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**HOLY FATHERS OF THE FIRST SIX
ECUMENICAL COUNCILS
SYNAXIS OF ARCHANGEL GABRIEL
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Epistle Readings

Romans 15:1-7
Hebrews 13:7-16

Gospel Readings

Matthew 9:27-35
John 17:1-13

**CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST!
HE IS AND EVER SHALL BE!**

Troparion to the Holy Fathers of the First Six Councils

Most glorious art Thou, O Christ our God! Thou hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth! Through them Thou hast guided us to the true faith! O greatly Compassionate One, glory to Thee!

Troparion for Archangel Gabriel

Gabriel, commander of the heavenly hosts, we who are unworthy beseech you, by your prayers encompass us beneath the wings of your immaterial glory, and faithfully preserve us who fall down and cry to you: "Deliver us from all harm, for you are the commander of the powers on high!"

Kontakion for the Fathers: The Apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrines have established one faith for the Church. Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology, it defines and glorifies the great mystery of piety!

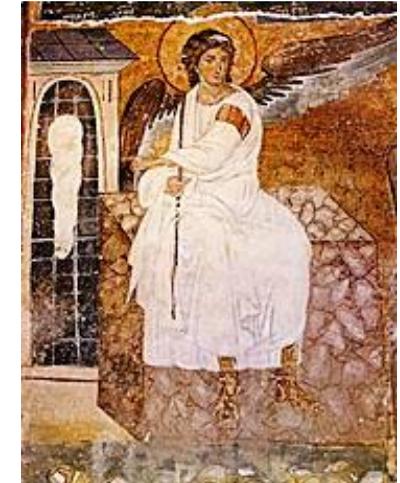
Kontakion for Archangel Gabriel: You look upon God's glory in heaven, and bring grace from on high to earth, wise Gabriel, leader of angels, minister of God's glory, and divine defender of the world! Save and preserve those who cry to you: "Be our defense, so that no one can be against us!"

Prayers for Popadija Kitty – Praise God, she is home recovering from surgery.

The White Angel

This icon is a part of the fresco wall painting called "The Holy Women at the Tomb" in the Milesevo Monastery in Serbia, made c.1235. An angel clothed in white, understood by the church to be Gabriel, points to the grave-clothes and proclaims to the frightened women the good news of: "...you seek Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said." (Matt 28: 5-6).

The first satellite broadcast in 1963 between Europe and North America included a picture of the White Angel in the first frames to salute the American people from Europe. It has been recognized worldwide as a true and unique message of overall peace.



Orthodox Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday - Today

OCPM is an agency of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishop of the United States of America. It shares the love of Christ and His Church while providing in-prison ministry, church outreach and training, aftercare, and correspondence programs to more than 3,400 men and women across the United States. An encyclical from Archbishop Mark of Philadelphia is on the OCPM website. Generous donations are encouraged: [Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry](http://www.OrthodoxChristianPrisonMinistry.org)

Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, July 29 – 7PM (Zoom info will be emailed)

We are nearing the completion of the online study of "The Holy Fire" by Robert Payne. This week's chapter is on St. Gregory Palamas who lived the doctrine of 'hesychia' – quietness, prayer and contemplation of God. Everyone is welcome.

St. Luke Safety Net Ministry

Our ministry to stay in touch with parishioners during the pandemic has moved from weekly calls, texts or emails to bi-weekly, then monthly and now it is phasing out. Social contact and spiritual support will continue for those listed who need one-on-one, personal attention. The faithfulness and love of the volunteers and Coordinator, Tatjana Jovanic are appreciated.

God Grant You Many Years! Mnogaja Ijeta!

God bless Zova Glomazic on her 11th birthday, and Diana Kinker and Youssef Zaki, and Milorad and Tracy Milosevich on their wedding anniversaries.