

The 16th All-American Council

The 16th All-American Council of the Orthodox Church in America will convene in Bellevue, WA, tomorrow October 31 until November 4, 2011. We pray the following petitions:

We pray that the Lord our God, the Giver of every good gift, will look with favor upon His Church and bless and guide the minds and hearts of His people being gathered by the grace of the Holy Spirit; and that He will increase in us holy conversation, vigilance, fervent prayer, and trust in Him, guiding our plans and deliberations with faith and knowledge of His will for us.

Website for the 16th All-American Council: aac16.org

About All-American Sobors and Councils

The All-American Council is the highest legislative and administrative authority within the Orthodox Church in America. It is composed of: The Metropolitan and all bishops of the Church; The priests of each parish and an equal number of lay delegates; Priests not having parishes if accredited by the Metropolitan Council; One lay delegate from each parish not having a priest; The members and the alternate members of the Metropolitan Council, and the members of the Auditing Committee of the Church; Two delegates from each theological seminary; Members of the Pre-Conciliar Commission; and one representative of each Church organization officially accredited by the Holy Synod.

The Orthodox Church in America has convened 28 All-American Councils since the first in 1907. In order to differentiate between the councils before autocephaly and after it, when the church began a new existence, it was decided that the councils from 1907 to 1970 would be called by the term "*Sobor*" and that these gatherings since autocephaly in 1970 would be called by the equivalent term in English "*Council*".

Therefore, the 14th All-American Sobor in 1970 became the 1st All-American Council. Prior to autocephaly, these gatherings were commonly called by their Russian name: "*Sobor*" even in English. In Russian, there is no difference in the name for the councils before and after autocephaly, both are called: "*Sobor*".

Approval by the Hierarchy

All resolutions adopted by the Council shall be examined by the bishops at the end of each session (morning, afternoon, or evening). No resolutions shall be valid unless approved by a vote of at least a majority of the bishops attending the Council. In case the Holy Synod shall disapprove any resolution adopted by the Council, it shall submit to the Council the reasons for such disapproval.

(Taken from the Statute of the Orthodox Church in America)

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Christ is in our midst!

He is and always will be!

*Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad!
For the Lord has shown strength with His arm!
He has trampled down death by death!
He has become the first-born of the dead!
He has delivered us from the depths of hell,
and has granted the world great mercy!*

Sunday Troparion (tone 3)

On this day the Church remembers:

Hieromartyr Zenobius and his sister Zenobia, of Aegæ in Cilicia (285) • Apostles Tertius, Mark, Justus, and Artemas, of the Seventy (1st c.) • Hieromartyr Marcian, Bishop of Syracuse (2nd c.) • Martyr Eutropia of Alexandria (ca. 250) • Martyr Anastasia of Thessalonica (3rd c.) • St. Stephen Miliutin, his brother Ven. Dragutin (Theoctistus in monasticism), and their mother, St. Helen (Jelena), of Serbia.

October 30, 2011

Tone 3 of the Octoechos.

20th Sunday after Pentecost
6th Sunday of Luke

Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:**For health of:****Andrew Jankowski, on his birthday, son of Paul and Linda****Readings:**

- **Galatians 1:11-19**
- **Luke 8:26-39**

BRETHREN, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

At that time, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

Sunday service:**Hours - 9:40 AM****Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM****(General Confession – 9:50 AM on the first Sunday of each month)****Church School - 9:30 AM****Coffee hour after Liturgy**(no classes 1st Sunday of each month)

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

Announcements:

- **Our parish's anniversary dinner** will be held on **Sunday November 13th**. Cost of the dinner will be \$10.00 per adult. Parishioners and their guests may **make reservations for the dinner at the candle stand**. No advance purchase is necessary. Tickets will be sold outside of our parish beginning on November 1st. **Seating at the dinner will be limited to 60 people, so please make your reservations as soon as possible**. The dinner menu will be ethnic specialties. Invite your friends and family!
- There will be a **meeting of the Parish Council will be today** after coffee hour.

Special Announcements:

- **Cookie Fundraiser is Here!** Catalogs and order forms for gourmet cookie dough are available today. All orders and money will be due November 13. This is a great opportunity for gift giving or making your own Christmas cookies and helping the church at the same time. Please consider giving your support.
- **The Church School** is in need of a preschool teacher to work with our youngest students. The requirements are: the ability to arrive at Church by 9:30 for three out of four weeks a month (no Sunday School on the first Sunday of the month), patience with young children, and basic knowledge of our faith. **No home preparation will be necessary**, as all lesson plans will be prepared for you in advance. Please see Maribeth Romanofsky if interested.

Reminders:

- **Church School will not meet next Sunday, November 6th**, so that the students will be on time for General Confession.
- **Standard Time begins next Sunday, November 6th**, set your clock back 1 hour.