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HOLY FATHERS OF THE 7th ECUMENICAL COUNCIL & THE OPTINA ELDERS

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle Readings

II Corinthians 11:31-12:9
Hebrews 13:7-16

Gospel Readings

Luke 7:11-16
John 17:1-13

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

Troparion (Resurrection)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

Troparion (Fathers)

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God, Who 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!

Kontakion (Resurrection)

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

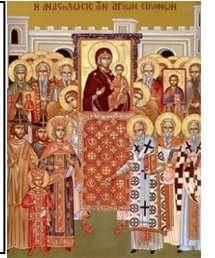
Kontakion (Fathers)

The Son Who shone forth from the Father was ineffably born, two-fold in nature, of a woman. Having beheld Him, we do not deny the image of His form, but depict it piously and revere it faithfully. Thus, keeping the True Faith, the Church venerates the icon of Christ Incarnate.

Memory Eternal - Večnaja pamjat +

We pray for Popadija Kitty's parents, William and Jane Searles, on the anniversaries of their falling asleep. O Lord, grant them rest eternal with Thy saints in blessed repose.

The 7th and last Ecumenical Council recognized by the Orthodox Church was convened in 787 during the reign of Empress Irene and her son Constantine VI. It ended almost fifty years of iconoclast persecution and established the veneration of the holy icons as basic to the belief and spirituality of Christ's Church. As the Synaxarion says, "It was not simply the veneration of the holy images that the Fathers defended in these terms but, in fact, the very reality of the Incarnation of the Son of God." Excerpt from OrthoChristian.com



Welcome to all guests with us by livestream and in person. We invite you to stay for Coffee Hour refreshments and to get acquainted with us. If you are interested in learning more about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life, feel free to talk with Fr. John today.

FOCUS DC Family Care Drive – Today through November 6

The Fellowship of Orthodox Christians United to Serve (FOCUS) of the DC Metro Area is partnering with Grace Episcopal Church in Alexandria, VA in outreach to local needy families. We can help by donating diapers and infant care items during our parish collection or by donating online at <https://focusnorthamerica.org/dc/>. Checks are welcomed made payable to “FOCUS NA-DC Drive”. See the online [Family Care Drive Wishlist](#). (Diapers are an expense not covered by SNAP food stamps.)

Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, October 26 – 7PM on Zoom

Everyone is invited to join in this week's class on Luke 18:31-43 and the start of chapter 19 using Fr. Lawrence Farley's commentary. Fr. John will email the Zoom link and notes.

St. Luke Patron Saint Day Slava Celebration – Sunday, October 30

- The annual Slava celebration is next Sunday. After the Divine Liturgy, the Slava Prayers will take place with John, Elizabeth and George Minahan as the Slava Kumovi. The buffet luncheon follows. Invite family and friends to join us for this festive event.
- The Sisterhood welcomes volunteers on Saturday and Sunday to help with food preparation and decorations. Schedule with Rada Carmichael or JoAnne de la Riva.
- Donations of desserts are requested.

Sisterhood Holiday Bake Sale – Saturday, December 10

Our Holiday Bake Sale is coming soon. The beautiful breads, nut and poppyseed rolls, strudels, and sarma are being lovingly prepared. Patrons may [Pre-order](#) specialty items.

God Grant You Many Years!

May God bless Jim and Michele Karabin on their shared birthday, Nicole Bidy (13), Daniel Pehlivanoff (3), and Savannah Saavedra (2) on their birthdays. God bless Mark and Maria Damjan on their 16th wedding anniversary and David Lumovich on the 11th anniversary of his tonsuring as a Reader. May God grant them many years! Mnogaja ljeta!

(Last Sunday's October 16 Bulletin is available at Coffee Hour for anyone who missed it.)