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### Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council October 13, 2019

#### **Troparion – Tone 8**

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//  
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

#### **Troparion – Tone 8**

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God! Thou 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 8**

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrected Adam. Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

#### **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 8**

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!

*v: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel*

#### **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 6:16-7:1**

And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people." Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you." "I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty." Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of 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 8:5-15**

"A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold." When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?" And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.' Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

### **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 13**

**Today** – 9:00 AM Sunday School, 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in Daria Hall

**Saturday, October 19** – Sunday School children trip to St. Tikhon's Seminary  
5:00 PM Vespers followed by Confession

**Sunday, October 20** – 9:00 Sunday School, 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

## **Weekly Giving**

October 6 – 44 adults, 16 youth, \$2,002

## **Parish Announcements**

Bible Study classes are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 PM. The next two will be held on October 23 and November 12.

Next Saturday October 19, the Sunday School children will travel to St. Tikhon's Seminary for a day visit. Any adults interested in attending please see Father Volodymyr or Melody Stavisky. We will need parental chaperones as well.

There will be a Senior R Club meeting next Sunday October 20 during coffee hour.

Please remember to let Rebeca or Alex Medina know if you will be attending their wedding and reception on Sunday October 27.

The annual Turkey Social will be held on Sunday November 10 starting 12:30 PM. On the tables in Daria Hall are lists of items needed for the prize baskets. Help will be needed on Saturday Nov. 9 assembling the baskets, setting up the tables, food preparation, etc. and also help will be needed in the kitchen during the Turkey Social. Baked goods will be appreciated. Please let Nina Laushell know what items you can donate and also if you can help during the Turkey Social.

The red vestments for newly ordained Rev. Michael Sochka have arrived from Ukraine. The vestments are a gift from our parish to Father Michael, who served in and attended our church for many years as a Protodeacon before he and his family relocated to the Pittsburgh area. Father Volodymyr will make arrangements to have the vestments delivered to Father Michael as soon as possible.

In the next few days concrete capping repairs will be done on the walls of Daria Hall to eliminate the leaking problems we have noticed over the last several years.

Mark your calendars –

- \* Sunday School Christmas Yolka - Sunday December 15. The children will start rehearsing on Sunday November 3.
- \* Christmas Cookie Bake Sale - Sunday December 22 after Divine Liturgy. Cookie trays will be assembled on Saturday December 21.
- \* Annual Parish Meeting - Sunday January 26.