

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

Sub-deacon **Edward Dawson** on his birthday.

Adam Romanofsky on his 25th birthday, offered by his parents.

For the eternal memory of:

Tatsiana Goman, Victor Goman, Gavriil Markevich, and Evgeniy Goman, offered by their granddaughter and niece Tatsiana Markevich-DaGrosa.

Readings:

- 2 Corinthians 6:1-10
- Luke 8:5-15

BRETHREN, working together with him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

The Lord said this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." As he said this, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience.

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

Church School - 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, downstairs, for Coffee hour.

Announcements:

- The next **meeting of the Parish Council** will be on October 27th, after coffee hour.
- **His Grace Bishop Michael** will be visiting our parish on the weekend of November 2nd and 3rd. Vespers will be served on Saturday evening at 6:30 with the bishop in attendance. Please make an extra effort to join in at this important service. After vespers there will be a light supper served where everyone will have the opportunity to meet and greet Bishop Michael.
- The Sisterhood will be sponsoring a luncheon on Sunday November 3rd after the Divine Liturgy in Bishop Michael's honor. The luncheon will also commemorate the **47th anniversary of our parish**. Ethnic foods will be featured. Cost of the luncheon will be \$10.00 per person. There is a sign-up sheet downstairs if you are interested in contributing to the day's menu.
- **Parish cleanup day** – In preparation of Bishop Michael's visit, members of the parish are invited to come help clean the church on Friday, November 1st, at 9:00 AM.

Special Announcements:

- Special 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.

Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council:

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 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).

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.

Many of the holy Fathers who condemned Iconoclasm at this holy Council later died as Confessors and Martyrs for the holy Icons during the second assault of Iconoclasm in the ninth century, especially during the reigns of Leo the Armenian and Theophilus.

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**Glory to
Jesus Christ**

**Glory
Forever**

**Holy Fathers of the Seventh
Ecumenical Council**

*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.*

Kontakion -

Today the Church remembers:

Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council • Martyrs Carpus, Papylus, Agathadorus, and Agathonica, at Pergamus (251) • Ven. Benjamin of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—14th c.) • Martyr Florentius of Thessalonica (1st-2nd c.) • Martyr Benjamin, Deacon, of Persia (421-424) • St. Nicetas the Confessor of Paphlagonia (838). New Martyr Chryse (Zlata) of Bulgaria (1795) • Translation of the “IVERON” (“IBERIAN”) Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos to Moscow (1648) • The “SEDMIYEZERNAYA” Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos (17th c.)

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