

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

Nicholas Boylan on his birthday, offered by his family with love.

Adam Romanofsky on his 30th birthday, offered by his family.

Readings:

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

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

[Galatians 1:11-19](#) (*20th Sunday after Pentecost*)

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

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.

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** – After Vespers by appointment.)

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

(**Pannikhidas** – after Divine Liturgy 3rd Sunday of each month)

Church School

2nd through 8th grades – 9:30 AM (No Church School on the first Sunday of each month.)

Preschool through 1st grades meet immediately after communion.

No Church School today because of recently done floor work.

Coffee hour - after Liturgy

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

Announcements:

- A new floor was applied in our basement this past week. The room will be closed today, October 14th, to let the finish cure. **There will be no coffee hour or Church School today.**
- **The Annual Anniversary Dinner will be held November 4th.** Space is limited! Fr. Matthew sent out an e-mail with details and [reservation forms](#).
- [Let us all help our brethren hit by Hurricane Florence](#). See our website for links to [Saint Basil Orthodox Church](#) in Castle Hayne, NC, and their [GoFundMe page](#). We will again have a collection basket on the bread table after the service this week.

Special Announcements:

- **Any Announcements or prayer requests 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.

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 -Tone 6 (Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council)

Tone 3 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! (Ps 46/47:6)

v: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! (Ps 46/47:1)

Tone 4 Prokeimenon (Fathers)

Blessed are You, O Lord God of our Fathers and praised and glorified is Your Name forever! (Daniel 3:26: Song of the Three Holy Children v.3)

Tone 3 Alleluia! (Resurrection)

v: In You, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame! (Ps 30/31:1)

v: Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me! (Ps 30/31:2)

Tone 1 Alleluia! (Fathers)

v: The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. (Ps 49/50:1)

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**Glory to
Jesus
Christ**

**Glory
Forever**

*(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 – Tone 8

On this day the Church remembers:

Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council • Martyrs Nazarius, Gervase, Protase, and Celsus, of Milan (1st c.) • Ven. Paraskeva of Serbia (11th c.) • Ven. Nikóla Sviatóssha, Prince of Chernigov and Wonderworker of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—1143) • Hieromartyr Silvanus of Gaza (4th c.).

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Tone 3 of the Octoechos

20th Sunday After Pentecost
4th Sunday of Luke