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Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council October 11, 2020

Troparion – Tone 1

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: “Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom!// Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou who lovest mankind!”

Troparion – Tone 8

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God, Who hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth. Through them Thou hast guided us to the True Faith.// O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

Kontakion – Tone 1

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself. Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee:// “Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

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.

Prokeimenon – Tone 1

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on Thee!

v: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!

Prokeimenon – Tone 4

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, / and praised and glorified is Thy name forever!

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.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

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.

Epistle: Hebrews 13:7-16

Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Gospel: Luke 7:11-16

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.”

Gospel: John 17:1-13

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

Service Schedule for the week of October 11 – services will be streamed live

Today – MASKS REQUIRED 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Saturday October 17 – MASKS REQUIRED 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy and 5:00 PM Vespers

Sunday October 18 – 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Weekly Giving

October 3 & 4 -

October 10 & 11 –

Parish Announcements

Upcoming service schedule (Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM):

Saturday October 10 – Masks not required

Sunday October 11 – Masks required

Saturday October 17 – Masks required

Sunday October 18 – Masks not required

Saturday October 24 – Masks not required

Sunday October 25 – Masks required

Saturday October 31 – Masks required

Sunday November 1 – Masks not required

Saturday November 7 – Masks not required

Sunday November 8 – Masks required

Saturday November 14 – Masks required

Sunday November 15 – Masks not required

Saturday November 21 – Masks not required

Sunday November 22 – Masks required

Saturday November 28 – Masks required

Sunday November 29 – Masks not required

In order to prevent the spread of germs, the Communion prosphora and prosphora after Divine Liturgy will be handed out by an Altar server. We ask that you receive the prosphora in your hand and not reach for the prosphora on the tray or bowl.

The church has been set up for appropriate social distance seating. However, if you are feeling ill, please stay home. Also, those age 65 and over are still considered high risk and should make careful decisions about attending services. Father Volodymyr will continue to stream live Vespers and Sunday Divine Liturgy.

The Senior R Club is looking for new members! The “Senior” in Senior R Club does not designate the club is only for seniors age 65+! Years ago there was a Junior R Club for youth (ages 12-21) and a Senior R Club for adults - the “R” designating Russian - both under the auspices of FOCA (Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America). Unfortunately, there have not been enough youth to sustain the Junior R Club so that is why we do not currently have one. The Senior R Club is part of the Colonial District, which includes clubs from Phila., Washington DC, and Maryland. We fundraise to support our church, and also help struggling Seminarian families with monetary donations through the Colonial District, donate to the FOCA Gifts of Love and St. Andrews Fund which support Orthodox Seminaries and Orthodox Charities, and the St. Nicholas Wish List where we send Christmas gifts to a Seminarian family assigned by FOCA. There are three annual Colonial District events that the Senior R Club either hosts or attends – bowling (in the Spring before Paschal Lent), District Convention (early Fall), and Religious Education Day (Fall/early Winter). The Colonial District also hosts the annual Novogodny Ball every January, which is a night of fellowship including dinner (optional) and dancing (including traditional Russian dances). If you are interested in joining the Club, please see Father Volodymyr or a member of the Senior R Club.

Reminder to please clean up your family gravesites at the Parish Cemeteries, and take your trash with you as we do not have trash collection at the cemetery. Thank you.

During the pandemic we are grateful that our parishioners have continued to contribute every week so the church can remain operational. We also thank Father Volodymyr for the extra services and Matushka Oksana for stepping in as the choir and Reader when needed. We all continue to pray for everyone's health and well-being!