July 14 2024 / Tone 7 / Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Councils



Sunday of the Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Councils: On the Sunday between the 13th and the 19th of July, the Eastern Churches commemorate the first Six Ecumenical Councils. These began in 325 AD, just 14 years after the Christian Faith was given legal status in the Roman Empire, as the Church sought to define Who Jesus Christ is, and how we are saved by His Precious Blood on the Cross and brought to new life in Him. The First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea, 325 A.D.: refuted the heresy of Arius against Jesus being the Son of God, and codified the Nicene Creed with an expand-

ed section on Jesus' role in salvation history;

The Second Ecumenical Council in Constantinople, 381 A.D. condemned the heresy of Macedonius against God, the Holy Spirit, emphasizing that the Third Person of the Trinity is equal to and co-eternal with the Father and the Son, and modified the Nicene Creed for the last time with additions explaining the role of the Spirit;

The Third Ecumenical Council in Ephesus, 431 A.D. refuted the heresy of Nestorius against the Mother of God, and Mary was acclaimed as Theotokos, the God-bearer, emphasizing that Jesus is divine as well as human from the moment of conception in her womb;

The Fourth Ecumenical Council in Chalcedon, 451 A.D. rejected the Monophysite heresy, and gave us the crucial explanation of Jesus as One Person with human and divine natures;

The Fifth Ecumenical Council in Constantinople, 553 A.D. tried to reconcile the Nestorian and Monophysite Churches of the Middle East with the Great Church (now the Catholic and Orthodox Churches) but failed. It defines Jesus again as One Person, and the hymn "O Only Begotten Son" or the Monogenes, was introduced into the Byzantine Liturgy in order to further define this for the faithful, and excesses of Origen's thought condemned;

The Sixth Ecumenical Council in Constantinople, 691 A.D. condemned the Monothelite heresy, which said that Jesus had only one will - that would have reduced His humanity's freedom.

These Councils, held over the span of 370 years, hammered out the definitions of Jesus that we take for granted today when we sing the Monogenes and Creed in Divine Liturgy: the Eternal Word, Who became incarnate in the womb of the Virgin Mary through the Holy Spirit and not man, Who was fully human and fully divine in One Person, with free human will and free divine will, Who willingly and out of love not only preached and healed on earth, but suffered the saving Passion and Death so as to restore us to our destiny as children of God, and rose from the dead and ascended into heaven, from which He will return to judge us all at the end of time and the resurrection of the dead.

Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix Most Reverend Kurt Burnette Apostolic Administrator

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Monday—Friday 10:00 am—4:00 pm Thursday OFF

THEOSIS: 2nd & 4th Thursday Bible Study 6:45 pm / Zoom

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is available on our website: For those parishioners who can't attend in person or traveling or anyone who find this more convenient, we just set up a new way to tithe online using your credit card or debit card information. You can do a one-time donation or setup weekly donations!! You will receive a receipt and statement immediately after donating. The software takes a very small percentage of the donation, but its worth it for the ease of the system. You can donate using your computer / smartphone at: <u>ps://</u> <u>www.olphnm.org/giving.</u> Father Artur Bubnevych, Pastor Rectory (505) 268-2877 abbaolph@gmail.com

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Confession (Mystery of Reconciliation):

9:00—10:00 am on Sundays, before or after weekday Liturgies, or by appointment with Father

Mysteries of Baptism/Chrismation/ Eucharist:

Must be arranged three months in advance. (Pre-Jordan requirement)

Mystery of Crowning:

Must be arranged six months in advance (Pre-Cana requirement)

Sick and Shut-Ins: It is the family's responsibility to notify the parish office when a parishioner is in the hospital or confined to home because of sickness or old age. Father will bring the confined person the Holy Mysteries on a regular basis. It is recommended that one receive the Anointing of the Sick before any major surgery. Please don't let the priest be last to know that someone is ill!

Welcome to our Church! If you are looking for a spiritual home, contact Father Artur/Fr Chris or the office staff for more information. God bless you!

1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 14:14-22 / Hebrews 18:7-16; John 17:1-13

YouTube Live	8:30 am Rosary; 9:00 am Matins & Confessions 10:00 am Divine Liturgy / Intention for the Parishioners of OLPH Eternal Lamp: Holy Protection of the Mother of God over People of Ukraine
July 15 Mon	Vladimir the Great Equal to the Apostles / Gal 1:11-19; Jn 10:1-9
	9:00 am Divine Liturgy / Mysteries of Christian Initiation for Avila Weingartner
July 16 Tue	Athenogenes Bishop Martyr / 1 Cor 12:12-16; Mt 18:18-22 & 19:1-2.13-15
	9:00 am God's Blessing on Mady Davis by Shari 6:00 pm Advisory Board Meeting
July 17 Wed	Marina Great Martyr / 1 Cor 18:4-14:5; Mt 20:1-16
	6:00 pm +Maricial Rodriguez by Wells Family
July 18 Thu	Hyacinth and Emilian Martyrs / 1 Cor 14:6-19; Mt 20:17-28
July 19 Fri	Macrina Venerable / 1 Cor 14:26-40; Mt 2:1-14 & 17-20
ð	9:00 am Prayer & Witness in front of abortion clinic on Lomas 6:00 pm Vigil Liturgy / Blessing of cars / +Dorothy & +Marvin Curl by Svenssons
July 20 Sat	Elijah Great Prophet/ Simple Holy Day / James 5:10-20; Lk 4:22-30
	9:00 am Divine Liturgy (masks required) +Barbara Bertschinger by McNeil Family
July 21 Sun	9th Sunday After Pentecost / 1 Cor 3:9-17; Mt 14:22-34
	4:00 pm Great Vespers (YouTube Live) Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday: Numbers 16:25-33; Sirach 18:19-23; 22:3-6.11-12; Jeremiah 3:12-17 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy / +Chuck Cooper by Svenssons
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YOUTUBE LIVE-STREAMING: OLPH Sunday / Holy Day Liturgies are available on YouTube. The link is <u>https://youtube.com/c/olphmedia</u>. Please click the "Subscribe" button to make it easier for you to find the channel in the future. Please, send your feedback about the quality of the live stream / comments / suggestions to Dan Riley: riley.dan@gmail.com

Remember Those Who Request Our Prayers:

Physician and Help of Those in sickness. Redeemer and Savior of the infirm; O Master and Lord of all, grant healing to your servants. Be clement, show mercy to those who have sinned much, and deliver them, O Christ, from their Iniquities, that they may glorify your might divine

Sharif Rabadi Jenny Ford Marilvn Fore Sven & Barbara Svensson Laurie Bienz Brent Dodson-Sands Lara Davis Carol Donlin Marcie Dark Jesse Hebert Fr Chris Zugger Fr Chris Andrews Fr Robert Rankin Fr. Steve Washko Buster Miscusi Richard Jacobs

Harry & Barbara De Lap Irene Bradlev Soriah Chavez Abraham Haddad James Epstein Marianne Gerace Michael Baron Gabriel Preisler Jessica Pieniadz Rhonda Glasscock Amber Rovbal Philip Leahy Juanita Montoya Linda Granci Christopher Barlow Joel Ford

Jordan Smith Janet Worthington Patti Klinkovsky Matt Williamson Katv Ford Alton Bertschinger Madalyn Davis Rebecca Russo Jacob McTernan Paola Terlaza Vicki Frank Jennifer Herring Emily Wojciechowski

Intentions of the Rosary:

1st Decade: Help for persecuted Catholics, especially in communist and Islamic states 2nd Decade: Spiritual and physical growth of our parish and the Byzantine Catholic Church 3rd Decade: Increase in vocations to priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life to serve the Byzantine Catholic Church 4th Decade: Repose of the souls who have no one praying for them 5th Decade: Healing of the sick in body, mind and soul

Holy Father's Intentions / July

For the pastoral care of the sick We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

Prayer for Vocations

"Bring them to me." Jesus miraculously fed the thousands by blessing the loaves and the fish. To do this, he asked his followers to gather and bring the food to him. He still uses us as his servants, particularly those men and women who are monastics, as well as through men called to holy orders. Is this something God is calling you or someone you know to? Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@ephx.org





Vocation Icon Today: Wyatt Family Next Sunday: Wofford Family

July 21, 2024 Cantor: Andrea Riley Reader: Michael Wells Altar Server: Michael Grega Troijca: Lucy Brewer Counters: Jana Brewer & Ann Rajala

Propers for 7/21/24 9th Sunday after Pentecost Tone 8 Troparion - 161

v. Glory... Kontakion- 162 *v. Now & Ever...* Theotokion - 406 Prokeimenon & Alleluia - 162-3 Our Father - 73

The OLPH Prayer Warriors

make intercessory prayer a daily commitment. We pray voluntarily and without bias; that is, we take to the Blessed Trinity the requests that come our way. The Prayer Warriors meet on Zoom every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. for themed meetings. **If you would like to join the Prayer** Warriors, would like additional information, and/or would like for us to pray for your intentions, please contact Patricia at pocb@unm.edu

Alicia's Hall Report

Last Sunday we had a special baptismal celebration for baby Nadia Fuentes with their family from all around the Americas! Thanks to the family for the decorations, recuerdos, and food! Thanks to everyone who helped set up and clean up. God grant Nadia, Sofia and Aaron many blessed and happy years! Please sign up to host/co-host on the paper signup in the hall or on signup genius: https:// www.signupgenius.com/ go/10C054AAAAAAAAF94-olph#/. We need a host/hostess for the end of July and all of August, as I'll be out of town, so please consider how you can help during those weeks. Have a blessed week!

Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now

Thu Aug1	Beginning of Dormition Fast
Wed Jul 31	6:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy/Lesser Blessing of Water / Blessing of Honey
	Transfiguration of Our Lord /
	Solemn Holy Day
Mon Aug 5 Tue Aug 6	6:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy/Blessing of Fruit 9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Blessing of Fruit
	Dormition of the Theotokos
Wed Aug 14	Holy Day of Obligation 6:00 pm Deposition of the Shroud / Liturgy /
Thu Aug 15	Blessing of Flowers 9:00 am Divine Liturgy / Myrovanije
Aug 23 & 24	Women's Day of Spiritual Reflection
Thu Aug 29	Beheading of John the Baptist Simple Holy Day
Wed Aug 28	6:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy
Sun Sep 1	Beginning of the New Church Year
	Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Eri Son 12	Solemn Holy Day 6:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy / Blessing of Litija
Fri Sep 13 Sat Sep 14	9:00 am Divine Liturgy
	Protection of the Theotokos
Mon Sep 30	Solemn Holy Day 6:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy
Sep 30— Oct 4	Annual Clergy Retreat in Tucson AZ
Tue Oct 15	Celebration of the OLPH 50th Jubilee
	3:30 pm Hierarchical Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm Dinner at Sheraton
	7:30 pm Dancing with a live band
	(Die Polka Schlingels)
Fri Nov 8	Archangel Michael and All Angels
	Solemn Holy Day 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Thu Nov 14	Beginning of Phillip's Fast
Thu Nov 21	Entrance of the Theotokos
Wed Nov 20	Solemn Holy Day 6:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy
Fri Dec 6	Nicholas of Myra / Solemn Holy Day
	6:00 pm Divine Liturgy

ETERNAL MEMORY!!! We extend our sincere and prayerful condolences to Terry McNeil and her family on the occasion of the falling asleep in the Lord of her beloved mother Barbara. Jesus received her soul on Wednesday July 3rd. The funeral was held on Wednesday July 10 in South Dakota. Let us offer our prayers commending her soul to God and asking peace for the bereaved. Blessed Repose grant O Lord to your handmaid Barbara and remember her forever!

This year's Women's Day of Spiritual Reflection

will be **August 23 and 24 at the Norbertine Abbey:** Our teaching will be an introduction to Lord Teach Me to Pray. LTMTP is a prayer method based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. This series has been approved by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Fr. Artur has approved of LTMTP for our Day of Reflection. **Please see the pamphlet on the Cabinet in the back for information and registration**.

EPARCHIAL APPEAL 2024

The Annual Eparchial Appeal this year runs from **February 1st to August 31st**. The pledge form and information for the appeal was mailed directly from the Bishop's office to your home. Collected o date: \$8,812.00. Thank you to Ann Rajala. Did you remember to send in your pledge? Our average giving has been about \$300.00 per household. Please, send your pledge directly to the Bishop's office in Phoenix, AZ, and our checks made to the Eparchy of Phoenix. Thank you for your support!

Ask A Priest will meet on Sunday, July 28, at 5:30 - 8 pm. This is open to all high school students aged 13 and up. We will be having pizza, dessert, and going over plans for the upcoming year, with time for Asking A Priest any theological / liturgical/ moral/ church history question and some game time. For details, please see Father Chris or Jana Brewer.

Safe Environment: The Eparchy, within all its parishes, institutions, and programs, is committed to assuring a Safe Environment in ministry for its children and vulnerable adults that conforms to the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. For additional information regarding the eparchial Safe Environment Program or to report any concerns, please contact:

Subdeacon Paul Kilroy, Safe Environment Coordinator

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July 17: Blessed Bishop Martyr Paul Peter Gojdich was the heroic bishop of Prešov in its most difficult times (1926-1960). Born on July 17, 1888 to a married priest, he was by nature a quiet and gentle man who loved to be alone with God. But he was pulled out of his monastery to become bishop. He stated then: "I will become a father of orphans, helper of the poor and consoler of the afflicted."

When our Church faced a state-supported campaign to convert our faithful to Orthodoxy, he worked hard to stop this. He led the people through the Depression known as a man of charity who would always help. In 1938, Czechoslovakia was destroyed and Slovakia became a state dependent upon Hitler. He was the only bishop in Slovakia to consistently protest against deporting Jews to their deaths; he also defended the Rusyn minority against Slovak nationalists; directed missionary work in the Czech lands to serve faithful who moved there; cared for orphans and pushed religious education for all. Israel recognized him as a Righteous Gentile for saving the lives of at least 30 Jews himself, and instructing his priests to baptize any Jew who came to them - and so save them from deportation to Auschwitz. Slovakia would protect a baptized Jew and their family. Over 2,000 Jews were saved this way from being sent to Auschwitz. In 1950, the Communists took over Czechoslovakia. Immediately they attacked our Church, on orders from Moscow, to force us into the Russian Orthodox Church,

which cooperated with Stalin.

Bishop Gojdič and his auxiliary Blessed Basil Hopko were arrested at the doors of the cathedral and he was put into prison on his birthday

In prison, he had the gift of bilocation, appearing when other victims needed his spiritual help while still being in his cell, and had the wounds of Jesus in his hands. He was treated very harshly and suffered greatly, but never complained or condemned the communists.

He could have escaped prison and been installed as Orthodox Patriarch of Czechoslovakia, if he would break with Rome, and he refused to do so. He asked God for the grace to die on his birthday, July 17, and for Sacraments from a priest. On the night of July 16, another priest-prisoner was put into the bed next to his, and he heard the bishop's confession. Bishop Gojdič died the next morning, in 1950.

July 20: Feast of the Holy Prophet Elijah

We commemorate the glorious prophet Elijah on July 20. On this day, we remember the prophet whose words closed the heavens and initiated a drought to punish sinful Israel, and who later prayed for the heavens to open after Israel returned to the Lord. A small cloud rose up out of the Mediterranean, and that small cloud unleashed torrents of rain on the thirsty land. The little cloud is seen by the Fathers as foreshadowing the humble Virgin Mary, whose Son saved the human race.

Elijah's story is related in the Bible in 1 Kings, chapters 17-21, and again at the beginning of 2 Kings. He is the last of the great prophets in Israel, and because of his ascension into heaven as a living man, the Jews awaited his return to announce the Messiah (Malachi 3:19). Elijah appears in Jewish midrash and in the Talmud with many stories of him intervening in the world. An empty place is set for him at the Passover table so that he can come and announce the coming of the Messiah. In the Churches of the Byzantine tradition, this ancient Jewish practice has resulted in the practice of an empty place being set for Elijah at the Holy Supper on Christmas Eve, so that he can announce the birth of Christ.

Elijah is the spiritual father of the Carmelite Order; European ascetics lived on Mount Carmel during the Crusade era and wore a white habit slashed by black marks which were seen as the wheel-marks from his chariot. Tradition claims that Carmel was home to a school of prophets who would come from the wilderness to chastise and warn Israel. The caves however had been long abandoned before the Catholic men settled here for lives of prayer and silence, in imitation of Elijah who went away from the world. Saint Albert of Jerusalem gave these men, the hermits of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, their first Rule in 1209-1214. In 1238, the Carmelite friars were driven out by the Muslim re-conquest of the Holy Land, and they took their Elijah and Marian traditions with them to Europe. The Carmelites are known especially for the devotion of the wearing of the Brown Scapular, a small version of their habit, which depicts the image of Carmel on end and that of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and the Christ Child handing the scapular to Saint Simon Stock.

In the Evangelization of pagan Europe, St. Elias the Prophet pushed aside both Greek and Slavic gods. The Byzantine emperors Zeno (5th century) and Basil I (9th century) both promoted devotion to the prophet of Mt. Carmel, emphasizing his role regarding the weather. As a result, Elijah came to be invoked for rain during droughts, and for protection against thunder and lightning during storms.

Car Blessings:

Because Elijah was taken up into heaven in a chariot, he became the patron of wheeled vehicles. Wagons and carts – so important in the agricultural society of Eastern Europe– were blessed on his feast day. From there, it was an easy transition to bless cars, trucks, motorcy-cles, and bicycles. The prayer of blessing vehicles asks for heavenly blessings on vehicles and people, guardian angels to protect all, and that we use our cars etc. in the proper spirit.

God's Blessings and Congratulations to our newest Church Family member Nadia Fuentes! Last Sunday, we formally welcomed little Nadia into God's Family and our Byzantine Catholic Church as she received the Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation (Baptism-Chrismation-Holy Eucharist) at the 10am Divine Liturgy. May the Lord grant to the newly enlightened Nadia, her parents and godparents, peace health and happiness for many and blessed years!