

May 31, 2020

Seventh Sunday of Pascha

Acts: 20: 16-18, 28-36

John 17: 1-13

Upcoming Services:

All services are cancelled (see notice on next page)

Reader Schedule:

Sun. May 31 - Wesley Hatch
Sun. June 7 - Greg Kuzmenchuk
Sun. June 14 - Kurtis Lauser
Sun. May 24 - Jim Hamer

Prayer Corner:

For the Health of: Avelino Tejaro, Carol Bentley, Toby Seip, Erin Bove, Ann Gara, Chris Mican, & Richard Ziegler

Seventh Sunday of Pascha - The First Ecumenical Council

On the seventh Sunday of Pascha we commemorate the holy, God-bearing fathers of the First Ecumenical Council, held in Nicea in A.D. 325. The outcome of the meeting was to establish an original version of the Nicene Creed, to issue Twelve Canons on questions of churchly administration and discipline, and to set the universal standard for calculating the date of Pascha.

Persecution of Christians ceased during the fourth century, but heresies arose within the church itself, one of the most pernicious of which was Arianism. Arius, a priest of Alexandria, was a man of immense pride and ambition. In denying the divine nature of Jesus Christ and His equality with God the Father, Arius falsely taught that the savior is not consubstantial with the father, but is only a created being. The fathers of the council declined to accept the creed proposed by the Arians, repudiating it as haughty reason, and confirmed the original version of the Apostolic teachings about Christ's divine nature as their Nicene Creed instead.

In another decision the Council of holy fathers elected that the date of Pascha celebrated by the Christians did not have to rely upon the calculation of the date of Passover determined by the Jews. It could be calculated directly from the date of the vernal equinox and full moon. Hence Easter became the first Sunday after the "Pascal Full Moon" - the full moon on or after the vernal equinox. This formula uses the *ecclesiastical* full moon, defined as Day 14 of the lunar month, with a lunar month beginning at the new moon. It has an error factor of plus-or-minus one day off the *astronomical* full moon. In 325 this occurred on March 22.



Birthdays:

June 2 - Mary Seip
June 3 - Lauren Houck
June 5 - June Marie Buckle, Sue Domsohn

Upcoming Events:

Sun. June 7 - Pentecost Buffet- following liturgy in church hall, if Church has resumed
Tue. June 23 - Executive Board Mtg. 7 pm
Sun. July 12 - Family Picnic following Liturgy, if possible in Hibernia Park, Pavilions 5 & 6.

Notices:

Covid-19 Virus Shut Down

Based on this information the following would have to be achieved in order to reopen churches:

1. Chester County would have to enter into the Yellow Phase before reopening church can even be considered.
2. The City of Coatesville would have to end its restriction on "gatherings of 4 or more unrelated persons in public places."
3. We would need the blessing of our Hierarchs

These are the stipulations we are required to follow, without all three of these occurring we will not be able to reopen our church. Father Nick is serving Divine Liturgy every Sunday on our behalf. One server and the choir director are the only people allowed to be upstairs in the church. At this point no one else is permitted upstairs in the church proper. Limited persons are permitted in the church hall for food sales, paying of bills, maintenance, getting mail, or other absolutely necessary reasons. We will continue to provide updates via phone chain, bulletin, facebook and our website for any new information.

Church President, Tabitha Bentley

Anniversaries:

May 31 - Mark & Diana Tejaro

Notices:

Students Graduating

We will be honoring those graduating from kindergarten, 5th grade, 8th grade, high school, and college on Graduation Sunday July 12 (if possible). Give Tabitha Bentley names of anyone celebrating one of these milestones.

Church Property

No trespassing signs will be going up on the Church gates to remind people not to go into the gated areas of the Church yard. This is in response to kids playing in our church yard recently.

Church Phone Chain

The Church call chain will now be handled by Illaria Stelle, Katie Thomas, and Brenda Euler. Thank you to Carol Bentley and Lillian Maskula for their dedication in doing this over the years.

2020 National Activities

UOC of USA Church camp and Convention are canceled this year. An on-line Church camp will be tried, details coming.

Panahyda

For Walter Maskula (2yr.) on June 7.

June Charity
Parishioner Care Fund

For bulletin additions contact Wesley Hatch by Friday 6 pm