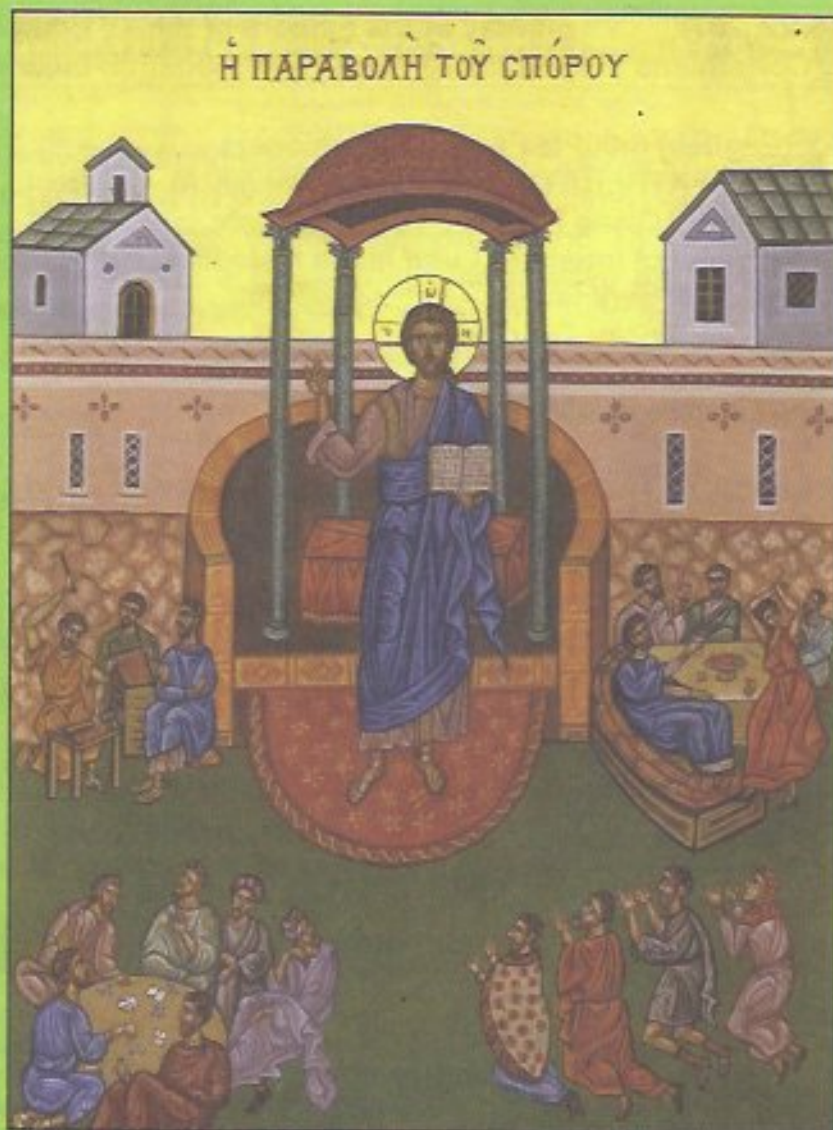


SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE
SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL



Icon of the Parable of the Sower and the Seed

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October 15-22, 2017

Sunday of the Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

Epistle: @ Corinthians 11:31-12:9

Gospel: Luke 8: 5-15

SATURDAY (English) 6:00PM For the Parishioners

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9:30AM (Ukrainian) +Olena Kusan – Yuriy Shevtsiv

Sacraments of Intiation: Luba Maria Kolodii

11:00AM (English) +Pawlina Zuk – Yaroslawa Zuk

12:00 Noon Tricky Tray Begins

Daily Divine Liturgies celebrated at 9:00AM

MONDAY Liturgy of Thanksgiving for Tricky Tray workers and supporters

TUESDAY No Divine Liturgy

WEDNESDAY No Divine Liturgy

THURSDAY Special Intention Fr Dan Troyan & family- Stefania Trusz

FRIDAY +Anthony & Justine Stojkiewicz -Charles and Maria Best

SATURDAY 6:00PM (English) For the Parishioners

20th Sunday After Pentecost: October 22, 2017

9:30AM (Ukrainian) +Olena Kusan- Yuriy Shevtsiv & family

11:00AM (English) +Edward & Catherine Herman – Children

COLLECTION – \$ 1422.00 Thank you for your generosity and support.

Eternal Light & Altar Candles: Health of Paulette Bellis – Olga Bryksa

Please remember to pray for the sick and all those who have requested our prayers

Helen & Betty Terleski	Paul Ridilla	Catherine Kutzler	Olga Turczyn
Mae Kulczycki	Sophie Troyan	Claudette Kemmerer	Iryna Stefurak
Melvene Thatcher	Craig Stoken	Richard Suter	Donna Mareska
Olga Bryksa	Julian Trusz	Michael Sidlar	Fr Dan Gurovich
Joseph Bodnar	Lillian Opp	Frank & Betty Maitski	Sarah Shanks
Kim Lightcap	Gregory & Dot Neff	Stephen Terleski	Fr Mark Fesniak
Margaret Dashe	Helen Potak	Anna Drozd	Olga Trusz
Mary Heverling	Frieda Lubosky	Barbara Hacker	Fr. David Clooney
Delbert Atherholt	Harold Osmun	Timothy Kohutka	Paulette Bellis

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY OF THE
HOLY FATHERS OF THE 7th ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**

Troparion (2):

When You went down to death, O Life Immortal, You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity. When You raised the dead from the nether world, all the powers of heaven cried out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to You!

Troparion (8):O Christ our God, You are above all praise, for You established our Fathers as lights upon the earth. You led us to the true faith through them. O most bountiful Lord, glory be to You.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Now and for ever and ever: Amen.

Kontakion (6):How the Son proceeded from the Father, our words cannot express; but having two natures, He was born of a woman. We do not reject His image when we behold it; but, in faith, we venerate and honor it. And the Church professes it as true belief when she honors the image of Christ's incarnation.

Prokimenon (2)The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation.

Verse:The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death.

Epistle:Reading of the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (2Cor 11,31-

33;12,1-9) Brethren: The God and Father of the Lord Jesus knows, he who is blessed forever, that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus, in order to seize me, but I was lowered in a basket through a window in the wall and escaped his hands. I must boast; not that it is profitable, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know someone in Christ who, fourteen years ago (whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows), was caught up to the third heaven. And I know that this person (whether in the body or out of the body, I do not know, God knows) was caught up into Paradise and heard ineffable things, which no one may utter. About this person I will boast, but about myself I will not boast, except about my weaknesses.

Although if I should wish to boast, I would not be foolish, for I would be telling the truth. But I refrain, so that no one may think more of me than what he sees in me or hears from me because of the abundance of the revelations. Therefore, that I might not become too elated, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, an angel of Satan, to beat me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it might leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me.

Alleluia Verses:

Verse (2):The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Verse (2):Lord, grant victory to the king, and hear us in the day that we shall call upon You. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Verse:The God of gods, the Lord, has spoken and summoned the earth, from the rising of the sun to its setting. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel:(Lk 8,5-15) TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Lord told this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path and was trampled, and the birds of the sky ate it up. Some seed fell on rocky ground, and when it grew, it withered for lack of moisture. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some seed fell on good soil, and when it grew, it produced fruit a hundredfold." After saying this, he called out, "Whoever has ears to hear ought to hear." Then his disciples asked him what the meaning of this parable might be. He answered, "Knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of God has been granted to you; but to the rest, they are made known through parables so that 'they may look but not see, and hear but not understand.' This is the meaning of the parable. The seed is the word of God. Those on the path are the ones who have heard, but the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved. Those on rocky ground are the ones who, when they hear, receive the word with joy, but they have no root; they believe only for a time and fall away in time of trial. As for the seed that fell among thorns, they are the ones who have heard, but as they go along, they are choked by the anxieties and riches and pleasures of life, and they fail to produce mature fruit. But as for the seed that fell on rich soil, they are the ones who, when they have heard the word, embrace it with a generous and good heart, and bear fruit through perseverance."

RECEIVE THE BODY OF CHRIST , TASTE OF THE FOUNTAIN OF IMMORTALITY. ALLELUIA

SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to all those who have donated towards and worked so hard to bring us to the Tricky Tray Fundraiser for 2017. Our parishioners work all year long to be able to make this fundraiser so successful. Special thanks to Tricky Tray Committee :Joann Fulmer, Judy Palinkas, John Drozd Jr, Craig Stoken, Donna Sidlar, Melvane Thatcher for their long hours of work and preparation. God bless all of you on a job well done!

The Seventh Ecumenical Council took place in Nicca in 787 AD, and is also known as the **Second Council of Nicaea**. The last of the seven Ecumenical Councils dealt with the icons. Disputes concerning the Person of Christ did not end with the sixth Council in AD 681, but continued through the eighth and ninth centuries. This time, the controversy focused on icons—pictures of Christ, the Theotokos, the saints, and holy events—and lasted for 120 years, starting in AD 726. Icons were kept and venerated in both churches and private homes. The two groups in the controversy were: Iconoclasts also called "icon-smashers," they were suspicious of any art depicting God or humans; they demanded the destruction of icons because they saw icons as idolatry. Iconodules also called "venerators of icons," they defended the place of icons in the Church.

The controversy, however, was more than a struggle over different views of Christian art. Deeper issues were involved, and it is these the Council addressed:

- The character of Christ's human nature
- The Christian attitude toward matter
- The true meaning of Christian redemption and the salvation of the entire material universe

Concerning the teaching of icons

Venerating icons, having them in churches and homes, is what the Church teaches. They are "open books to remind us of God." Those who lack the time or learning to study theology need only to enter a church to see the mysteries of the Christian religion unfolded before them.

Concerning the doctrinal significance of icons

Icons are necessary and essential because they protect the full and proper doctrine of the Incarnation. While God cannot be represented in His eternal nature ("...no man has seen God", John 1:18), He can be depicted simply because He "became human and took flesh." Of Him who took a material body, material images can be made. In so taking a material body, God proved that matter can be redeemed. He deified matter, making it spirit-bearing, and so if flesh can be a medium for the Spirit, so can wood or paint, although in a different fashion.

I do not worship matter, but the Creator of matter, who for my sake became material and deigned to dwell in matter, who through matter effected my salvation... —St.

John of Damascus

The seventh Ecumenical Council upheld the iconodules' position in AD 787. They proclaimed: *Icons... are to be kept in churches and honored with the same relative veneration as is shown to other material symbols, such as the 'precious and life-giving Cross' and the Book of the Gospels.* The 'doctrine of icons' is tied to the true church teaching that all of God's creation is to be redeemed and glorified, both spiritual and material.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS: SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

We welcome into our parish family **Andrii and Nadia Kolodii**, and their children **Vira** and their newborn **LUBA MARIA KOLODII** who will receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist at the 9:30AM Ukrainian Liturgy this Sunday . We ask God's blessings on them . May they find our community of the Holy Ghost to be a place of Spiritual welcome and faith! MNOHAYA LITA!

STUFFED CABBAGE SALE: HOLUPKY

St Nicholas Church in Great Meadows is sponsoring their Stuffed Cabbage Sale Saturday October 21 2017. Orders are limited . To place an order please call Eileen Kowalick at 908-689-2352. Price is \$7.00 per lb. Pick up is Saturday October 21 from 10:00AM- 12:00 noon.

UKRAINIAN CLASSES

Ihor Mirchuk will be offering Ukrainian Classes for the next ten weeks. Classes will be held on Thursday evening from 6:00-7:00PM in "The Chapel" . Each class will also include a brief aside on Ukrainian history and culture. Classes will begin on Thursday October 5 through November 30, 2017. Please register for the classes in the vestibule of the church. There is no fee for the classes.

5th SUNDAY ROSARY PROGRAM: KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will host a Rosary Prayer service on October 29th at 2:00PM at the Church of our Lady of Mercy on 132 s 5th Street in Easton. All are invited to join with them as they honor our Lady through the praying of the Rosary . See you there!

Happy birthday greetings to our pastor **Fr Dan Troyan** ! May God grant him many healthy happy years! MNOHAYA LITA!

BAKED GOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

Baked goods are needed for the Tricky Tray on Sunday. Please bring them on Saturday during the day to the church hall. Please tape your name to your plate or container so we can return it to you. Thank you

PARKING FOR TRICKY TRAY

Parking for the workers for the Tricky Tray is available across the street on the property next to the chapel, and behind the rectory of the grass. Additional seating is available in the tent in the church yard. Looking forward to a great day!

THE CHAPEL SCHEDULE

- **Alcoholics Anonymous** Every Monday at 7:00AM there is an open meeting for those interested in learning more about alcoholism and alcoholics.
- **Ukrainian American Veterans Post 42** meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday at 7:00PM for their business & Post meeting.
- **ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES** : Monday evening at 5:30PM in the chapel.

TRICKY TRAY

Our Annual Tricky Tray Fundraiser will be held on October 15, 2017 in the parish hall. Preparations are made all year to make this one of the best Tricky Trays in the area. We are again asking for your support for the Tricky Tray through your donation of \$50 per family. *Please help us achieve our goal again, if you haven't contributed as yet, please consider helping us through your donation.* **Tricky Tray Donations:** \$50: Harry Praschyk

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **MONDAY: October 23:** Adult Religious Education classes.
- **LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH:** Youth Religious Education 12:15-1:00PM
- **TRICKY TRAY :** October 15 doors open 12:00Noon : Auction begins at 2:00PM
- **CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY :** October 26th 6:00-8:00PM
- **PYROHY SALE :** November 7-8
- **COMMUNITY DAYS: BONTON** November 12-13

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR YOUTH

We will be meeting once a month for classes with the youth of our parishes at "the Chapel" Once monthly we will be taking an excursion to a Religious themed outing:

November 12 A Visit to the Blue Army Shrine in New Jersey

December 26 Christmas Carolling to the sick and infirm of the parish.

Other upcoming social events:

October 26 6:00-8:00PM : Halloween Party in the Chapel. Fund games, prizes for best costumes. Parents and grandparents welcome.

November 26th Roller Skating at Bushkill Park 3:00-5:00PM

December 27 Camel Back for Tube Sledding

December 31: 3:00-5:00PM Parish Open House at the Chapel

There will be weekly articles in the bulletin for parents to discuss with their children.

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR THE HALLOWEEN PARTY IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH> THANK YOU

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If you wish to join Holy Ghost Church and become a member of our parish family, please contact Fr. Dan at the parish rectory to register with us.

Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion. Classes are required for parents and godparents prior to sacrament. Please contact the parish office

Marriages: Couples wishing to be married must be registered in the parish and attending Pre-Cana classes. One year notification is required.

Anointing of the Sick/Visitation of the Sick: Anyone wishing to be visited with Holy Communion and/or anointed for healing, please contact Fr. Dan at the parish office.

Confession: Regular confession helps us in our journey of faith.

Confessions will be held

Saturday's from 5:15PM-5:45PM Sunday from 10:15AM-10:45AM

The Sower and the Seed

Dearly beloved, the reading from the holy gospel about the sower requires no explanation, but only a word of warning. In fact, the explanation has been given by Truth Himself, and it cannot be disputed by a frail human being. However, there is one point in our Lord's exposition which you ought to weigh well. It is this. If I told you that the seed represented the word, the field the world, the birds the demons, and the thorns riches, you would perhaps be in two minds as to whether to believe me. Therefore, the Lord himself deigned to explain what He had said.

Store up in your minds the Lord's words which you receive through your ears, for the word of the Lord is the nourishment of the mind. When His word is heard but not stored away in the memory, it is like food which has been eaten and then rejected by an upset stom-

ach. A person's life is in danger if he cannot retain his food; so if you receive the food of holy exhortations, but fail to store in your memory those words of life which nurture righteousness, you have good reason to fear the danger of everlasting death. Be careful, then, that the word you have received through your ears remains in your heart.

Remember these words: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." All who were there listening to Christ had ears of the body. But He who said to those same people: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear," was referring, beyond doubt, to the ears of the heart. See then that the discourse which you hear takes root in your heart.

St. Gregory the Great

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