

Sunday, July 16, 2017

Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council

HYMNS FOR THE DAY: 5, 210, 134, 218 (Found in red hymnal book)

READINGS: **Epistle:** Titus 3:8-15
Gospel: Matthew 5:14-19

THE NICENE CREED & LORD'S PRAYER are found on pages 52-54 and 71 of your blue service book. Everyone is encouraged to recite them out loud in both Greek & English.

PRE & POST-COMMUNION PRAYERS: The Pre-Communion prayers are found on pages 76-80 in your blue service book. The first four will be read in Greek and the next four in English. **Please recite them out loud as a congregation.** The Post-Communion prayers are found on pages 98-100 in Greek and pages 101-102 in English. These should be read by those who have received Holy Communion when they return to their seats.

COUNCIL DUTY: **Orthros: 8:00 a.m.** Roberta Korfias
Liturgy: 9:00 a.m. All Parish Council Members

MEMORIALS

3 mons. Angela Sgouroudis
3 mons. Ioannis (John) Kavadas
17 yrs. George Koulianos

“MAY THEIR MEMORY BE ETERNAL!”

SERVICE SCHEDULE: Friday, July 21st – *Vespers Service for the Feast of Agia Markella* – 6:30 p.m. in the chapel.

The Chian Societies of “KANARAIS” and “AGIA MARKELLA” will sponsor an Artoklasia and Fellowship Hour with refreshment after the Vespers in the Great Hall. Everyone is invited.

ΘΗΣΚΕΥΤΙΚΟΝ ΗΜΕΡΟΛΟΓΙΟΝ: Παρασκευή, 21 Ιουλίου – *Εσπερινός της Αγίας Μαρκέλλης* – 6:30 μ.μ. στο παρεκκλήσιο.

Ο Χιωτικός συλλογός <<Καναρης>> και <<Αγίας Μαρκέλλας>> θα τελέσει την Αρτοκλασία και ωραν επικοινωνίας με αναψυκτικά μετά τον εσπερινό. Προσκαλούμε όλους να παρευθουν.

WELCOME VISITORS: We welcome you to worship with us today. Whether you are an Orthodox Christian or this is your first visit to the Orthodox Church, we are pleased to have you with us. Although Holy Communion is offered only to the baptized and chrismated (confirmed) Orthodox Christians, in good standing with the Church, all are invited to receive the antidoron (blessed bread) from the priest at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. The antidoron is not sacramental but is reminiscent of the agape feast that followed worship in the ancient Christian Church. After the Divine Liturgy this morning, please join us in the church hall for fellowship, refreshments and visit with our Clergy, our Parish Council and the Stewards of our Parish.

THOUGHT: Satan laughs at our toiling, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles when we pray.

COOPERATION IS NEEDED! We remind our faithful that the Orthros Service begins at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday in the Cathedral and is followed immediately by the Divine Liturgy. **Please be prompt and on time!** Please turn off cell phones before entering church. No conversation should take place during worship. During the reading of the Gospel people in the narthex should not be purchasing or lighting candles but stand reverently and listen to the reading. If possible avoid using the center aisle during high points of Divine Liturgy. Lipstick and lip-gloss should be removed before kissing icons, receiving Holy Communion and kissing the hand of the priest. Only Orthodox Christians in good standing with the Church may receive Holy Communion. Parents with children who cannot sit quietly during services should use the cry room. Please avoid using cell phones, I-Pads or other electronic devices to entertain or amuse children during worship. This delivers the wrong message of why we are in church and allows the child to pick up bad habits. When receiving antidoron, please use both hands and do not allow the crumbs to fall.

STEWARDSHIP NEWS: The warm days of summer often provide excuse for not attending church services and also failing to pay your Stewardship Pledge payment to the church with consistency. Whether or not the church is filled or not, the monthly expense of \$85,000 continues. **Please remain current with your pledge payments over the summer!** At this time, all 2017 pledges should be at least half way paid. Second quarter Statements of Financial Contribution were mailed out at the beginning of July. Please review your statement. If there is a problem with your statement or if you cannot make your payments, contact the church office.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Vespers for the Feast of Agia Markella – July 20th
Vespers for the Feast of St. Panteleimon – July 26th
Book Bag Blessing – August 13th
Dormition (Koimisis tis Theotokou) Fast – August 1st-14th
Transfiguration of the Lord – August 6th
Dormition (Koimisis) of the Theotokos – August 15th
Youth Ministries/Sunday School Teachers Meeting – August 21st
Peter Stassis Memorial Brunch Benefit – August 27th

ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS: With the coming of August many of our college students return to school. Fr. Ted and Fr. George remind our students or their parents to please fill out the form that is available at the church office by August 31st so that we can continue to communicate with our students.

CHURCH HUMOR: A preacher during his sermon one Sunday was relating to his congregation the story of Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11), who told a lie to God and were both struck dead. With old-style evangelistic zeal, the good preacher roared: “God doesn’t strike people dead for lying like He used to. If He did, where would I be today?”

The congregation snickered and some even laughed out loud. But recovering his equilibrium in a hurry, the preacher roared back louder than ever: “I’ll tell you where I would be. I’d be right hear preaching to an empty house!”

MORE CHURCH HUMOR: The church bulletin listed areas where volunteers were needed and invited parishioners to check one or more. Would you believe that the one receiving the most checks read, “Sin in the choir?”

HELLENIC DANCERS NEWS: The Junior and Senior Groups will practice on Wednesdays from 6:00-8:00 p.m. For details, contact Taki Zarakas.

FANARI CAMP UPDATE: Fr. George will be there the 4th Session, July 16th-22nd. Along with our clergy, many campers from our parish will be attending, as well as counselors and staff members.

BEDTIME BIBLE STORIES IS BACK! BBS will return on Tuesday & Thursday, August 1st & 3rd, 5:30-7:00 p.m., for ages 3 to 6. The stories are “Abraham & Sarah” and “Zacchaeus.” Children, come and wear your pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal. BBS will be led by Presvytera Tulla. There is no cost. Please call the church office to sign up, 769-2481 by Sunday, July 30th.

BACK PACK/SCHOOL BLESSING: On Sunday, August 13th will have a special blessing service for our children as they return to school. Students are asked to be in church on this day so that a special prayer may be offered for them as they start off the new school year.

We will also be collecting school supplies for those less fortunate. See Presvytera Tulla for details. Please help us out and bring a little something to the church with you on Sundays or during the week. For ideas on what to bring, see the list below:

Backpacks	#2 Pencils	Color Pencils	Pencil Boxes
Hand Sanitizer	Kleenex	2 pocket folder	Rulers
Pens	Glue	Erasers	Markers
Wide Rule Paper	Box of 24 crayons	Single subject notebook	

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS: Summer is quickly passing by and before you know it the new school year will be here. Our Sunday School program is in need of a director, as well as teachers. If you can fill one of these roles, please contact Fr. George. Your assistance in this matter is deeply appreciated.

MINISTRIES MEETING: On Monday, August 21st, at 7:00 p.m. we will be having a Ministries Meeting for all our Youth Advisors and Sunday School teachers to make plans for the 2017-2018 year. All those involved or wishing to be a part of these ministries needs to attend. For details, see Fr. Ted.

GREEK SCHOOL REGISTRATION: The church office is currently accepting applications for Greek School Registration. As of July 1st, the tuition/ materials fee increased to \$575 for the first child and \$525 per each additional child per family. Please register your child today for the 2017-2018 school year. Due date for full payment is September 8th, which is the first day of Greek School.

HELPING HAND APPEAL: With the coming of summer donations for the Helping Hand have fallen. The need is great, both within our parish and surrounding community. Please remember those less fortunate and offer your gift of love and assistance through our Helping Hand Fund. To see how you can help or for more details, see Fr. Ted.

GOLF OUTING UPDATE: Once again our Cathedral is planning on hosting our Annual Golf Outing this coming September. Specific details will be forth coming. However, if there is anyone who would like to assist in organizing this fund raising event, please see Pete Zervos or Demetri Zembillas.

SHARING OUR FAITH: The keeper of a lighthouse was boasting of the brilliance of his lamp. Asked what would happen if the lamp went out or if the reflectors became dull, he replied, “Impossible! Out there ships are sailing. If this light goes out tonight, someone will be shipwrecked.”

In a similar way the eyes of the world are fixed on the followers of Jesus Christ. For this reason, Jesus said in the Gospel lesson today:

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

Every person exerts an influence on the world. If you are a Christian and are living a Godless life, by your example, you are making it harder for others to follow the ways of peace and righteousness. By your unbelief, you are making it easier for some to reject the way of life through Christ Jesus.

It is a solemn thought that our lives are continually radiating light or darkness, and there are ripples of influence that we can never control or stop. No man lives unto himself.

No one is entirely without influence. Everything we say and do has a ripple effect. It either hurts or helps. It either leads or misleads. It either advances God’s Kingdom or hinders it. We are responsible – AND ARE HELD RESPONSIBLE BY GOD – for the influence we are sending out from our lives.

RELATING TO THE FAITH: Each year, in accordance with the Orthodox Church Calendar, the Sunday which falls between the 13th and 19th of July is designated as the Feast Day honoring the Holy Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council. As we know, the head of the Greek Church is Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God. We recognize no other leader. The Patriarchs, Archbishops and Bishops are merely the Lord’s representatives who carry on the work of His Holy Church. Actually, the highest authority within the Church itself is the Ecumenical Council. During the early period of Christianity, many councils were held to establish once and for all the basic beliefs of the Christian Church. The Fourth Ecumenical Council held in 451 A.D. in Chalcedon defined the doctrine concerning the person of Jesus Christ. That is, Jesus of Nazareth is one person or hypostasis in two natures-human and divine. He is perfect God and perfect man. As God. He is “of one essence” (homoousios) with God the Father and the Holy Spirit. As man, He is “of one essence” with all human beings.

FROM THE CHURCH OF FATHERS: If you receive the holy sacraments with faith, you will see that they will bring forth deep peace in your spiritual powers with a wonderful sense of joy and freedom. The Lord loads us with benefits according to the measure of our faith, the Body and Blood give life to the believer’s heart, according to the measure of its preparedness.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT – BECOMING DEAF: A husband thought his wife was becoming death. He stood behind her across the room and said, “Can you hear me?” He then moved closer asking the same question. Finally he stood directly behind her and said, “Can you hear me?” The wife, finally becoming impatient, responded, “Yes, for the third time, I can hear you!”

Does it seem to you that the Lord is becoming deaf? Or is it you?

PETER STASSIS MEMORIAL BENEFIT: On Sunday, August 27th, immediately following worship everyone is invited to attend a brunch held in the Great Hall to benefit the Peter Stassis Memorial Scholarships for Fanari Camp. This year seven full or partial scholarships were offered in memory of Peter Stassis for young people from our parish to attend Fanari Camp for a week. Those who attended had a great time, learned about our Orthodox Faith and meet young people of their own ages from around the Metropolis. Following the brunch a Memorial Motorcycle Ride will take place. Anyone interested in being a part of the Memorial Ride may call Gini Mojica 219-661-8950 for details.

FOOD PANTRY: Please remember your donations for our Cathedral/Ross Township Food Pantry during the summer. We are especially in need of food items for children, i.e. children's cereal, apple sauce, fruit items, etc.

YAL BOAT CRUISE: The young adults of our parish, ages 18-35, are invited to participate in the YAL CHICAGO 2017 BOAT CRUISE on Monday, July 31st, at 6:00 p.m., at Wendella Boats- 400 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL. Ticket prices which includes appetizers and drinks are: \$65 per person before July 9th, \$75 per person before July 30th, or \$85 per person at the door. Contact Venmo Christina at @christinasavas or email her: Christina.m.savas@gmail.com in the app.

CATHEDRAL EARLY LEARNING CENTER: Early registration: Our preschool is accepting applications for the 2017-2018 school year. To enroll for the two day class (Tuesday & Thursday) the child must be 3 years old before August 1st. To enroll for the three day a week class the child must be 4 years old before August 1st. Applications are available in the church office. Registration fee is \$50 per child, and activity fee of \$75 per child. Tuition for two-day class is \$120 a month, and for the three-day class is \$150 a month. Children must be potty trained to be enrolled. Call Christine Chimitris at 219-769-2481 between 9:00-11:30 a.m. for details.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SEMINAR: The Metropolis of Chicago Religious Education Committee is pleased to announce the 2017 Fall Sunday Church School Teacher Workshop will be held on Saturday, August 19th, 9:30am-3:00pm, at St. Spyridon GOC in Palos Heights, IL. Topic for the day: "*Orthodox Spirituality.*" Speakers are Metropolitan Nikitas of the Dardanelles and Rev. Fr. Loukas Gikas. Registration Fee for the workshop is \$30 before August 12th and \$50 after August 12th. The purpose of this seminar is to provide Sunday Church Teachers with material to take back to their classrooms, as well as for faithful Orthodox to share experiences and thoughts on this most vital topic. For more information and to register, contact Presvytera Georgia Alikakos at 708-715-4584 or religiousedmc@chicago.goarch.org.

FAMILY RETREAT: This Labor Day weekend spend a fun-filled time reconnecting with your family and with God. Retreat leader Fr. Stephen Freeman will present workshops on the theme "*Living the Mystery.*" Find more information or register online at www.chicago.family.synaxis@gmail.com. Register by August 18th for the best rate.

CONFESS YOUR SINS to the Lord, and you will be forgiven; confess them to men, and you will be talked about and laughed at.