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8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

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MAY 21, 2023

6TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA
SUNDAY OF THE
BLIND MAN



The Second Ecumenical Council (May 22) was convened in the year 381 and consolidated the victory of Orthodoxy attained in the year 325 at the First Ecumenical Council.

During the difficult years which passed after the acceptance of the Nicene Symbol of Faith (Creed), the Arian heresy developed new offshoots. Under the guise of struggle against the Sabellian heresy, which taught about a blending of the Hypostatic Persons of the Father and the Son [as mere aspects or modalities within the Trinity], Macedonius began to employ

the word “homoiousios” “of similar essence” [in contrast to the Orthodox teaching of “homoousios”, “of the same essence”] regarding the essence of the Son and that of the Father.

This formula still presented a danger because Macedonius presented himself as a struggler against the Arians, who used the term “like the Father.” Besides this, the Macedonians, being semi-Arians, depending on conditions and advantages of the moment, sometimes inclined towards Orthodoxy, sometimes towards Arianism. They blasphemed the Holy Spirit by suggesting that He was not “of the same essence” with the Father and the Son.

A second heretic, Aetius, introduced the concept "anomoion" ("different in essence.") He said that the Father has a completely different essence from that of the Son. His disciple Eunomios taught a hierarchical subordination of the Son to the Father, and of the Holy Spirit to the Son. Everyone who came to him was rebaptized into the "death of Christ," denying Baptism in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, which is commanded us by the Savior Himself (Mt. 28:19).

A third heresy arose from the teachings of Valentinus and Ursacius at the Arimonian Council. They attempted to deceive the Orthodox bishops, proclaiming that the Son of God is from God, and is in the likeness of God the Father, and is not a created being as the Arians taught. The heretics did not wish to use the term "one in essence" in describing the relation of the Son to the Father, saying that the word "essence" is not found within the Holy Scripture. Besides these three main heresies, there were also many other false teachings. The heretic Apollinarios said, "The flesh of the Savior did not have a human soul or reason. The Word of God took the place of the absent soul; and Divinity remained dead for three days."

In order to refute these heretical opinions, the holy Emperor Theodosius the Great (379-395) convened an Ecumenical Council at Constantinople, at which 150 bishops were present. Upon investigation by the Holy Fathers it was proposed that a Creed which holy Pope Damasus had sent to Bishop Paulinus of Antioch should be read. This appears to be the so-called Sirmean Creed, drawn up by Potamius of Lisbon, who participated in a pro-Arian Council at Sirmium in 357, but changed his opinions two years later. The document was a vain attempt to please everyone by not mentioning the terms *ousia* (essence, or substance), *homoousios* (identical in essence, or substance), and *homoiousion* (similar in essence, or substance), "by which the minds of many are perturbed." It said that there "ought to be no mention

of any of them at all, nor any exposition of them in the Church." By not defining the Church's teaching clearly, the document is ambiguous, neither endorsing the various heresies it contained, nor the teaching of the Church.

An Ecumenical Synod is convened primarily to deal with false teachings and refute them by proclaiming the faith handed down to us by the Apostles and the Holy Fathers. To use the definition of St. Vincent of Lérins: "that which has been believed everywhere, always, by everyone." There can be no compromise between truth and falsehood.

After the document was read aloud, the Holy Fathers rejected the false teaching of Macedonius, and unanimously affirmed the Apostolic teaching that the Holy Spirit is not a creature, but is rather the Life-Creating Lord, Who proceeds from the Father, and is worshipped and glorified with the Father and the Son. In order to combat other heresies, of the Eunomians, Arians and Semi-Arians, the Holy Fathers reaffirmed the Nicene Symbol of Faith.

In the Symbol (Creed), accepted by the First Ecumenical Council, the divine nature of the Holy Spirit was not addressed, since at that earlier time [in 325] heresies against the Holy Spirit had not become widespread. Therefore, the holy Fathers of the Second Ecumenical Council added to the Nicene Symbol its eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth sections. They definitively formulated and affirmed the Nicene-Constantinople Symbol of Faith, which is used even now by all the Orthodox Churches.

The Second Ecumenical Council also established the norms for ecclesiastical courts [Canon VI], and it decided to receive those repentant heretics who were properly baptized in the name of the Holy Trinity through Chrismation, but those baptized with a single immersion were to be received as pagans.

Leavetaking of Pascha

On Wednesday of the sixth week of Pascha, we celebrate the Leavetaking of the Feast. While most Feasts have their Leavetaking on the eighth day, Pascha, the Feast of Feasts, has its Leavetaking on the thirty-ninth day. The fortieth day is the Feast of the Lord's Ascension, which marks the end of the Lord's physical presence on earth. He does not abandon us, however. He has promised to be with us always, even until the end of the age (MT 20:28). As we sing in the Kontakion for Ascension, "Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, not being parted from those who love Thee, but remaining with them and crying: I am with you and no

one will be against you." There is a similar thought expressed in the Troparion for the Dormition: "In falling asleep, you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos."

The services today are celebrated just as on the day of Pascha itself. The daily readings from Holy Scripture, of course, will differ. After the Dismissal at Liturgy, the paschal hymns are no longer sung. The prayer "O Heavenly King" is not said or sung until Pentecost. The Winding Sheet (Plaschanitsa) is taken from the altar and is put in its proper place. Even though today is a Wednesday, fish, wine, and oil are permitted.

VISITATIONS

Fr. Cizmar would like to know who requires visitation. He is eager to visit those who might have gone a long time without visitation for any reason at all. A key duty of a priest's ministry is to visit the sick and confined, those unable to attend the holy services for any reason. His phone number and email address are printed on the front of every Ambo, and are repeated here: Father Jan Cizmar - 1(440) 732-8182 - st.theodosiuscathedral@gmail.com

Archangel Michael Orthodox Church is looking for a Custodian

With the recent resignation of our Church Custodian, we are searching for a new applicant to fill this role.

If you are able, or know of someone (retirees welcome), please contact Darlene Dimitrijevs, BOT, President (216-346-5741) or the church office 440-526-5192, info@stmichaelscleveland.org.

Looking after the house of God is the best work of all. The humblest job, be it only to clean the floor of the church, is a nobler work than all others. -St. Seraphim of Sarov

Landscaping Ministry

Spring is around the corner!

Consider helping us to cut and edge the grounds around our cathedral, it's a great way of getting some sun and exercise while beautifying the church.

Please speak with **Joyce Tabeling** in person or call her at **216 408-7187**

A Letter from our friend the Reader Haralambos

To my friends at St. Theodosius,

Christ is Risen!

Indeed He is Risen!

Sunday the seventh of May ends my 35 year membership as I am transferring to Archangel Michael Orthodox Church. Come August, I am 80 years old. I live in Medina, 35 miles away and sometimes worry about things now. Archangel Michael Russian Orthodox Church is closer and of course the Liturgy is equally precious. It is interesting how we don't love each other in a human way, but in a divine way.

I will miss everyone.

Fr. Jan has graciously encouraged me to return when I can.

-Reader Haralambos



Serbian Golf Outing Dinner & Music

Net Proceeds for the *Serbian Cultural Garden*

Saturday, July 8, 2023

**Sleepy Hollow Golf Course
9445 Brecksville Road, Brecksville, Ohio 44141**

SCRAMBLE FORMAT
WINNING FOURSOME WINS DINNER FOR EIGHT AT
THE SERBIAN CULTURAL GARDEN IN ROCKEFELLER PARK OR CASH

10:00 A.M. REGISTRATION (WITH A SHOT OF SLIVO)
11:00 A.M. TEE TIME

**\$135 FEE INCLUDES:
18 HOLES * CART * ITALIAN LUNCH
PRIZES * MUSIC * DINNER**

6:00 P.M. DINNER
ST. SAVA SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH (BACK) HALL
2151 WEST WALLINGS ROAD, BROADVIEW HTS., OH 44147

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**Serbian Cultural Garden
P.O. Box 91896
Cleveland, OH 44101**

**For further information, call: (216) 716-4305
WEBSITE: www.serbianculturalgarden.org**



Beloved friends in Christ,

Christ is risen! In anticipation of our upcoming Ruby Anniversary—when our parish will commemorate its first four decades—we will be producing a photo book to look back on how we got to where we are today! Photographs of persons, activities, and services from the last forty years, beginning back in 1983, will be presented throughout the pages of the book. However, it will also include QR codes that will allow special access to some of the sights and sounds in a rather unique way, including some interviews with founding members of the parish.

To create such a memento for this momentous occasion, we are asking for help: For those friends of the parish who value our history and recognize its importance for the new faithful members being born of water and spirit, or otherwise brought into the life of Saint Innocent Orthodox Church, we humbly ask that you consider contributing in the form of a donation. These donations would be needed by the thirtieth of June, and all donors will be listed within the book according to the following three categories:

RUBY LEVEL | \$40.00

PATRON LEVEL | \$100.00

HISTORIAN LEVEL | \$250.00

We hope that you will always find it in your heart to remember how the God of history—our Lord Jesus Christ—brought us to this place, and with all these wonderful people touching its life across the years. We sincerely hope this photo book will reflect our beautiful and storied history, and we thank you in advance for helping to make our 40th Anniversary a celebration to remember.

PRAYER REQUESTS

as of 5/21/2023

Deceased

William Sudnick

Special Intentions:

Subdeacon Theodore Lentz

Subdeacon Igor Gajewsky

Subdeacon Roger Pinta

Reader Paul Pangrace

Reader Frank Tkacz

Stephan Chwalyk

Horia Dascalescu (*Lavinia's brother*)

Diane Kearsey (*Janice Tkacz's Sister*)

Janice Tkacz

Eleanor Wachovec (*friend of Karen Felon*)

Rachel Ohlin (*relative of Tatiana*)

Erin Zawolowycz

Carol Nielsen (*Paul Pangrace's sister*)

Virginia Medvec

Jeffrey Parhamovich (*brother of Karen Felon*)

Margaret Parhamovich (*sister-in-law of Karen Felon*)

Margaret Peyton (Cathy's aunt)

Jean Woycitzky Thompson (*Frank's cousin*)

Anna Marie Luvison (*daughter of Matthew & Katie (Ellis) Luvison*)

Debra Parhamovich (*sister of Karen Felon*)

Grace Mary Parhamovich (*mother of Karen Felon*)

Gayle Vidovich

Elizabeth Balasz

Christina Hile (*Nisi & Cindy's sister*)

Lonnie Ellis (*Husband to Debra Ellis*)

Robert Martin Prock

Valentina Zawolowycz (*mother of Paul Z*)

Michael and **Nichole** Zolikoff and **unborn child**

Mark

Susan Banks Yurik (*former parish secretary*)

Michael Kapeluck (*friend of Cathy*)

Please submit names to the Prayer List by emailing them to Fr. Jan Cizmar st.theodosiuscathedral@gmail.com

Or calling at 1(440) 732-8182

Names remain on the list for 30 days unless requested otherwise.



EASTERN ORTHODOX WOMEN'S GUILD OF GREATER CLEVELAND

Unity Through Participation

Saturday, June 10, 2023 @ 10:00 A.M.

- **Potluck Picnic** (hotdogs & hamburgers provided)
- **Social time**
- **Wrap-up of the year and looking ahead to next year**

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE 2023

Sunday, May 21
6th Sunday of Pascha
Sunday of the Blind Man
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour

Monday, May 22
Martyr Basiliscus, Bishop of Comana
(ca. 308)
Commemoration of the Second
Ecumenical Council (381)

Tuesday, May 23
St. Michael the Confessor, Bishop of
Synnada (831)

Wednesday, May 24
Leavetaking of Pascha
Forefeast of the Ascension



Thursday, May 25
The Ascension of our Lord
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Friday, May 26
Afterfeast of the Ascension
Apostles Carpus and Alphæus of the
Seventy (1st c.)

Saturday, May 27
Afterfeast of the Ascension
Hieromartyr Therapon, Bishop of Sardis
(3rd c.)
6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, May 28
7th Sunday of Pascha
Afterfeast of the Ascension
Holy Fathers of the
First Ecumenical Council
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Farewell Finleys Coffee Social