Sunday, July 16, 2023
Sunday of the Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council
St. Athenogenes, Bishop of Pidachthoa
Mode of the Week: Plagal of the First/Πλ. του Πρώτου

Save, O Lord, save your people and bless Your inheritance. Give victory to those who battle evil and protect us all by Your Holy Cross.

Our Parish Hymn of the Holy Cross of Christ:

Σῶσον Κύριε τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς Βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

To our Visitors and Guests: We extend a warm welcome to all worshiping with us today! While Holy Communion, following ancient practice, is reserved for Orthodox Christians, non-Orthodox may receive the blessed bread (antidoron) offered at the conclusion of the service.

Please join us in the Parish House after the Divine Liturgy for Coffee Fellowship!

Upcoming Schedule

Today, July 16
9:15am Orthros
10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Sunday of the Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council
Coffee Fellowship and Bible Study in the Parish House after Liturgy

Wednesday, July 19
3-7pm Red Cross Blood Drive in the Parish House
6:00pm Great Vespers for the Feast of the Prophet Elias (Elijah)
7:15pm Intro to Orthodox Class (Zoom Meeting)

Thursday, July 20
9:30am Orthros
10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Feast of the Prophet Elias (Elijah)

Friday, July 21
TBD Greek Festival Prep—Pastisitos

Saturday, July 22
TBD Greek Festival Prep—Pastisitos
4:00pm Byzantine Chant Class
5:00pm Great Vespers

Sunday, July 23
9:15am Orthros
10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 7th Sunday of Matthew
Memorial Service for reposed from the Pavlis, Petrick, Phillips, Tsoukalas, and Zoumbelis Families
Coffee Fellowship and Bible Study in the Parish House after Liturgy

Tuesday, July 25
9:30am Orthros
10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Dormition of St. Anna

Wednesday, July 26
5:30pm Divine Liturgy on the Feast Day of St. Paraskevi and honoring St. Panteleimon
7:00pm Parish Council Meeting

Saturday, July 29
5:00pm End of the Summer BBQ at the House of Kathye Patras (all are invited!)

Sunday, July 30
9:15am Orthros
10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 8th Sunday of Matthew
Backpack Blessing for the Beginning of the New School Year at the end of the Divine Liturgy
Coffee Fellowship and Bible Study in the Parish House after Liturgy

Upcoming Epistle Readers: (7/23) Aleca Hortman, Cheryl Schwartzkopf; (7/30) George Saratsiotis, Charles Glotzbach


Upcoming Fellowship Hosts: (7/23) Beth Zoumbelis; (7/30) Kathye Patras; (8/6) Sarah Drakopoulos
Epistle Reading

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice greatly, O righteous ones. Verse: Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven. (Psalm 131)

The reading is from 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.

The Holy Gospel Reading according to St. Matthew (5:14-19)

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The Lord said to his disciples, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."
Today our Holy Orthodox Church commemorates:

+ The 630 God-bearing Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council in Chaledon (451)

On the Sunday that falls from the 13th to the 19th of the present month, we chant the Service to the 630 Holy Martyrs in Pisidia who believed in Christ through Saint Marina.


- Weekly Resurrectional Hymn (Τον ουρανου και της Θεου)
- Save, O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance. Give victory to those who battle evil and protect us all by Your Holy Cross.
- Hymn of the Holy Fathers (Ὑποτασσόμενος, First Mode)
- Hymn of the Holy Fathers (Ὑγιης και Θεολογημένος, Plagal Fourth Mode)

Prayers for those recently reposed:

Anna (+June 11), Hines (+July 3)

Prayers for expecting mothers:

Katrina B., Maggie B.

Prayers for Military Personnel and Their Families:

Aubriana Butchko, Kyle Glotzbach, Robert Ice, Aaron Vratilov, Aleksander Zajac

Prayers for our Catechumens and Inquirers into the Orthodox Church:

Bobbie, Chad, CJ, Jake, Nate and pray for those who are seeking Christ and His Church!

Weekly Wisdom of the Fathers:

St. Isaac the Syrian speaks to us from the ancient world and begins with a familiar quotation to us: “Sinner, but hate their deeds, and do not disdain sinners for their failings, so that you yourself do not fall into the temptation in which they abide... Do not be angry at anyone and do not hate anyone, neither for their faith, nor for their shameful deeds... Do not foster hatred for the sinner, and hate his sins, but hate his sins, and pray for him, so that you may be made like unto Christ, who had no dislike for sinners, but prayed for them.”