

Announcements

Our June Collection for St. Francis of Assisi soup kitchen was successful, please see Fr. Nathan with suggestions for the next collection effort.

Fr. Nathan will be traveling with his family from 7/17 through 7/24. He will check messages periodically for any non-urgent matters. Please contact Fr. Innocent Neal in the event of an emergency at (570) 691-9076.

Helen Thomashefsky fell asleep in the Lord on Wednesday morning. Please remember her, and her family in your prayers. Viewing at Turko Funeral Home in Dickson City this afternoon 2-4pm and this evening 7-9pm, with Panikhida at 7:30pm. Funeral to be held at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church at 10am, with visitors received in the hour prior.

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils

July 16th, 2023

Assigned Readings

Romans 12: 6-14, Hebrews 13: 7-16

Matthew 9: 1-8, John 17: 1-13

Saints of the Day

The Fathers of the first six Ecumenical Councils are remembered together for their dogmatic contributions to the Orthodox Church. The celebration of these saints apart from the Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council attests to the antiquity of this commemoration in the life of the Church. The Ecumenical Councils were always convened for a specific reason: to combat false opinions and heresies, and to clarify the Orthodox Church's teaching.

The 318 Fathers of the First Council and the 150 Fathers at the Second Council declared to us the consubstantiality of the three Persons of the Divine nature and, ... instructing the faithful to adore the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit with one worship, they cast down and dispelled the false teaching about different degrees of Divinity. The Creed, or Symbol of Faith, that we recite at every Baptism and Divine Liturgy was written during these two councils. The 200 God-bearing Fathers of the Third Ecumenical Council expounded the teaching that Christ, the Incarnate Son of God is One. That she who bore Him without seed was the spotless Ever-Virgin, the Mother of God, or Theotokos. The 630 Fathers gathered for the Fourth Ecumenical Council clarified that we glorify Christ in two complete natures, both human and divine. The 165 Fathers at the Fifth Council anathematized several heretical persons and writings, refuting the Hellenic teaching about the transmigration of souls and the transmutation of bodies and the impieties they raised against the resurrection of the dead. Lastly the 170 Fathers who gathered at the Sixth Ecumenical Council specified that Christ possessed along with two complete natures, two complete wills and two complete energies.

In addition to these dogmatic statements the councils also adopted canons for the organization and operation of the Orthodox Church.

Upcoming Services:

July 22nd – No Vespers: Fr. Nathan is traveling.

July 23rd – Divine Liturgy 9:30 am. Fr. Peter Henry celebrant.

July 29th – Vespers 5:00 pm

July 30th – Divine Liturgy 9:30 am.

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Troparion and Kontakion of the Day

Tone 5 Troparion

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born for our salvation from the Virgin;
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
to endure death,
and to raise the dead//by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 8 Troparion

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God,
Who hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth.
Through them Thou hast guided us to the True Faith.//
O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

Tone 5 Kontakion

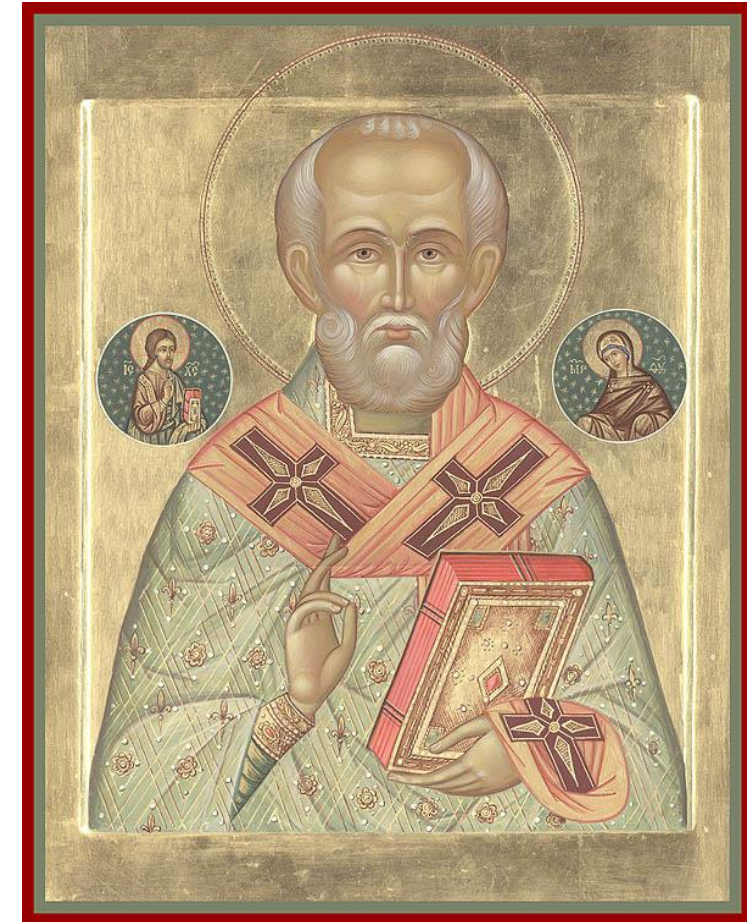
Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior,
shattering its gates as Almighty,
resurrecting the dead as Creator,
and destroying the sting of death.
Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, //
and we cry to Thee: “O Lord, save us!”

Tone 8 Kontakion

The Apostles’ preaching and the Fathers’ doctrines
have established one Faith for the Church.
Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology, //
It defines and glorifies the great mystery of piety.

Prayers for the Sick:

Archpriest Vladimir	Thom
Priest John	Julie
Priest James	Joan
Matushka Gloria	Vera
Matushka Myra	Marie
Matushka Nancy	



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