

Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:**For the health of:**

Adam Romanofsky on his birthday, offered by his family

Readings:

- 2 Corinthians 9:6-11
- Luke 7:11-16

BRETHREN, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

Saturday service: Vespers – 6:30 PM**Sunday service:****Hours – 9:40 AM****Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM****Private Confession – Half hour before any service.**

See Fr Matthew for other times.

General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month**Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3rd Sunday of each month****Coffee hour – after Liturgy, downstairs in the Community Room****Church School - Sunday 9:30 AM (no classes 1st Sunday of each month)**

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

Announcements:

- **The Sisterhood of the Protection of the Mother of God** celebrated their Feast Day on October 1st. Father Matthew and Matushka Barbara will be providing a special luncheon for the members of the Sisterhood today after the Liturgy to commemorate the Feast Day. Thank you, Father and Matushka!
- **The 48th anniversary of the founding of our parish** will be celebrated on **Sunday November 9th**. After the Liturgy there will be a dinner in our community room, sponsored by the Sisterhood. The dinner will feature ethnic foods. The cost of the dinner will be \$10 per person. There is a sign-up sheet downstairs for anyone who wishes to contribute an item for the dinner.
- **The next meeting of the Parish Council will be October 26th** after coffee hour.

Special Announcements:

- **Any Announcements for the bulletin can be submitted by E-Mail to:** Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org
- Upcoming bulletins can be sponsored; this can be done with the signup sheet at the candle stand.

St. Maximus says: "The one who has his mind fixed on the love of God distains all visible things and even his own body as alien."

Seventh Ecumenical Council:

Today the Church remembers the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council under the holy Patriarch Tarasius. The **Seventh Ecumenical Council** took place in Nicea in 787 AD, and is also known as the **Second Council of Nicaea**.

The Holy Fathers of the Ecumenical Councils are honored by the Church because, based upon the preaching of the Apostles, they have established one faith for the Church. Guided by the grace of the Holy Spirit, and accepted by the Church, the Ecumenical Councils are the highest authority in the Church, infallible.

The Synod of 787, refuted the Iconoclast heresy during the reign of Empress Irene and her son Constantine Porphyrogenitos.

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).

Icons are necessary and essential because they protect the full and proper doctrine of the Incarnation. While God cannot be represented in His eternal nature ("...no man has seen God", John 1:18), He can be depicted simply because He "became human and took flesh." Of Him who took a material body, material images can be made. In so taking a material body, God proved that matter could be redeemed. He deified matter, making it spirit bearing, and so if flesh can be a medium for the Spirit, so can wood or paint, although in a different fashion.

I do not worship matter, but the Creator of matter, who for my sake became material and deigned to dwell in matter, who through matter effected my salvation... —St. John of Damascus

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 that 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.

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Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

Glory to
Jesus ChristGlory
Forever

*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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Today the Church remembers:

Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council • Martyrs Probus, Tarachus, and Andronicus, at Tarsus in Cilicia (304) • St. Cosmas the Hymnographer Bishop of Majuma (ca. 787) • Ven. Amphilóky, Abbot of Glushétsk (1452) • Martyr Domnica of Anazarbus (286) • St. Martin the Merciful, Bishop of Tours (ca. 400)
• The "JERUSALEM" Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos (48 A.D.)

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18th Sunday after Pentecost

Tone 1 of the Octoechos

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