

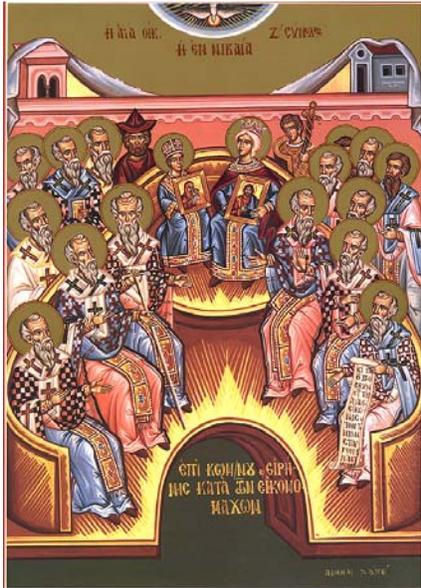
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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, October 16, 2016



Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council

On the Sunday that falls on or immediately after the eleventh of this month, we chant the Service to the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council, which gathered in Nicaea in 787 under the holy Patriarch Tarasius and during the reign of the Empress Irene and her son, Constantine Porphyrogenitus, to refute the Iconoclast heresy, which had received imperial support beginning with the Edict issued in 726 by Emperor Leo the Isaurian. 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.

Longinus the Centurion

This Martyr was in the service of Pontius Pilate at the time of Christ our Savior's Passion. While standing guard at the Cross and beholding the earthquake and all that came to pass, he cried out with fear, "Truly this was the Son of God" (Matt. 27:54).

After the Resurrection, he forsook the military and departed for Cappadocia, his homeland, where he preached Christ. By the agency of Pontius Pilate, Tiberius Caesar had him arrested and beheaded.



Hymns of the Day

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal Fourth Mode

From on high didst Thou descend, O Compassionate One; to burial of three days hast Thou submitted that Thou mightest free us from our passions. O our Life and Resurrection, Lord, glory be to Thee.

Apolytikion for Sun. of the 7th Ecumenical Council in the Plagal Fourth Mode

Most glorified art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast established our Fathers as luminous stars upon the earth, and through them didst guide us all to the true Faith. O Most Merciful One, glory be to Thee.

Apolytikion for the Church in the First Mode

Save, O Lord, Your people, and bless Your inheritance. Grant victory to the faithful against the adversaries of the faith. And, protect Your people by the power of Your Cross.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Second Mode

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, O thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

This Week at Holy Cross

Monday 6:30 Paraklesis/Bible Study

Tuesday **Feast of St. Luke**
8:30 am Orthros
9:30 am Divine Liturgy
8:30 am Golden Club outing to Flight 93 Memorial
11 am First Steps of Christ
8 pm GOYA Bowling at AMF Mt. Lebanon

Wednesday 4:30 pm Greek School
5 pm Adult Greek School

Holy Cross Today

Coffee Hour sponsored by the Holy Cross Philoptochos Society.

Please sign up for coffee hour. Check the calendar online: www.holycrosspgh.org, click "Events", then "Coffee Hour", then scroll down to calendar, click on date to see if someone has taken it. Then email holycrosspit@mail.goarch.org or call the church office to request date

Epistle Reading

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to Titus 3:8-15.

TITUS, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned.

When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful.

All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

Gospel Reading

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." 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." As he said these things, he cried out "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Welcome

We warmly welcome all visitors and seekers in our midst today, trusting that your experience here will be an uplifting and enriching one. The Greek Orthodox Churches are the ancient and native Christian communities of the biblical world, with centers in the Holy Lands, Syria, Egypt and Asia Minor, and by extension in Greece, Cyprus and throughout the world. Like the ancient Christians, we engage the whole person, heart, mind and all senses in Divine Worship. This experience has been so powerful to seekers in the past that it was often said "We knew not whether we were in heaven or on earth. We knew only that there God dwelt among human beings." (Russian Primary Chronicle) That communion experience of heaven on earth and God in our midst forms the heart of all Orthodox worship. It culminates in the sharing of Holy Communion, which not only unites us with the Divine, but also expresses the deep unity in faith and life between all Orthodox believers. Since Holy Communion expresses that deep unity in belief and practice alike, it is reserved for observant Orthodox Christians. This does not mean, however, that non-Orthodox are 'excluded' – rather, the Orthodox choose not to make an external display of unity when actual unity does not exist. While working to restore the full communion that did exist in antiquity, today we offer the sign of the blessed bread at the service's conclusion as a symbolic gift of hospitality and growing unity that is offered to all present. If you would like to learn more about the Orthodox way of life, or have any questions about worship or Holy Communion, please approach Fr. Michael or one of the clergy following services. Thank you for joining us, and again, we welcome you all.

A Note from Philoptochos

Please join us on October 30 for our Philoptochos Membership Coffee Hour.

The next Philoptochos Meeting will be Tuesday, November 1 at 7PM in the Philoptochos Room.

Please join us on Tuesday, November 29 at 6:30PM for our Christmas Party at Le Mont. Entree choices are Chicken, Salmon, Rack of Lamb and Filet Mignon. It is always a fun, festive evening! Please contact Mary Zotis at 412 835-2381 for more info.

Elaine Sofis,
Philoptochos President

Community News

Philoptochos Christmas Party

The Philoptochos Christmas Party will be Tuesday November 29th this year and will again be held at LeMont. If you are interested in buying tickets please contact Mary Zotis at (412) 835-2381.

Parish Council Members Needed

We are in need of three dedicated individuals willing to give of their time by becoming members of the Parish Council. If you are interested please speak to Fr. Michael or John Hoenig.

Philoptochos Membership Coffee Hour

Please join us on Sunday, October 30, after Liturgy, for a very special PHILOPTOCHOS MEMBERSHIP COFFEE HOUR. ALL Ladies and Gentlemen, 18 and over, are welcome to become members of Philoptochos!

If you are currently a Philoptochos member, thank you. However, you must renew your membership every year! We are a great philanthropic organization. We welcome new thoughts, new ideas and NEW members!

Dianne Babb Thank You

Thank you to everyone who baked for and worked at the fall food fair. Your generosity was greatly appreciated and made the pastry table beautiful and very successful! -
Dianne Babb

Dress for Success-Women's Clothing Drive

Dress for Success-Women's Clothing Drive in October. Collection will Begin After Food Fair .

This collection ends Sunday, Oct. 30th. Please adhere to this schedule, no exceptions. Business/Work Appropriate Clothing is requested. Suits, Dresses, Skirts, Sweaters, Blouses, Slacks, Shoes & Purses. Clothing must be Clean, Gently worn and preferably on Hangers. Please put items in Downstairs Philoptochos Room on coat rack. Thank you for your donations, any questions call Christine Peters 724-693-9290

Visiting Ministries: Priestly Sacramental Visits and Philoptochos Circle of Angels visits

Do you have a loved one that cannot regularly attend church services? Please call the church office to schedule a Sacramental Visit from one of our clergymen. They will also be placed on the Philoptochos Circle of Angels visiting list. Thank you for helping our parish family to stay connected to the Church.

New Church Membership Directory

The new church directories will be distributed during the month of November at the Loyalty Day programs. Thank you to all that had their picture taken.

Please look for the new online directory that will also be available soon. It can be updated "in real time" to keep the information current. You will need to contact the office for any corrections or changes.

And finally, a huge THANK YOU to the Directory Committee volunteers listed below. They gave many hours to make this project a success.

- Janet Conomos

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Save the Date

GOLDEN CLUB: THIS Tuesday, October 18th, 2016 the Golden Club will be traveling to Shanksville, PA and the Flight 93 Memorial park. There is no entry fee for the Memorial. We will be departing from Holy Cross by van at 8:30 a.m. (approx. 1 1/2 hours travel time). When we arrive at the Memorial, we are hoping to have a guided tour, although we will not know that for sure until time of arrival. Otherwise, we will plan on a self-guided tour, which will include the Visitors Center, walking path to Wall of Names and crash site monument. There are many walking trails, as well, to outlying areas of the park. We will spend approximately two hours touring. From the park, we will travel to the quaint town of Ligonier to dine and shop! We will return to the Church by late afternoon/early evening.

Please be aware that there is quite a bit of walking at the park. It is a half-mile total out and back to the Wall of Names. Wheelchairs will be available for those who feel they cannot walk the paths. Please wear comfortable shoes and dress accordingly, as the weather in the Somerset area may be colder than our Pittsburgh weather!

There are a total of 28 seats available on two vans. Once the vans are full, we will have a waiting list in case of cancellations. Of course, carpooling is an option. For reservations, please email or call Cynthia at cakostelnik@yahoo.com (412-722-9512) or Rene Koett at rjkoett@yahoo.com (412-559-1721). Please note the change in our phone numbers. These are our cell phone numbers, which we prefer you call. Thanks to all our members and van drivers (Marty K., Jonathan M., and George A!!!) for their support, help and love; and we look forward to seeing you on the vans!