

The First Council of Nicaea, (325), the first ecumenical council of the Christian church, met in ancient Nicaea (now İznik, Turkey). It was called by the emperor Constantine I, an unbaptized catechumen, who presided over the opening session and took part in the discussions. He hoped a general council of the church would solve the problem created in the Eastern church by Arianism, a heresy first proposed by Arius of Alexandria that affirmed that Christ is not divine but a created being. Pope Sylvester I did not attend the council but was represented by legates.

The council condemned Arius and, with reluctance on the part of some, incorporated the nonscriptural word homoousios (“of one substance”) into a creed to signify the absolute equality of the Son with the Father.

The emperor then exiled Arius, an act that, while manifesting a solidarity of church and state, underscored the importance of secular patronage in ecclesiastical affairs. The council attempted but failed to establish a uniform date for Easter. It issued decrees on many other matters, including the proper method of consecrating bishops, a condemnation of lending money at interest by clerics, and a refusal to allow bishops, priests, and deacons to move from one church to another. It also confirmed the primacy of Alexandria and Jerusalem over other sees in their respective areas. Socrates Scholasticus, a 5th-century Byzantine historian, said that the council intended to make a canon enforcing celibacy of the clergy, but it failed to do so when some objected.



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Our Weekly Bulletin

Welcome to our Parish

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

Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week

Week of July 9 to July 16, 2023

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| Sunday, July 9 | 6th Sunday after Pentecost | ✠ George & Anna Rykola |
| July 10 | No Liturgy | |
| July 11 | No Liturgy | |
| July 12 | No Liturgy | |
| July 13 | No Liturgy | |
| July 14 | No Liturgy | |
| July 15 | No Liturgy | |
| Sunday, July 16 | 7th Sunday after Pentecost | ✠ Peter & Elizabeth Peregrin |

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.

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 12:6-14

Matthew 9:1-8

Troparion (Tone 5)

Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, and born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Kondakion

You, my Savior, descended to Hades, and as the Almighty, You shattered its gates. With Yourself You, as the Creator, raised the dead and shattered the sting of death, and delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Mankind.

Theotokion

Rejoice, O impassable door of the Lord! Rejoice, O rampart and protection of those who have recourse to you! Rejoice, O tranquil haven and Virgin, who gave birth in the flesh to your Maker and God! Fail not to intercede for those who sing and worship the Child you bore.

Prokeimen

You, O Lord, will guard us and will keep us from this generation, and forever.

Verse Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer left a just man.

You, O Lord, will guard us and will keep us from this generation, and forever.

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing forever;

from generation to generation I will announce Your truth with my mouth.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse For You have said: Mercy shall be built up forever;

In the heavens Your truth shall be prepared.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Communion Verse

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia. (3)

Happy 18th Anniversary to Beth and Jeremiah
May God grant them good health, long life and many happy years!
Многая і благая літа!

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Collection - July 2, 2023 - \$255.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Relief for Ukraine - Amount collected to date \$6,483.00.

Relief for Ukraine - Financial help to Ukraine can be done by writing a check to:

Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat and on the memo line: Aid for Ukraine.

Vacation Bible School - VBS will be July 31 to Aug 4. Mark your calendars.

Potato Fest - The annual Ebensburg Potato Fest will be September 30th.

Parish Picnic - Our annual Summer Picnic will be on July 16.

Renovations - As one can see renovations are taking place in our parish.

There are several phases that will happen. The hall is currently being remodeled.

The nave will be painted. The bathrooms will be moved to have better access for people in need. All renovations will be complete by 2026 for the 100th Anniversary of our parish. Any donation time and/or money to help defray the cost will be appreciated.



Annual Parish Summer Picnic

July 16th

Bring your favorite covered dish
to the picnic next Sunday.

Good Food, Fellowship and Games for All

Prayer List

Parishioners: Millie & Steve Deskevich, 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, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Steve Helsel, Patricia Dragani, Eugene, Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Williams family, Patty Hunt, Kevin Blem, Linda Kusmierski.

To add or remove a name, place your request in the collection basket.

Joke of the Day

Our car broke down in the middle of Kansas on our way back to Canada from Colorado. My parents had to purchase a new vehicle, it was so bad. When we got to the border, my dad was so tired from the drive that he FORGOT the kids' names -- all five of us. Border patrol wasn't buying his story, so they took him in. Fifteen hours later, my dad was released. They accused him of kidnapping and stealing a vehicle. While at the time, it wasn't very funny, it's still my most favorite story to tell!