July 17, 2022

Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council

As we enter the Church let us pray....
I will come into Thy House In the multitude of Thy mercy;
And in Thy fear I will worship toward Thy Holy Temple.

Resurrectutional Apolytikion – Tone 4
Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

Apolytikion of the Holy Fathers – Tone 8
Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

Apolytikion of St. Marina – Tone 4
O Lord Jesus, unto Thee Thy lamb doth cry with a great voice: O my Bridegroom, Thee I love; and seeking Thee, I now contest, and with Thy baptism am crucified and buried. I suffer for Thy sake, that I may reign with Thee; for Thy sake I die, that I may live in Thee: accept me offered out of longing to Thee as a spotless sacrifice. Lord, save our souls through her intercessions, since Thou art great in mercy.

Apolytikion of St. John Chrysostom - Tone 8
Grace shining forth from your lips like a beacon has enlightened the universe. It has shown to the world the riches of poverty. It has revealed to us the heights of humility. Teaching us by your words, O Father John Chrysostom, intercede before the Word, Christ our God, to save our souls!

Ordinary Kontakion of All Saints – Tone 2
O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

SYNAXARION
On July 17 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the Venerable Irenarchos of Solovky; and the holy and glorious Great-martyr Marina of Antioch in Pisidia. She was born to pagan parents and heard of the Lord Jesus at age twelve. Her heart was inflamed with love for the Lord, she vowed never to marry and, further, desired in her soul to suffer for Christ and be baptized with the blood of martyrdom. Her father hated her for her faith, and would not regard her as his daughter. The imperial governor, Olymbrius, desired her for his wife. When Marina refused, he put her to harsh torture, and threw her into prison all wounded and bleeding. Marina prayed to God in the prison, but there appeared to her first the devil in the form of a terrible serpent, which twined itself about her head. When she made the sign of the Cross, the serpent split asunder and disappeared. Then she was bathed in heavenly light; the walls and roof of the prison disappeared and a Cross was revealed, resplendent and lofty. Marina was healed by the power of God of all her wounds. She was finally sentenced to death by beheading. At the moment of her death, the Lord Jesus appeared to her, accompanied by angels.

On this Sunday, we commemorate the 630 holy and God-bearing Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council, which convened in Chalcedon in 451 against the Monophysites. The Holy Fathers were, once again, concerned with the nature of Jesus Christ. The false teaching arose that Christ’s human nature (considered by heretics as less perfect) dissolved itself in His divine nature (considered by heretics as more perfect): like a cube of sugar in a parcel of water. Thus, in that scenario, Christ had only one nature, the Divine. These false preachers were called Monophysites (“mono”, meaning “one” and “physis”, meaning “nature”), and they were led by Eutyches and Dioscorus. Monophysitism overemphasized the divine nature of Christ, at the expense of the human. The Fourth Ecumenical Council condemned Monophysitism and proclaimed that Christ has two complete natures: the divine and the human, as defined by previous Councils. These two natures function as equally perfect, without confusion, and are neither divided nor separate. The Fathers declared that at no time did they undergo any change. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

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His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH, Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of North America, Primate
His Grace Bishop Thomas, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Charleston, Oakland and the Mid-Atlantic
The V. Rev. Peter Pier, Pastor
The Rev. David Hyatt, Assistant Pastor
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The Inquirer’s Class – will meet next Sunday July 24th following the Divine Liturgy. These classes are for those studying the Orthodox Christian Faith, and those wishing to deepen their understanding of the Faith. All are welcome.

Weis and Giant Grocery Gift Cards – are available for purchase. You pay the face amount of the card and the church receives 5% of the value of the card. Please see Marjorie Barrett after any Divine Liturgy to purchase a card. Purchases benefit the general fund of St. John Chrysostom Church.

Attendance Last Sunday  144
Operating Fund Offering Received:  $3,280.00
Amount Needed Each Week To Meet Operating Fund Budget:  $7,280.00

Church Calendar

July 17  8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy.  Parish Council Meeting.
July 23  6:00 pm Vespers.
July 24  8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy. Inquirer’s Class.

Remember In Your Prayers
Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear” (Is. 65:24)

The Living – for their health &wellbeing
Metropolitan Joseph
Michael Bogosh
Bishop Thomas
Christos Tsakiris
Sarah Chattopadhyay
Harry and Grace Dorion
Olena Bassarab
Marianne Rupp
Jamey Miller
Mary Bincarowsky
Matthew Miller
Gene “Paul” Strayer
Officer Jamie Miller
Katherine Monsour
Joyce “Kassiane” Williams
George and Darla Feeser
Michael Acierno
Cindi “Monica” Bennett
Ian Snyder
Mary Kopey
Jerry “David” Desautels
Martha Allen
Vincent McKee
Mary Lou Grove

The Departed – Memory Eternal!
Metropolitan PHILIP
Melinda “Magdalena” Stika
Bishop Antoun
James Fetter
Priest Boniface Black
Andrew Himes
Wayne “Stephen” Coleson
Patty May
Georgette Habib Soliman
Julie Acierno
Leavitt “George” Keener
Vincent Michael Terzano-Borovic
Mary Jane Glagola
Steven Smith
Norm “Nourhan” and Eva “Marie” Kailian
Edward Boner
Nicholas Raptapolus
Cheryl “Alexandra” Bury
Walter and Mary Damm
Thomas Lehman
Donnell Gregory and Mary “Rebecca” Beck
Angela Pandelidis
Barry “John” Hart
Kathryn Velen
Renee McCutchen