



Pray for Peace in Ukraine

Know Your Church . . . Laity Formation

The Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council, whom we commemorate today, condemned the heresy of iconoclasm. This heresy originated in the early 8th century, when the Greek Emperor Leo III decreed that all holy icons be taken out of the churches and homes, and burned in the city squares. The decree was motivated by a false belief that the veneration of icons was a form of idolatry. When the people began to resist this decree, to the persecution of icons Emperor Leo added the persecution of venerators, and many of the faithful were tortured and killed at that time. Nevertheless, the people continued to revolt against the Emperor's decree, and prominent theologians of those times wrote from all sides, denouncing Emperor Leo: as, for example, St. John Damascene from Syria and Pope Gregory II from Rome.

After the death of Emperor Leo, his son and successor, Constantine Copronimus, continued the iconoclastic efforts of his father, but decided to try a different approach. He convoked a false council, at which the clergy that he had set up condemned the veneration of icons. As a result of this false council, not only did icons continue to be destroyed, but also priceless frescoes on the walls of famous cathedrals were plastered over. From persecution of icons Constantine turned to a persecution of holy relics, and then to a persecution of monasteries, which were all either destroyed or turned into barracks, while all the monks were brutally martyred.

The heresy of iconoclasm continued practically throughout the 8th century, and only towards the end of it, during the reign of the pious Empress Irene, the veneration of icons was restored. Through the efforts of the Empress, backed by the Patriarch of Constantinople Tarasius, the 7th Ecumenical Council, attended by more than 300 bishops, was convoked in A.D. 787. The council fully condemned the heresy of iconoclasm, condemned the false council that had been convoked by Copronimus, and triumphantly restored the veneration of icons by establishing the principle that in honoring icons we honor and venerate those who are depicted on them.

Centuries passed and iconoclasm seemed to be a thing of the past, but in the 20th century it raged anew with great force in the Christian countries that had been subjugated by godless Communism. And once again one could see icons being burned, churches and monasteries being destroyed and defiled, the clergy and the faithful being martyred.

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Our Weekly Bulletin

Welcome to our Parish

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory for ever!
Christ is among us! He is and always will be!

Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week

Week of Oct. 16 to Oct. 23, 2022

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| Sunday, Oct 16 | 19th Sunday after Pentecost 7th Ecumenical Council | |
| Oct 17 | No Liturgy | |
| Oct 18 | No Liturgy | |
| Oct 19 | No Liturgy | |
| Oct 20 | No Liturgy | |
| Oct 21 | No Liturgy |  |
| Oct 22 | No Liturgy | |
| Sunday, Oct 23 | 20th Sunday after Pentecost | |

*If you are looking for a closer relationship with Jesus Christ
and are looking for a home, you are welcome to be part
of our kid friendly family in Christ. You have found your way home.*

**19th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council**

2Corinthians 11:31-12:9

Luke 8:5-15

Troparion (Tone 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 of the Fathers (Tone 8)

Christ our God, You are glorified above all, You established our fathers as beacons on the earth and through them guided all of us to the true faith. Glory to You, most compassionate Lord.

Kondakion of the Fathers

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

The Son who ineffably shone from the Father was born two-fold of nature from a woman. Beholding Him, we do not reject the image of His form; but depicting it, we revere it faithfully. Therefore the Church, holding the true faith, kisses the icon of Christ’s becoming man.

Prokeimen

Blessed are You, Lord God of our Fathers,
and praised and glorified is Your Name forever.

Verse: For You are righteous in everything that You have done to us.

Blessed are You, Lord God of our Fathers,
and praised and glorified is Your Name forever.

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

The God of gods, the Lord, spoke and summoned the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting..

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Gather to Him His devout ones, who with sacrifice make covenant with Him.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Communion Verse

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest.

Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. Alleluia (3)

PARISH NEWS

Relief for Ukraine - Amount collected to date \$3,343.00.

Confessions - Father will hear confessions following Sunday Liturgies.

Relief for Ukraine - Anyone wishing to help send financial help to Ukraine may do so by writing a check to: Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat and on the memo line: Aid for Ukraine. Place it in the collection basket and it will be sent to the chancery.

Annual Visit from St. Nicholas - St. Nicholas will visit our parish on December 4.

Prayer List

Parishioners: Connie Butkus, Kathy Ott, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer, the Lutak family,

Jeremiah Hunt, Margaret Reighard.

Friends of the Parish: Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Mark Prewitt, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Steve Helsel, Tuinstra family, Patricia Dragani, Eugene, Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Sherman family, the Williams family, Lindsey Lamer.

Joke of the Day

A Jewish man moves into a Catholic neighborhood. Every Friday, the Catholics are driven crazy because, while they’re eating fish, the Jewish man is outside barbecuing steaks. So the Catholics work on the man to convert him to Catholicism. Finally, after many threats and much pleading, the Catholics succeed. They take the man to a priest who sprinkles holy water on him and says, “Born a Jew, Raised a Jew, Now a Catholic.” The Catholics are ecstatic. No more delicious, but maddening smells every Friday evening. But the next Friday evening, the scent of barbecue wafts through the neighborhood. The Catholics all rush to the Jewish man’s house to remind him of his new diet. They see him standing over the cooking steak. He is sprinkling water on the meat and saying, “Born a cow, Raised a cow, Now a fish.”