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7TH SUNDAY AFTER PASCHA SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST NICEAN COUNCIL

Schedule of Services

May 16—May 23

Sunday, May 16—Sunday of the Fathers of the First Nicean Council

9:45 a.m. Third Hour

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy *For parishioners, founders, donors, decorators of our church*

Monday, May 17

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, May 18

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, May 19

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Thursday, May 20

No Divine Liturgy

Friday, May 21

7:00 p.m. Moleben in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, May 22—Fifth All Souls Saturday

7:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy

After Liturgy Panachida with reading of names

Sunday, May 23—Pentecost Sunday

9:45 a.m. Third Hour

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy *For parishioners, founders, donors, decorators of our church*

After Divine Liturgy Vespers on Pentecost Sunday



WELCOME TO ALL PARISHIONERS & GUESTS WHO HAVE JOINED US TODAY

Whether you're searching for a new church home or just visiting, we're glad you're with us today. If you are looking for God, have a prayer request, looking for more information about the Eastern Catholic Church, would like to join our parish, or would like to speak with Fr. Vasyl, we invite you to fill out a visitor's card and drop it in the offering basket as your offering today. Please join us for our coffee hour in the Parish hall following the Divine Liturgy. We want to get to know you! God bless you!

Many rich and powerful men would pay dearly to see the Lord or His Most Pure Mother, but God does not appear in riches, but in the humble heart... Every one of the poorest men can be humbles and come to know God. It need neither money nor reputation to come to know God, but only humility.

St. Silouan the Athonite

Please remember in your prayers:



For health and salvation: Fr. Chris Zuger, Tony and family, Michael Baron, Brenda Washicko, Ed, Dennis, Max, Pani Mary, Mary, Vasyl Zhabko

For repose of the departed: +Bishop Gerald N Dino, +Fr. Frank Knusel, +Frank Sliwinski, Jr.

Please let me know if you would like to add new names to our prayer list.

Mayivka: In the month of May is a special veneration of the Blessed Virgin Mary. A Moleben in Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary is served every Friday at 7:00 p.m. throughout the month of May. We encourage all parishioners and guests to attend these services in honor of the Theotokos, the Blessed Virgin Mary. Come yourself and invite your friends to this service in honor of the Mother of God.

ANSWERING GOD'S CALL: "Keep them through your Name which you have given me, so that they may be one, even as we are one." Jesus prayed that we would share in the unity of the life-creating Trinity. The Church needs men and women who are called to live this prayer out in a religious vocation. He may be calling you to become a monk, a nun, or to ordained ministry. Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219

Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

This Sunday is the Sunday of the Fathers of the First Council of Nicea. Obviously, the "fathers" of the council refers to the 318 Bishops that traveled from all over the world to join together to give voice to the orthodox Catholic Faith as it was established and received from the Apostles. Primarily, the fathers of the council focused their attention on the Arian heresy and proclaimed with one voice that Jesus is truly God and truly man, an Eternal Divine Person with two distinct natures. One of the bishops that joined the council was the great Saint Athanasios, bishop of Alexandria.

It was Saint Athanasios who, in his debates with the arch-heretic Arius, uttered the famous statement "God became man that man might become god." This truth, so central to our Christian faith, restates the foundational Christian belief that the purpose of the Incarnation, the reason why God became a man in the womb of Holy Theotokos, was so that he might reclaim his creation from the dominion of the devil and reunite us with Him. Through our baptism, we are joined to Christ in a real way so that we are able to say with Saint Paul, "it is no longer I who lives, but Christ who lives in me."

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- 5) Shop at Fred Meyer as they normally would and St. Irene's account will automatically be credited. **Thank you!**



Parishioners Friends Who Are Home Bound

If you or a loved one cannot make it to Church, Fr. Vasyl would be more than pleased visit at your home, in the hospital, at a nursing home, or any other place. It is no inconvenience at all. Please be sure to schedule a visit.

Blessing of Students: On Sunday, June 6, we will pray for graduates and students of Schools, Colleges, Universities. If you, your neighbors or your friends have a graduate or a student of any type, invite them to the Divine Liturgy. At the end of the Liturgy, a Moleben and blessing of the graduates and students will be celebrated.



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