

**Commemoration of the Holy Fathers  
of the Seventh Ecumenical Council  
(October 11)**

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.

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**October 11, 2020**

**SUNDAY OF THE HOLY  
FATHERS OF THE SEVENTH  
ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**

**COMMEMORATIONS:**

PHILIP THE APOSTLE OF THE 70, ONE OF THE 7  
DEACONS  
THEOPHANES THE CONFESSOR, BISHOP OF NICAEA  
HOLY MARTYRS ZENAIAS AND PHILONILLA  
NECTARIOS, ARSAKIOS, SISINIOS AND PHILOTHEOS  
KOKKINOS, PATRIARCHS OF CONSTANTINOPLE  
ETHELBURGA, ABBESS OF BARKING, KENNETH

**Tone 1 - Eothion 7**  
**Orthros Gospel: St. John 20:1-10**  
**Epistle: Titus 3:8-15**  
**Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 8:5-15**

**RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 1 -** While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding thy most pure Body, thou didst arise on the third day, O Saviour, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto thee, O Giver of life: Glory to thy resurrection, O Christ! Glory to thy kingdom! Glory to thy providence, O thou who alone art the Lover of mankind!

**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 10 a.m.  
Outdoor Sunday School, Teens, & Catechism  
*Stewardship Presentation*

**40 Days of Growth in Stewardship begins today!!**  
**Theme: “The Seal of the Gift of the Holy Spirit”**

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**Office Hours:** Monday through Thursday 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:

This Week:

Next Week (Oct 18):

**PROSPHORA BREAD:** Carolyn Kaminsky

Gabi & Catalin Tinjala

**USHERS:** Sdn Justin & Sdn John N.

Dan M. & Sdn Nick Muz.

**ALTAR CANDLES:** ----

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**ALTAR BOYS:** "Archangel Gabriel"

"Archangel Michael"

**CLEANING TEAM:** Sdn John & Maxine; Tatiana Y

Rdr. Jordan & Natalie G.

### Mark Your Calendar:

#### Festal Liturgies during week

*Friday, Oct 23 – St. James*

#### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING –

##### Save the Date!

*October 24-25*

#### Vigil for St. Raphael

*Friday, November 6 – Starting at 6:30 pm  
Vespers, Orthros, Liturgy*

#### Virtual Fall Retreat & Meetings 2020 for

##### Eastern Dioceses

*November 12-15*

#### Feast of St. Philip

*Friday, November 13*

*Vespers & Artoklasia 6:30 pm  
Orthros 7:30 pm*

*Saturday, November 14*

*Divine Liturgy 10 am*

#### Nativity Fast

*November 15-December 24*

#### Entrance of the Theotokos

*Friday, November 20*

*Vespers 6:30 pm; Orthros 7:30 pm*

*Saturday, November 21*

*Liturgy, 10 am*

#### Feast of the Nativity of Christ

*Thursday, December 24*

*Royal Hours, 8 am*

*Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil, 9 am*

*Festal Orthros, 9:30 pm*

*Divine Liturgy, 11 pm*

#### Pray For:

Living

Departed

N.I. Genevieve

+Michael Y

N.I. Serafina

+Mat. Linda (D)

Doris & John

+Robert Joseph

APr. Gregory & Family

+Timothy (B)

Vasiliki

+Helen (T)

Aristidis

+Felicia-Ekna

James

+Vadim

Lasha B

Otari B

Daniel H

John

Peter

Stavroula

Anesia

Child Joshua

Svetlana & Family

Bogdana

#### Catechumens

Matthew,

Michael,

Shaun, Tina,

Asena

All who are suffering,  
serving and rebuilding  
from the pandemic

For the repentance,  
healing & unity of our  
country

The faithful of Beirut

For those suffering from  
natural disasters in  
California and Gulf  
States

Dn. Thomas,  
Elizabeth,  
Elaine & all  
Missionaries

New &  
Expectant  
Mothers &  
children

**OFFERINGS:** Candles, \$107. Collections, \$696.30. Youth, \$3. Book Shelf Ministry, \$10. Food for Hungry, \$10.48. Needy Fund, \$100. Women's Fund, \$61. Camera Project, \$100. Stewardship, \$6,310. Total received: \$7,397.78.

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

### **SPECIAL APPEAL**

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

### This Week:

**Monday, Oct 12:** 6th Hour, 12 noon

**Tuesday, Oct 13:** 6th Hour, 12 noon  
**Women of St. Mariamne 6 p.m.**  
(In-person & by Zoom)

**Wednesday, Oct 14:** 6th Hour, 12 noon  
**Little Compline 6:30 p.m.**  
**Patristic Reading Group 7 p.m.**

**Thursday, Oct 15:** 6th Hour, 12 noon

**Friday, Oct 16:** 6th Hour, 12 noon  
**Paraklesis, 6:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, Oct 17:** **Divine Liturgy (Mask Required), 10 a.m.**  
**Great VESPERS 6:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, Oct 18:** **ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.**  
**Divine LITURGY, 10 a.m.**  
**Sunday School, Teens, & Catechism**  
**Coffee Hour**  
**Parish Council, 12:45 p.m.**



### **About Receiving Communion from Father Boniface of blessed memory**



- ✦ If you have not been to confession in over a month, go to confession before receiving the Holy Gifts.
- ✦ Fasting is necessary for all over eight years of age (confession age).
- ✦ We fast from all food and drink (including water) from bedtime until we receive the Holy Gifts on Sunday morning. Also, we observe the Wednesday and Friday abstinence, in addition keeping the total fast from bedtime on Saturday night to be properly prepared.
- ✦ If you have a medical problem (hypoglycemia, need medication, etc.), see your Spiritual Father for instructions about the fast.
- ✦ If you plan to receive Communion, then part of our preparation is being on time. If you are not in Church in time for the Gospel Reading, do not receive Communion that day.
- ✦ Be sure to pray the "Prayers before Communion" and the "Prayers after Communion," that are available in all prayer books.
- ✦ Wear modest clothing in the Lord's Temple.

