

Saintly Notes

Commemoration of the 7th Ecumenical Council (October 11)

The Seventh Ecumenical Council was held in 787 at Nicaea during the reign of the devout Empress Irene and her son, Constantine, in the time of Patriarch Tarasius. This Council finally confirmed the veneration of icons, justifying it by Holy Scripture, by the witness of the Holy Fathers, and by the undeniable example of miracles manifested through the holy icons.

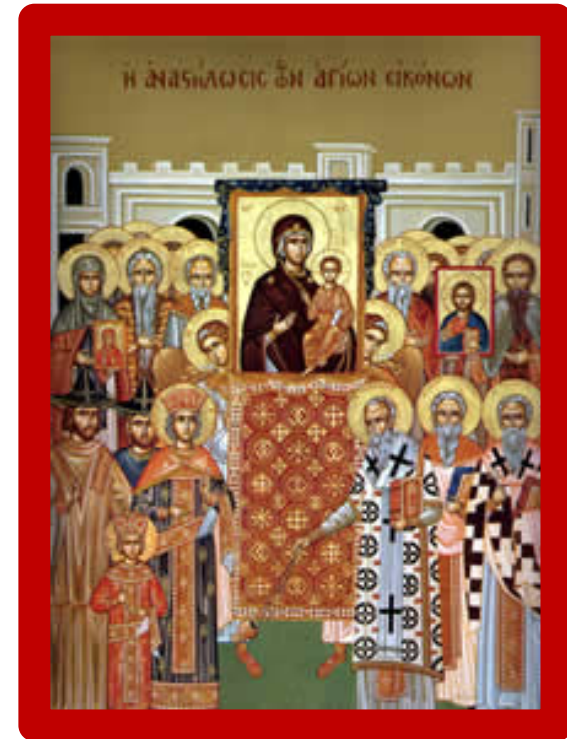
Adding to examples of miracles previously cited, Bishop Constantine of Cyprus recounted this: One day, a certain shepherd from the town of Constantia drove his flock to pasture, and there saw an icon of the Most-holy Theotokos, all decorated with flowers by the faithful. “Why render so much honor to a rock?” said the shepherd, who had obviously been brought up in iconoclasm. He struck the icon with his iron shepherd's cane, and damaged the right eye of the image of the Mother of God. As soon as he turned away, he stumbled over that same cane and gouged out his own right eye. Thus injured, he returned to the city, crying out tearfully that the punishment of the Theotokos had befallen him.

This Council also decreed that the holy relics of a martyr be placed, without fail, in the Antimension: Three hundred and sixty-seven Fathers participated in this Council. May the Lord also have mercy on us and save us by their prayers.

(The Prologue from Ochrid, Birmingham, 1985, Lazarica Press)

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The Rev. Philip Pelikan, Priest
The Rev. David Keim, Deacon

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The Saints Whom We Remember Today

Apostle Philip the deacon of the Seventy; Venerable Theophanes, the branded;
Nektarios, Arsakios, Philotheos and Sisinius, patriarchs of Constantinople;
Venerable Jonah

This Week's Schedule

Today: 88:00a Orthros; 9:00a Church School; 10:00a Divine Liturgy
Monday: Church Office Closed
Tuesday: 7:00p Parish Council
Wednesday: 9:15a 3rd Hour Prayers; 6:30p Vespers; 7:30p Intro. to Orthodoxy
Saturday: 5:30p Great Vespers
Sunday: 8:00a Orthros; 9:00a Church School; 10:00a Divine Liturgy

Third Antiphon

Troparion of the Resurrection
Tone 1

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of Life. Glory to Thy Resurrection O Christ, glory to Thy Kingdom, glory to Thy Providence, O Thou Who alone art the Lover of mankind.

Entrance Hymn

Come, let us worship . . . Alleluia.

Troparion

for the Resurrection—Tone 1

See above.

Troparion

for the Holy Fathers—Tone 8

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

Troparion

of All Saints—Tone 4

As with fine porphyry and royal purple Thy Church has been adorned with Thy martyr's blood shed throughout all the world. She

cries to Thee, O Christ God, send down Thy bounties on Thy people, grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.

Kontakion

for Ordinary Sundays—Tone 2

O Protection of Christians that is not put to shame, unchanging Mediation before the Creator, despise not the voice of the sinners' prayer, but in that thou art good, come quickly to help us who call upon thee in faith. Make speed to intercede and make haste to supplicate, O Theotokos, who dost ever protect those that honor thee.

The Trisagion

Holy God . . .

Scripture

for today and next Sunday

Today: (See insert)

Next Sunday:

Epistle: Col. 4:5–11, 14–18

Gospel: Luke 10:16–21

Agalynarion—Tone 8

It is truly meet and right . . .

Communion Hymn—Tone 8

Praise the Lord . . . Alleluia.

Post-Communion Hymn

We have seen the true light . . .

Parish Notes

Altar Servers Today

Ethan Haynes, Rim Gibrealfa, John Pridgen,
Jonah Sieck, Michael Fogg, Justin Fogg.

Special Attention

- **Ground Breaking for New Temple and Education Wing.** We have confirmed that the ground breaking ceremony for our new temple will be on Sunday, Nov 1. Bishop Antoun will be with us for the whole weekend

October 30–November 1 and will officiate at the ground breaking.

- **Practical Orthodox Living.** This three month discussion series led by Dn. David will focus on the practical aspects of living an Orthodox life. First session begins on Oct. 20th at 7:00pm here at All Saints.
- **CALLING ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS!** All Saints and our Archdiocese want to stay in touch with our college students. If you are in college please give your email and mailing address to Dcn. David. If you have children in college please let Dcn. David know their email and mailing addresses as well. Our Archdiocese has a special college department that works hard to help students maintain their faith while away from home.
- **Annual Meeting Date.** Our annual voters' meeting will be held on November 15th following the Divine Liturgy. Please all voters need to attend. Building updates will be presented as well as reports for the year. The 2010 budget will be presented and voted on. Two new members of the Parish Council will be voted into office.
- **Confession Practice at All Saints.** Confession is a wonderful and comforting sacrament of our Orthodox Faith. We encourage every member of All Saints to come to confession on a regular basis (*usually four times a year; however, the frequency of your participation at confession should be discussed with your spiritual father*). In addition, Father Nicholas has asked that starting this week all confessions are to be by appointment (including those after Vespers). Except for extraordinary situations, no confessions will be heard during Holy Week, Bright week, and from December 25—January 2. Please talk to Fr. Nicholas to make an appointment:
email, orthorider.nras@gmail.com;
phone, 859-1332; or face to face
- **Welcome Home to Father Philip.** This will be Chaplain Philip Pelikan's last Sunday with us before he returns to Afghanistan. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

Today's Epistle and Gospel Readings

Prokeimenon:

Blessed are Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.

For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done.

†Epistle: Titus 3:8–15 (RSV)

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, dissension, 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 Tychicus 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 greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

†Gospel: Luke 8:5–15 (RSV)

The Lord spoke 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, Jesus 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 Jesus said this, He called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

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