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October 11, 2026 – 19th Sunday After Pentecost. 3rd Sunday of Luke. Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council (Sunday between Oct 8-14)

Sat Oct 10 – No Vespers
Sun Oct 11, 9am – Divine Liturgy (Fr. Edward Hughes)

Sat Oct 17, 4pm – Great Vespers & confessions
Sun Oct 18, 9am – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship. Parish Council Meeting.

Sat Oct 24, 4pm – Great Vespers & confessions
Sun Oct 25, 9am – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship

SAVE THE DATE: Our annual Harvest Dinner will be Sunday, November 8 (the Sunday before the Nativity Fast).

Hymns of the Day

Troparion for the Resurrection (Tone 2)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, / Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. / And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, / all the powers of heaven cried out: // "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!"

Troparion for the Fathers of the Council (Tone 8)

Most glorious art Thou, O Christ our God! / Thou 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!

Kontakion for the Resurrection (Tone 2)

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, / seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! / The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, // and the world, O my Savior, praises Thee forever.

(Glory) Kontakion for the Fathers of the Council (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.

(Now & ever) To the Mother of God (Tone 6)

Protection of Christians never failing, / Mediatress before the Creator, ever constant. / Do not despise the voice of prayer of sinners, / but in your goodness come to help us who faithfully call upon you. / Hasten to entreat, hurry to pray, O Theotokos, // interceding always for those who honor you.

Today's Scripture

(for the Fathers of the 7th Council)

Epistle: Hebrews 13:7-16

Brethren: Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them.

We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Gospel: John 17:1-13

At that time, Jesus lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for

they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves."

If man had not been created according to the image of God, the Lord would not have been incarnate of the most holy Virgin.

The Lord, before his incarnation, let man experience all the bitterness of sin, all his powerlessness to eradicate it; and when all longed for a deliverer, then he appeared, the all-wise and all-powerful healer and helper. When men hungered and thirsted after righteousness as it grew weaker, then the everlasting righteousness came.

This is indeed the miracle of miracles; this reveals the infinite mercy, wisdom, and omnipotence of the Lord towards his creatures, the he himself, the Lord of all, the infinite, the unbounded, was pleased and was able to become man that we might be saved, that *the Word, by whom all things were made, was made flesh and dwelt among us,* living with men, and made like unto man in everything, sin alone excepted.

– St John of Kronstadt, *Spiritual Counsels: Select Passages From "My Life in Christ,"* ed. W. Jardine Grisbrooke (St Vladimir's Seminary Press, 1967), 3.

Prayers

The newly departed: Fr. Peter Bodnar (9/26). ***Anniversaries:*** Fr. Peter Telencio (10/15/2024), Fr. Andrew Diehl (10/15/2022).

For health of: Abp. Nathaniel, Abp. Alexander, Abp. Benjamin, Apr. Thomas Edwards, Apr. James Weremedic, Dn Gregory Hubiak, Mat. Lisa Weremedic, Mat. Katherine White, Pani Anna Marie Slovesko, Mat. Mary Reynolds, Mat. Alexandra Black, Bernard Kusior, Nina Fatula, Gloria Spitko, Jessica (Philothea) Sullivan & infant Lucas, Richard Kawood, Peggy Hay, Cindy Kauffman, Melissa Hinshaw, Vera Timko *(Mat. Anna Hughes' mother)*.

Shut-in, hospitals, or in homes: Olga Frimenko, Gloria Spitko.

For our Catechumens: Brian Craig, Zaden Mershon, Sheridan Klippel, Christina Monarek.

For our diocese's seminarians and families: Subdeacon Jacob & Mariana Kurtz *(Luka, Noah, & Magdalena)*, Reader Alexander Koropsak, Nicholas & Abigail Sheridan.

Social Hour & Church Cleanup Schedule

	Social Hour	**Church Clean-up**
Sept 6	Tina Gurnavage & Marcia Lutz	Marie Drosdak & Traci Weinstein
Sept 13	Kathy Wanenchak & Stephanie Selis	Tina Gurnavage & Stephanie Drosdak
Sept 20	Elaine Dougherty & Karin Holm	John Lorchak & Phyllis Kawood
Sept 27	**Vicky McDonnell & Phyllis Kawood	Marie Drosdak & John Waselus
Oct 4	Peggy Hay & Traci Weinstein	Kyle & Daria Teter
Oct 11	**Christina Monarek & Natalya Borobina	Eugene & Kathy Wanenchak
Oct 18	Marie Drosdak & Stephanie Drosdak	Marie Drosdak & John Waselus
Oct 25	Karen Sichak & Becky Kauffman	Russ & Peggy Hay
Nov 1	Daria Teter & Marina Long	Brad & Becky Kauffman

Welcome to all visitors who have prayed and celebrated the Divine Liturgy with us this morning! We invite all of you downstairs for fellowship after the conclusion of the Liturgy. If you have any questions, please reach out to Fr. John at any time. *We love you and hope to see you again!*

*In the Orthodox Church, the receiving of Holy Communion is the sign of one's **full participation in the mystery of the Faith**, and all Orthodox Christians should receive it frequently. For this reason, Communion is offered only to Orthodox Christians who are **prepared** to receive it (through **prayer**, **fasting**, and a recent **confession**) and are **at peace with each other**. Those who partake of the Eucharist normally fast from food and drink in the morning before the Divine Liturgy, as they are able.*