

Bulletin sponsor this week is for the:**Health of:**

Elizabeth and **Vincent** Turpin on their 13th wedding anniversary requested with love from Fr. Matthew and M. Barbara.

Olivia and **Michael** on their wedding day. Offered by Fr. Dn. Edward and Mat. Holly.

Eternal memory of:

Newly departed **Archpriest Paul** Kucynda, requested with love from our parish family.

Romans 10:1-10 (5th Sunday after Pentecost)

[Hebrews 13:7-16](#) (Fathers)

Readings:

Matthew 8:28-34; 9:1 (5th Sunday after Pentecost)

[John 17:1-13](#) (Fathers)

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that every one who has faith may be justified. Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says, Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

At that time, when Jesus came to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one would pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.

Sunday Services:

Hours - 9:40 AM

Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM

General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month

Private Confession - by appointment, contact Father Matthew

Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3rd Sunday of each month

Coffee hour - after Divine Liturgy.

We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy, downstairs, for Coffee hour.

Sunday school is on hiatus for the summer.**Announcements:**

- **Archbishop Michael** will be visiting our parish on Sunday, **July 27th**. The Sisterhood will provide a **luncheon** for the Archbishop after Divine Liturgy that day. **Tickets** for the luncheon will cost **\$10 for adults** 13 and up. Because of space limitations in our community room, tickets to the luncheon will **need to be purchased in advance, by July 20th**. Please see Tammy Zimmerman or Maribeth Romanofsky for ticket information. Checks for the luncheon should be made out to the Sisterhood.
- A **sign-up sheet for food items** for the Archbishop's visit has been posted downstairs. The luncheon will be a **set menu**, so **specific food items** are being requested. Please see Maribeth Romanofsky if you have questions about the menu.

Reminders:

- **Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers.** And please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East.
- Bulletin sponsors, prayer requests, or announcements for the bulletin, should be **submitted by email to: andyromanofsky@gmail.com.**
- Thank you to everyone who has been donating to our parish. There is a donation basket at the candle stand. Also, a **Venmo account** can be used for donations. It is at <https://venmo.com/u/Hala-Dawson>.
- **The Grey Book Step Meeting Group** of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Tuesday from 7-8:00 PM downstairs in the community room.
- **The Living Clean Group** of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Friday from 8-9:15 PM downstairs in the community room.

The Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils:

On the Sunday nearest to 16th of July, we remember the Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils. The Orthodox Church acknowledges Seven Holy Ecumenical Councils:

The First Ecumenical Council (Nicea I) was convened in the year 325 against the heresy of Arius, in the city of Nicea in Bithynia under Saint Constantine the Great, Equal of the Apostles.

The Second Ecumenical Council (Constantinople I) was convened in the year 381 against the heresy of Macedonias, by the emperor Theodosius the Great.

The Third Ecumenical Council (Ephesus) was convened in the year 431 against the heresy of Nestorius, in the city of Ephesus by the emperor Theodosius the Younger.

The Fourth Ecumenical Council (Chalcedon) was convened in the year 451, against the Monophysite heresy, in the city of Chalcedon under the emperor Marcian.

The Fifth Ecumenical Council (Constantinople II) “Concerning the Three Chapters,” was convened in the year 553, under the emperor Justinian the Great.

The Sixth Ecumenical Council (Constantinople III) met during the years 680-681, to fight the Monothelite heresy, under the emperor Constantine Pogonatos.

The fact that the **Seventh Ecumenical Council (Nicea II)** is not commemorated today testifies to the antiquity of today’s celebration. The Seventh Council, commemorated on the Sunday nearest to October 11, was convened at Nicea in the year 787 against the Iconoclast heresy, under the emperor Constantine and his mother Irene.

*The preaching of the Apostles and the dogmas of the Fathers have confirmed one faith for the Church;
and She, clad in the garment of truth woven from heavenly theology,
teaches aright and glorifies the great mystery of piety.*

Kontakion — Tone 8

To read about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2025/07/13>

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Fathers of the First Six Councils

*Glory to
Jesus Christ*

*Glory
Forever*

*You are most glorious, O Christ our God,
You have established the Fathers as lights upon the earth,
and through them, You have guided all of us to the true Faith!
O greatly compassionate one, glory to You.*

Tone 8—Troparion

July 13, 2025

Today the Church remembers:

Fathers of the 1st Six Ecumenical Councils • Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel • Ven. Stephen of St. Savva Monastery (794) • St. Julian, Bishop of Cenomanis (Le Mans), Gaul (1st c.) • Martyr Serapion (2nd-3rd c.) • Martyr Marcian of Iconium (258) • Icon of the Mother of God “AXION ESTIN” (“IT IS TRULY MEET”)

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Tone 4 of the [Octoechos](#)