

Oct. 15, 2017

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE 7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

Liturgical Schedule

Oct. 14 (Sat)	Divine Liturgy	5:00pm
	<i>Intention of the Parish Family</i>	
Oct. 15 (Sun)	SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE 7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL	
	Divine Liturgy	10:30am
	<i>+Marianne Maderia req by Parish Family</i>	
Oct. 16 (Mon)	Divine Liturgy	8:30am
Oct. 18 (Wed)	Divine Liturgy	8:30am
Oct. 20 (Fri)	Divine Liturgy	8:30am
Oct. 21 (Sat)	Divine Liturgy	5:00pm
Oct. 22 (Sun)	Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost	
	Divine Liturgy	10:30am



The Sanctuary Lamp continues to burn before the presence of Our Risen Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ in our church during the week of Oct. 15 thru Oct. 21 for +Marianne Maderia.

Let us remember in our prayers all of our friends and parish family members who are sick at home or in a nursing facility and for all who are in need of our prayers.



James Abraham, Tillie Abraham, Diana Abraham, Rosella Busko, Marion Campbell, Ted Druga, John Fekete, Fr. Edward Lucas, Carl Magdic, Fran Mogush, Clarence Rizzi, Helen Rizzi, Joseph Rusinko, Maria Rusinko, Sue Sabol, Ed Suzina, Mary Soltis, Terry Soltis, Margaret Weber, John Voron Sr.

Our Tithe to our Parish
October 8, 2017 — \$1,545.00



The fall season is now upon us and all sorts of seasonal activities begin to take place. Among these activities in our parish is the annual Turkey Bingo.

The Bingo will take place on Sunday, November 5, from 1:00pm—4:00pm. Doors open at noon — Tickets available

In preparation for this, we are requesting donations of the following items:

- ◆ Door prizes
- ◆ Chinese auction items
- ◆ In date pantry items
- ◆ Coca-cola & Pepsi products—regular & diet

For more information, please contact Julee Lindberg at 724-864-3772.



BYZANTINE SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE

Okay, what are you waiting for???

Folks often talk about how much we need to learn about our faith, about the role of our Byzantine Catholic Church in America, about the ways that we can hand on the faith that we have received.

So, it's time to stop just talking about it and do something about it. Our Office of Religious Education is offering its annual *Byzantine Spirituality Conference*. This wonderful event takes place on Saturday, 4 November 2017, at St John the Baptist Cathedral in Munhall PA. The day begins at 9:30 am and concludes at 3.00 pm.

Talks include:

- * *Challenging Issues for Eastern Catholics in America*
- * *The Charism of Hospitality*
- * *Handing on the Faith*

If you are interested (and I sure hope that a number of our parishioners are serious enough about their faith to be interested!), please contact Fr John (412.352.7082) and perhaps we can arrange for a parish table to be present.

FATHERS OF THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

At various times throughout the liturgical year, we commemorate the Fathers of the first seven Ecumenical Councils, the councils that have been accepted by all churches, Orthodox and Catholic alike.

But, who are these "Fathers" ... and what is their place in the life of our Church?



The great writers and theologians of the early church (especially the fourth century, when the foundations for much of our doctrine were being laid), have a special place of reverence in our Church. Now, not every theologian is considered a "Father" of the Church ... but only those whose writings have been judged and accepted by the body of the Church as truly representing our faith.

Yes, we have the Scriptures ... but the Scriptures are read and interpreted by the whole Church. We do not each read and interpret the Bible alone; it is the book of the Church ... and thus it is most clearly interpreted in the believing community.

The Fathers are those writers and theologians who have given expression to our faith ... for example, to the relationship between Jesus and the Father -- that they are of one and the same substance ... that Jesus is in no way inferior to the unseen Father. They also teach us about the Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the Father through the Son ... and the Holy Trinity form a circle of life and love that overflow into creation.

Although there are quite a number of writers who qualify for the term "Father of the Church" ... we pay special reverence to some of them ... especially those that our Liturgy calls the three great hierarchs and ecumenical teachers -- Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom. Their writings are still a source of teaching and inspiration for us today ... we still pray many of the same prayers that came from their lips ... and their spirit still fills the life and heart of our Church.

Together with these great Fathers, we honor all those bishops and theologians who have given shape to our faith. We may not be able to walk in their footsteps ... but we can seek the same vision of God that inspired them.