



St. Alexander Nevsky Orthodox Cathedral

8th Sunday After Pentecost. Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils.
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Hebrews 13:7-16
Gospel: St. Matthew 14:14-22; St. John 17:1-13
Martyr Emilian. Martyr Hyacinth. Nun Martyrs Grand Duchess Elizabeth and Barbara.

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Today's Announcements

- Welcome to Fr. John Mikita, who served today's Liturgy. Fr. Mikita is a candidate to become our next parish priest, and he will be available after today's Liturgy to answer questions.

Saturday – July 24

- Vespers – 7 pm

Next Sunday – July 25

- Divine Liturgy – 9:30 am

Coming Events – Mark Your Calendar!

- Archdiocesan Youth Day at PNC Park – July 20
- Retirement dinner for Fr. Paul – July 25
- Church School Summer Camp – July 26-30
- St. Panteleimon Moleben service – July 27.
- Book Discussion Group – July 29 at the Glisan home. We will be discussing Abba's Child.
- Women's Association Golf Classic – July 30. We are looking for donations of water, soda, or vitamin water for the event. Fundability donations for prizes would be appreciated as well. Please contact Denise Zallow for further details.

Fundability Tip of the Week: We're right in the middle of Summer, and that means picnics and vacations. And, it also means Fundability. You can get supplies for that picnic at a participating grocer, like Giant Eagle or Shopper's Choice. Maybe you need a new grill, which you could get from Lowe's, Home Depot, or Sears. And if you're traveling, you can pick a few extra cards for your favorite gas station! Thanks for your support of this important fundraiser.

Coffee Social Volunteers Needed: There's only one thing missing at Sunday's coffee hour, and that's your smiling face helping out! The duties are simple, and, if you've never done it, we can supply an experienced partner. Thanks for your help in this important part of our parish life!

Parish Priest Selection Process Update

Bishop Melchisedek desires our new Parish Priest to begin serving Sunday, September 5. The first step in the selection process was the survey administered last Sunday. The remaining steps in the process are hoped to develop a parish consensus of the best candidate over the course of the Summer.

1. Candidate priests will visit St. Alexander Nevsky on selected Sundays during June, July, and August. Fr. George Johnson (July 4), Fr. Michael Senyo (July 11), and Fr. John Mikita (July 18) have been scheduled thus far:

We will provide you with the dates of other visits as they become available. Candidates will serve Saturday Vespers, Sunday Divine Liturgy with sermon, and will be interviewed by parishioners following Divine Liturgy. Parishioners will be asked to complete an assessment form following each interview. Assessments will be reviewed by Fr. Paul Ziatyk, Fr. Paul Suda, Ray Steeb, Ed Markoff, Roy Glisan, and Frank Namisnak and submitted to Bishop Melchisedek.

2. In addition to the names above, other priests are being considered as well. The name of any possible candidate should be provided to the Bishop directly, or to Fr. Paul Ziatyk. The Bishop must be the first contact for any candidate priests, so please submit any names as indicated and do not contact the possible candidate priest directly.

Today we commemorate the Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils. By virtue of the catholic nature of the Church, an Ecumenical Council is the Church's supreme authority, and possesses the competence to resolve major questions of church life. An Ecumenical Council is comprised of archpastors and pastors of the Church, and representatives of all the local Churches, from every land of the "oikumene" (i.e. from all the whole inhabited world).

The Orthodox Church acknowledges Seven Holy Ecumenical Councils. The fact that the Seventh Ecumenical Council (Nicea II) is not commemorated today testifies to the antiquity of today's celebration.

The Church venerates the Holy Fathers of the Ecumenical Councils because Christ has established them as "lights upon the earth," guiding us to the true Faith. "Adorned with the robe of truth," the doctrine of the Fathers, based upon the preaching of the Apostles, has established one faith for the Church. The Ecumenical Councils, are the highest authority in the Church. Such Councils, guided by the grace of the Holy Spirit, and accepted by the Church, are infallible.

The Ecumenical Councils were always convened for a specific reason: to combat false opinions and heresies, and to clarify the Orthodox Church's teaching. But the Holy Spirit has thus seen fit, that the dogmas, the truths of faith, immutable in their content and scope, constantly and consequently are revealed by the conciliar mind of the Church, and are given precision by the holy Fathers within theological concepts and terms in exactly such measure as is needed by the Church itself for its economy of salvation. The Church, in expounding its dogmas, is dealing with the concerns of a given historical moment, "not revealing everything in haste and thoughtlessly, nor indeed, ultimately hiding something" (St Gregory the Theologian).