Odess & Claire Remington, 3-John & Mary Evetushick, 22- Chris & Marie Kalavritinos

If anyone is in need of a priest please call Father James Weremedic at 570-645-2772. Visitation of the Sick and Infirm: If you are going into the hospital for any reason, please inform Fr. James at the Rectory. Emergency Calls: Please call the Rectory (570-645-2772) anytime (day or night) in an emergency.

Financials 10/1-4/20: *Operating Acct:* - Candles 35 – Offerings 961 – Non-Env 150 – Holy Days 55 – Altar Candles 70 – Donations 150 = Total \$1,421.00 Building Fund 15 – Flower Fund 36 – Charity Fund 5 – Yard Sale 20 Please continue to keep filling your church envelopes. – Thank you!

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Candles (October 11):

7-Day Vigils/Altar... For the health of **All Shut-ins** offered by Good Samaritans

Altar Candles... In memory of **Lillian Yelsh** offered by William Yelsh

Eternal Lamp... In memory of **Sister, Mary Yatsko** offered by Julia Forte

Vigil Crosses ... In memory of **Mary & Andrew Yelsh** offered by William Yelsh

7-Day Vigils/Tetrapod... For the health of **Michael & Julia Harahus** offered by Ted Bogosh

Decorated Candles/Tetrapod-In memory of **Sister, Olga Weiss & Mother, Harriet Scarloss** offered by Stephanie Chmel

If you do not feel comfortable coming to church yet, you may continue to watch On-line Services: Go to the Diocese of Eastern PA website at the bottom of our church website.

At the top of the page – Click on Live Streaming – Scroll down to church services

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church – Mogadore, OH – You Tube

Services every day of the week – Mon. to Fri. at 8:00 PM

Saturday Vespers – 5:00 PM; Sunday Divine Liturgy – 9:30 AM

A COMMAND FROM ST. PAUL – “BE STRONG”

“Consider these two important words: ‘BE STRONG!’ In Ephesians 6:10, Paul reminds us that all who stand for good must wage a constant war against the forces of evil.

The words ‘BE STRONG’ can be interpreted in MILITARY terms. Every Christian believer is enlisted in a battle versus a powerful enemy. Our front line of defense against Satan will be important. We need strength in our character, faith and prayer, to defeat this demon.

We all have experienced struggles. Do you feel weak? Do your trials have you on the ropes? Has temptation pushed you to the edge? Are you able to go on? Remember the Christian battle cry... ‘BE STRONG!’

What are some ways to win this fight? Perhaps you need to control your temper. Maybe try to clean up your language. Make a real effort to stop worrying. Resolve to stop wounding others with your actions and decide to maintain a more devotional life. Ultimately, we can win this spiritual warfare.

St. Paul left us with some miraculous words. ‘*Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.*’ Follow them even if your adversaries are tough. Believe that our powerful Saviour, Jesus Christ, is by our side. All things are possible thru Him. Our victorious Lord shall defeat Satan and all his wickedness. Faith will overcome this world!”

The Orthodox Weekly Bulletin.....Vestal, Cliffwood, New Jersey

18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council.

Holy Apostle Philip of the Seventy, one of the Seven Deacons. St. Theophanes the Confessor and Hymnographer, Bishop of Nicæa. Ven. Theophanes, Faster, of the Kiev Caves. Ven. Leo of Optina. Synaxis of the Optina elders. Martyrs Zinaída and Philonilla, of Tarsus in Cilicia.

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of The Seventh Ecumenical Council

Today the Church remembers the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council under the holy Patriarch Tarasius (February 25). The Synod of 787, the second to meet at Nicea, refuted the Iconoclast heresy during the reign of Empress Irene and her son Constantine VI.

The Council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype (the person depicted). It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because “no man has seen God at any time” (John 1:18).

In Greek practice, the holy God-bearing Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council are commemorated on October 11 (if it is a Sunday), or on the Sunday which follows October 11. According to the Slavic MENAION, however, if the eleventh falls on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, the service is moved to the preceding Sunday.

Troparion — Tone 8

Most glorious are You, O Christ our God! / You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth! / Through them you have guided us to the true faith! / O greatly Compassionate One, glory to You!

Kontakion — Tone 6

The Son who shone forth from the Father / was ineffably born, two-fold in nature, of a woman. / Having beheld Him, we do not deny the image of His form, / but depict it piously and revere it faithfully. / Thus, keeping the True Faith, / the Church venerates the icon of Christ Incarnate.

2 Corinthians 9:6-11 (Epistle)

But this I say: “He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.” So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: “He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.”

Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

Luke 7:11-16 (Gospel)

Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her.

When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother.

Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has risen up among us”; and, “God has visited His people.”

Apostle Philip of the Seventy, One of the Seven Deacons

Holy Apostle Philip of the Seventy, one of the 7 Deacons is not to be confused with Saint Philip one of the Twelve Apostles (November 14). This Philip was born in Palestine, was married and had children.

After the Descent of the Holy Spirit, the Twelve Apostles made Philip a deacon in the Church of Jerusalem. Along with the other six deacons, they appointed him to deal with the offerings of the faithful and attend to the concerns of the widowed, the orphaned and the needy. The eldest among the seven deacons was the holy Archdeacon Stephen. When the persecution of Christians began, the Jews stoned the Protomartyr Stephen. The Apostle Philip left Jerusalem and settled in Samaria. There he successfully preached Christianity. Among the disciple’s converts was the noted magician Simon, who “after being baptized, continued with Philip.” (Acts 8:9-13)

At the command of an angel of the Lord, Saint Philip set out upon the road connecting Jerusalem with Gaza. There he met an official of the empress of Ethiopia, whom also he converted to Christianity (Acts 8:26-39). The holy disciple Philip tirelessly preached the Word of God in many of the lands of the Near East adjoining Palestine. At Jerusalem the Apostles made him a bishop and sent him to Tralles in Asia Minor, where he also baptized many. Saint Philip died in old age.



Dear Charity Administrator,

Prime Day is back starting October 13 and will run through October 14. This is a great opportunity for **St Marys Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church** to increase AmazonSmile donations during this epic two days of deals and promotions.

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