

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

**Nicholas** Boylan on his birthday, offered by the Dantine family.

**Dean** and **Marisa** Corigliano on their wedding day, offered by the Romanofsky family.

**Adam** Romanofsky on his birthday, offered by his family.

**Readings:**

**II Corinthians 6:16-7:1** (*17th Sunday after Pentecost*)

Hebrews 13:7-16 (*Saints*)

**Luke 8:5-15** (*4th Sunday of Luke*)

John 17:1-13 (*Saints*)

**BRETHREN**, what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Working together with him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain.

**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**

(**Private Confession** – After Vespers by appointment.)

**Sunday service:**

**Hours - 9:40 AM**                      **Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM**  
**(General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month)**  
**(Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month)**

**Church School**

**All classes will meet every Sunday.**

**Grades 4-8 – 9:30 am**

**Preschool and Grades K through 3 – immediately after communion.**

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

**Announcements:**

- The **parish's annual anniversary dinner** will be held on Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tickets for the dinner are \$10 for adults and Sunday school students are free. Please see Tammy Zimmerman or Linda Dantine. If you would like to bring in a food item for the dinner, please see the sign-up sheet in the community room.
- The **Sisterhood of the Protection of the Mother of God is currently having a Yankee Candle Fundraising Sale**. Orders are due October 20<sup>th</sup>. See Tammy Zimmerman for more information.
- **Parents of church school students** are asked to stop by the candle stand to fill out a registration form (new students) or use the sign-up sheet (returning students).

**Reminders:**

- **Announcements or Prayer Requests** for the bulletin, can be submitted by E-Mail to: [Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org](mailto:Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org)
- Upcoming bulletins can also be sponsored by using the signup sheet at the candle stand. If using the signup sheet, please give two weeks' notice.
- The **Living Clean Group of Narcotics Anonymous** meets every Friday from 8-9:15 pm downstairs in the community room.
- The **Grey Book Step Meeting Group of Narcotics Anonymous** meets every Tuesday from 7-8:00 pm downstairs in the community room.

**Commemoration of the Holy 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 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.

*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 Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council – Tone 6

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://oca.org/saints/lives/2019/10/13>

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Glory to Jesus  
Christ

Glory  
Forever

**Commemoration of the Holy  
Fathers of the Seventh  
Ecumenical Council**

*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!*

Troparion Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council – Tone 8

**Today the Church remembers:**

**Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council** • Martyrs Carpus, Papyrus, Agathadorus, and Agathonica, at Pergamum (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.).

**October 13, 2019**

17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST

**Tone 8** of the Octoechos  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke