

Weekly Bulletin

St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church

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The Friend of the Bridegroom: "He Must Increase and I Must Decrease."

Sunday	Oct 10th	<i>16th Sun aftr Pntcst / Tone 7 / Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council</i>
		Readings: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 Luke 7:11-16
		9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour
Saturday	Oct 16th	<i>Martyr Longinus the Centurion, who stood at the Cross of the Lord</i>
		4:15 pm Panakhida for Archpriest Stacey
		5:00 pm Great Vespers followed by Confessions
Sunday	Oct 17th	<i>17th Sun aftr Pntcst / Tone 8 / Martyr Susanna, Princess of Georgia</i>
		Readings: 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1 Luke 8:5-15
		9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour

ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP / October 3rd

Attendance: (Adults: 56, Children 19)	75
Weekly Offering	\$3530.00
Candle Offerings	\$131.00
Project Mexico	\$360.00

Youth Group Event at Iron Mills Farmstead

On Saturday, October 30th at 12:00pm our church Youth Group will have a family outing at Iron Mills Farm in New Wilmington PA to enjoy family activities and food. Children are allowed (and encouraged!) to wear their Halloween costumes provided they're not scary or gory. Admission will be paid for by the Church Youth Group for everyone who signs up at the candlestand.

Hannah's House

In Addition to supporting OCMC Guatemala as our charity of the month, our parish will also be collecting supplies for Hannah's House throughout the month of October. Hannah's House is a Christian shelter for woman suffering abuse and addiction operating serving. A flyer with a list of supplies that can be donated can be found at the candlestand.

Fr. Brian Away at Diocese Assembly

A reminder that Fr. Brian will be away at the Diocese Assembly at St. Michael's in Broadview Heights Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Because of the assembly there will be **No Liturgy** and **No Adult Class** on **Wednesday**.

PRAYER CORNER ++++++

Fr. Mark Leasure / Brother Andrew / Kevin, Amanda & Scarlett / Claudia Maximoff / Richard Alberini / Jeremiah Roscoe / Dana Ronyak / Donnie & Cherie Davidson / Jennifer Brainard / Michael, Catherine, & Zoe Stan / Dana Lutz / Ellen Marie / Joanne Kaschak / Lilian / Alice & Matthew / Magie & Kenny Sanders / Bill Paluch / Nina Lowry / Alyssa Angle / Josephine Grabko / James Livermore / Sarah Crivella / The Faculty, Teachers, and Students of Holy Trinity Orthodox Academy

Newly Married: Aaron & Tatyana Rutz

Expecting: Lauren Mihalyo, Matushka Carly Koranda & Their unborn Children

Newborn: Serafina & her parents Julianna & Bobby

Memory Eternal: Archpriest Stacey Richter (9/5) Matthew Kaznica (10/2)

Birthdays: Henry Thomas & Diane Mediate (Fri)

Anniversaries: Sonia & James Lee (Sun), William & Patricia Zylka (Thurs)

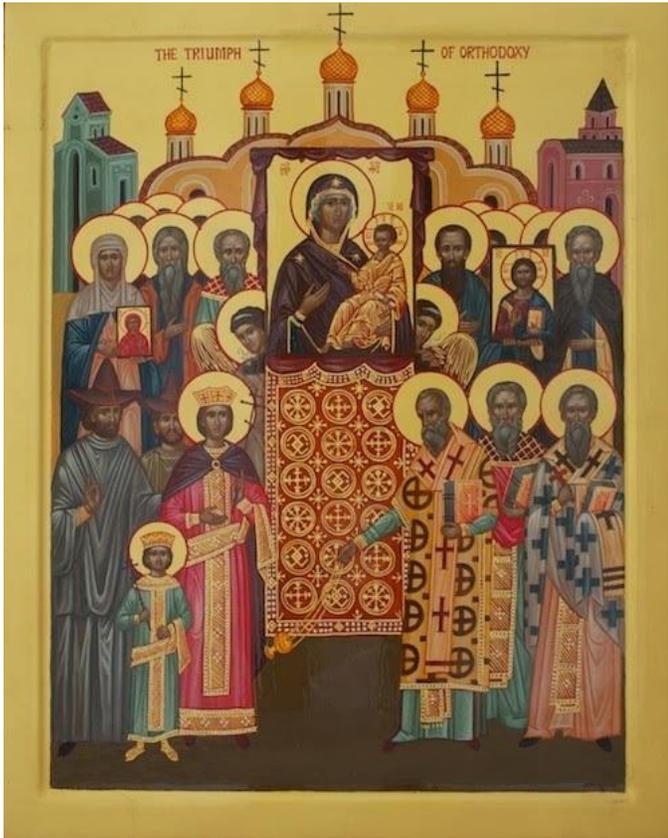
Candle Commemorations

Theotokos	In Memory of Donna Kobasiar
Altar	In Memory of Mitrofan & Anastasia Zylka
Christ	For the Health of Benjamin Perry

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

Commemorated on [October 10](#)

Today the Church remembers the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council under the holy Patriarch Tarasius.



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.

Iconoclasm resulted in such a fierce persecution of the faithful, that more Christians were martyred protecting and defending the Holy Icons than during all of the Pagan persecutions before it combined. Of the few Icons that were preserved before and during this period, many can be found at Saint Catherine's monastery on Mount Sinai.

The Seventh Ecumenical 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).

"As the sacred and life-giving cross is everywhere set up as a symbol, so also should the images of Jesus Christ, the Virgin Mary, the holy angels, as well as those of the saints and other pious and holy men be embodied in the manufacture of sacred vessels, tapestries, vestments, etc., and exhibited on the walls of churches, in the homes, and in all conspicuous places, by the roadside and everywhere, to be revered by all who might see them. For the more they are contemplated, the more they move to fervent memory of their prototypes. Therefore, it is proper to accord to them a fervent and reverent veneration, not, however, the veritable adoration which, according to our faith, belongs to the Divine Being alone – for the honor accorded to the image passes over to its prototype, and whoever venerate the image venerate in it the reality of what is there represented."

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.

Troparion — Tone 8

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!

Kontakion — Tone 6

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.