

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS AT THE
FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL AT NICEA



Icon of the Holy Fathers at the First Ecumenical Council at Nicea

28 MAY 2017

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE 1ST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL 5/28/17

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) Blessings for Jan Kondratic (req. by Elizabeth Andrijew)

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✦ Irene Hrinda (req. by Mary & Jim Hrinda & Family)

11:00 AM (E) ✦ George Trojanovich, Jr. (req. by Robert Trojanovich)

5TH ALL SOULS SATURDAY 6/3/17

Friday: 6:30 PM (G) All Souls Divine Liturgy

Saturday: 9:00 AM (E) All Souls Divine Liturgy

PENTECOST 6/4/17

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✦ Evelyn L. Kearney (req. by David G. Kearney)

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✦ Helen V. Senyo (req. by Paula & Larry Reinhart)

11:00 AM (E) ✦ Arthur and ✦ Suzanna Bihler (req. by daughter Maryann & granddaughter)

REMEMBER IN PRAYER THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISH

Please remember in your prayers all of the sick and homebound of our parish. *Those in their own homes are as follows:* Anna Lupichuk, Shirley Crisswell, Maureen Huzinec, Yvonne Gulick, Marion Pennock, Fred Koeberle, Betty Antolik, Ann Krajnik, & Karen Muryn Brown. *Those in nursing homes are as follows:* Elizabeth Kowal (LECOM Senior Living Center), Michael Bokoch (VA Hospital), Ed Bosak (Independence Court), Helen Bauman (Sarah Reed Senior Living Center) and Margaret Krivonak (St.Mary's West). If you know of anyone who should be on this list, please contact Fr. John

MEMORIAL DAY - Many people view this holiday as the unofficial beginning of summer, a long weekend with a day off from work, a time for family gatherings and recreation. Please remember Memorial Day was started as a day to remember those who died while serving in the armed forces of our country. Even today people in our military service continue to make that supreme sacrifice. Let us not forget them.

Wearing of the Green - Next Sunday is Pentecost. The liturgical color for Pentecost in the Byzantine Rite is green. Try to wear something green to church next weekend.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas extends an invitation to enthusiastic Catholic women, at least 18 years of age, to join one of the oldest and largest Catholic women's organizations in the world. We do charitable works to help the quality of life for people in our community. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Arundel Room at St. Andrew's Church, 1116 West 7th Street at 5:30 PM. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Vitron, Membership Chairman at 814-838-7270 or e-mail Mary E. May, Regent at Focus11@neo.rr.com.

A NEW POWER

A distinctive claim we make for Christ is that He not only tells us what God's will for us is but also gives us the power to do it. All other religions merely tell what Confucius or Buddha or Mohammed thinks is right for people to do. They never lift a finger to help people do what they feel is right. Yet from time immemorial this has always been man's greatest need: his inability to do what he knew was right. St. Paul expressed it well when he said, "I know what is right. I want to do it. Yet, there is something within me pushing me to do that which I know is wrong."

But with the coming of Jesus, a new power, a new dynamic came into life. He came not only with knowledge but with power. He came not only to show us God's way but to enable us to walk in that way. He gave us not only His instruction. He gave us also a presence in which all the impossible things might become possible. He gave us not only the Sermon on the Mount. He gave us also the Sacraments whose purpose is to supply us with power. Because of this, St. Paul was able to cry out, "I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me." This power to do what is right is what the world lacked; and when the world experienced this power, it glorified God and said, "We never saw anything like this!" This same power is available to us today through prayer, through the Word of God, and through the sacraments, especially Holy Communion.

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This Sunday recalls the victory of the true faith over its enemies and affirms the importance of the First Ecumenical Council, held in Nicaea in 325 A.D. The council convened by the first Christian emperor, Constantine the Great, with the sanction of Pope Sylvester I, lasted two months and twelve days. About two hundred fifty bishops were present. Hosius, bishop of Cordova, attended as legate of the Pope. To this council, we owe the Nicene Creed, the defense of the divinity of the Son of God against the heresy of Arius, and the fixing of the date for Easter.

Close to Each One of Us

Dear brothers and sisters, the Ascension does not point to Jesus' absence but tells us that he is alive in our midst in a new way. He is no longer in a specific place in the world as he was before the Ascension. He is now in the lordship of God, present in every space and time, close to each one of us. In our life, we are never alone. We have this Advocate who awaits us. — Pope Francis

THINK ABOUT IT.....

Don't tell me that the body is the cause of sin. After all, if the body is the cause of sin, how is it that a corpse doesn't sin? The body of itself doesn't sin — rather, the soul sins through the body. The body is the soul's instrument, its cloak and garment. — *St. Cyril of Jerusalem*

***JESUS PRAYER** — Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner*

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Revealing His Name

When the Savior declares that He has made known the name of God the Father, it is the same as saying that He has shown the whole world His glory. How did He do this? By making Himself known through His wonderful works. The Father is glorified in the Son as in an image and type of His own form, for the beauty of the archetype is seen in its image. The only Son then has made Himself known, and He is in His essence wisdom and life, the creator of the universe; He is immortal and incorruptible, pure, blameless, merciful, holy, good. His Father is known to be like Him, since He could not be different in nature from His offspring. The Father's glory is seen, as in an image and type of His own form, in the glory of the Son.

To call God "Father" is more exact than to call Him "God." The word "God" signifies His

dignity, but the word "Father" points to the distinctive attribute of his Person. If we say "God" we declare Him to be Lord of the universe. If we call him "Father" we show the way in which He is distinct as a Person, for we make known the fact that He has a Son. The Son himself gave God the name of Father, as being in some sense the more appropriate and truer appellation, when He said, not "I and God" but I and the Father are one, and also, with reference to Himself, On him has God the Father set his seal. And when He commanded His disciples to baptize all nations, He did not tell them to do this in the name of God, but expressly ordained that they were to do it in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

St. Cyril of Alexandria

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