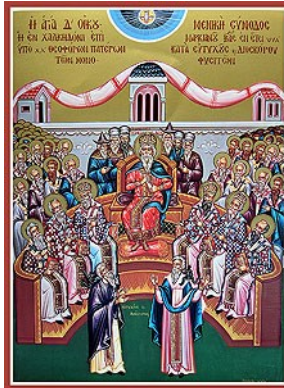


## The Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council

The Fourth Ecumenical Council, convened in AD 451, is named after the city in which it was held, "Chalcedon." The primary topic of debate at Chalcedon was the same as what was at issue at the prior ecumenical council, the Council of Ephesus, in AD 431: *how can the Church understand and confess both the deity and humanity of Christ*. That is, how do the divine and human relate in the Person of Christ such that Christ is recognized as truly both God and Man, and yet as one Person, not two, and in such a way that does not destroy, blend, or confuse what is proper to each of those natures, the divine and the human?



Whereas the Council of Ephesus addressed the heresy of Nestorius, who was found to teach that divinity and humanity were only "connected" in Christ, thus implying a less-than-complete union, the Council of Chalcedon addressed itself to the opposite problem as expressed by the Bishop Dioscorus of Alexandria, who was charged with collapsing the distinction between the two natures in the incarnate Christ, such that Christ has "one [incarnate] nature" after the Incarnation, i.e., monophysitism.

For both political and theological reasons, this Council led to a schism between the Christian communities in and around the Byzantine Roman Empire, that continues to this day. For example, a majority of Egyptian Christians under the see of Alexandria refused to recognize this council (partly because of the Council's elevation of the see of Constantinople), and so are known as "non-Chalcedonian" churches not in full communion with the Orthodox Churches.

The primary subject of debate at Chalcedon may seem to be unhelpful and unnecessary theological hair-splitting, but our holy fathers saw clearly that this was not the case. Rather, the Church's accurate proclamation and embodiment of the mystery of the salvation of mankind was at stake. The mystery of the Incarnation is the revelation that Deity and Humanity, while distinct, are not opposing principles or poles on a spectrum of "being" (ontology). Rather, God fashioned humanity from the beginning with a view to the Incarnation, the assumption of human nature into the divine life, perfectly and completely. That is, for humanity's deification.

This is true also of the whole created world. God is not in an oppositional relationship to the material world; rather, all creation lives and moves and has its being in God (Acts 17:28). The whole world will be transfigured at its renewal, such that the created world will become transparent to the uncreated divine Energies which it mediates. Creation will be one big "eucharist," so to speak.

Chalcedon preserves the mystery that, through the Incarnation, we are brought into saving union with God, but not in a way that destroys the distinction between God and humanity, between Creator and created. We are not "absorbed" into an impersonal essence or force. We as human persons are united to the personal Triune God, in the Person of Christ, who is eternally divine yet in these latter days became incarnate for our salvation. Which is to say that our salvation is from beginning to end a matter of God's love for humanity, in the desire of the Persons of the Godhead to be in communion with their human image-bearers.



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## SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF FOURTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

### COMMEMORATIONS:

VENERABLE MACRINA, SISTER OF BASIL THE GREAT  
VENERABLE DIOS OF ANTIOCH  
THEODORE, ARCHBISHOP OF EDESSA  
UNCOVERING OF THE RELICS OF VENERABLE SERAPHIM  
OF SAROV  
HOLY STEPHEN LAZAREVIC, SERBIAN PRINCE AND  
HOLY MILITSA HIS MOTHER

Tone 5 - Eothinon 6

Orthros Gospel: St. Luke 24:36-53

Epistle: Titus 3:8-15

Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 5:14-19

**RESURRECTION TROPARION** - Tone 5 - Let us believers praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation; for he took pleasure in ascending the cross in the flesh, to suffer death, and to raise the dead by his glorious resurrection.

**APOLYTIKION OF THE HOLY FATHERS** - Tone 8 - Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

**TODAY:** ORTHROS & Confession 8:45 a.m.  
Divine LITURGY w/ Baptism & Chrismation  
(Hewitt) 10 a.m. (Many Years!)  
Parish Council, 12:45 p.m.

*Postponing Fellowship due to tightened restrictions. Masks are encouraged.*

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Office Hours: Monday through Friday 10:00 - 3:00

Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.

## Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	<b>This Week:</b>	<b>Next Week (July 26):</b>
<b>PROSPHORA BREAD:</b>	Carolyn Kaminsky	MaryLynne Black
<b>USHERS:</b>	Dan M. & Rdr. Nick Muzekari	Rdr. Nathan & Steve K.
<b>ALTAR CANDLES:</b>	----	----
<b>ALTAR BOYS:</b>	“Archangel Gabriel”	“Archangel Michael”
<b>CLEANING TEAM:</b>	Todd & Kendra Moody	Todd & Kristi Moore

### Mark Your Calendar:

#### Summer Weekday Liturgies

Tues, Fri, Sat, 10 am  
(Saturday service – Masks required)

#### Evening services (6:30 pm)

Wednesday: Little Compline  
Friday: Paraklesis  
Saturday: Great Vespers

#### Young Saints Club

Fridays, 10am-12:30pm  
Starting July 10

#### Dormition Fast - August 1-14

Daily Paraklesis  
Holy Unction, Aug 12, 4 pm

#### Transfiguration of Christ

Wednesday, August 5  
Vespers & Artoklasia, 6:30 p.m.  
Thursday, August 6  
Orthros 9 am, Liturgy 10 am  
Blessing of fruit & garden produce.  
Fasting potluck after liturgy.

#### Feast of the Dormition

Friday, August 14  
Vespers & Artoklasia, 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday, August 15  
Orthros 9 am, Baptismal Liturgy 10 am  
Blessing of Herbs & Flowers

#### Pray For:

Living	Departed
Hirut	+Lida
Kaitlyn & Child in womb	+Mat. Linda (D)
Denise (A)	+Robert Joseph
Helen (P-N)	+Timothy (B)
Doris & John	+Tatiana
Fr. Gregory & Family	+Michael
Larissa & Family	+Nielus
Kh. Beverly & Family (W)	
Marina & Family	
Sophrony & Family	
Rachel	
James	
Lasha B	
Otari B	
Daniel H	
John	
Zerfenesh	
Maximos	
Luke	
Apostoli	
Peter	
Peter	

#### Catechumens

Evan, Conon,  
Shaun,  
Matthew, Tina,  
& Michael

Thomas,  
Elizabeth,  
Elaine & all  
Missionaries

All who are suffering,  
serving and rebuilding  
from the pandemic

For the repentance,  
healing & unity of our  
country

New &  
Expectant  
Mothers &  
children

**SAINT PHILIP'S** is a place of prayer and repentance and a “Pan-Orthodox” parish of the Antiochian Archdiocese, serving Orthodox Christians of all backgrounds in the English language. If you are a newcomer to our community, please sign our guest book, and stay with us for the Coffee Hour today. **AND, WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU AGAIN!**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Holy Communion is only for practicing Orthodox Christians who are following the commandments, have prepared themselves through fasting, prayer, and recent confession, who are dressed modestly, and have arrived on time for the Liturgy. All are welcome to kiss the Cross and receive Blessed Bread at the end of the Liturgy.

### **SPECIAL APPEAL**

Please consider making a special offering **Classic Olive Oil** to be left under the icon of at Thekla. Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

### This Week:

- Monday, July 20:** 6th Hour, 12 noon
- Tuesday, July 21:** Divine Liturgy, 10 a.m.
- Wednesday, July 22:** 6th Hour, 12 noon  
Compline & Patristic Reading, 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, July 23:** 6th Hour, 12 noon
- Friday, July 24:** Divine Liturgy, 10 a.m.  
Blood Drive, 2-7 p.m.  
Paraklesis, 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, July 25:** Divine Liturgy (Mask Required), 10 a.m.  
VESPERS 6:30 p.m., Confession 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, July 26:** ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.  
Divine LITURGY, 10 a.m.



Check out the Kids Summer Reading Program! Forms are available in the Library. Sign out a book & get started!



### **Ministry Highlights**

*“As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.” (1 Peter 4:10)*

### **UPDATING THE Photo Directory**

*to encourage unity, fellowship, and ministry at St. Philip*

Please submit your updated family photo, address, emails, and telephone numbers to: **stphilipphotos20@gmail.com**.

You may also submit a printed photo for the directory. We will have a section for Stewards, and another for Friends. Have questions? Contact Dale Yeager (daleyeager@live.com), Colin Miller (Colinmil@comcast.net) or Dn. David Hyatt (apostlephilip@gmail.com).

**OFFERINGS:** Candles, \$167. Collections, \$424.20. Youth, \$1. Book Shelf Ministry, \$103. Camping Fund, \$50. Ukrainian Orphanage, \$110. Stewardship, \$4,716.67. Total received: \$5,571.87.

**GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS & GENEROSITY!**

