



# HOLY GHOST ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## JULY 14 – 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2

### Fathers of the 1st Six Ecumenical Councils

| <u>Scripture Readings</u>  | <u>Services</u>  |
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| <p>MONDAY, JULY 15<br/>Romans 9:18-33      Matthew 11:2-15</p> <p>TUESDAY, JULY 16<br/>Romans 10:11-11:2      Matthew 11:16-20</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, JULY 17<br/>Romans 11:2-12      Matthew 11:20-26</p> <p>THURSDAY, JULY 18<br/>Romans 11:13-24      Mathew 11:27-30</p> <p>FRIDAY, JULY 19<br/>Romans 11:25-36      Mathew 12:1-8</p> <p>SATURDAY, JULY 20<br/>Romans 6:11-17      Matthew 8:14-23</p> | <p>WEDNESDAY, JULY 10<br/>Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.</p> <p>SATURDAY, JULY 13<br/>Great Vespers.....5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>SUNDAY, JULY 14 – 3<sup>RD</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b><br/>Divine Liturgy.....9:00 a.m.<br/>Parish Council Meeting.....11:30 a.m.<br/><i>“Second Sunday pot-luck brunch”</i><br/><b>Fathers of the 1st Six Ecumenical Councils</b><br/><b>[Holy Ghost Park, 70 Nells Rock Rd., Shelton]</b></p> <p>WEDNESDAY, JULY 17<br/>Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.</p> <p>SATURDAY, JULY 20<br/>Great Vespers.....5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>SUNDAY, JULY 21 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b><br/>Divine Liturgy.....9:00 a.m.<br/><b>[Holy Ghost Park, 70 Nells Rock Rd., Shelton]</b></p> <p><b><i>We have returned to Holy Ghost Park, 70 Nells Rock Road in Shelton thru September 8th, for Divine Liturgy.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>We will hold our Annual Church Picnic at the Park on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, following Divine Liturgy!</i></b></p> |

All services will also be streamed online via Facebook Live as follows:

<https://www.facebook.com/Holy-Ghost-Russian-Orthodox-Greek-Catholic-Church-681248091936330/>

**Reminder:** The schedule of services can be found on the front page of our website, [holyghostbpt.org](http://holyghostbpt.org). The schedule is recorded on the Google Calendar of the church’s acct. You can add it to your own Google Calendar by clicking the + sign on the bottom right corner of the calendar window.

## Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils

*Commemorated on July 14<sup>th</sup>*

The Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils.

In the Ninth Article of the Nicea-Constantinople Symbol of Faith proclaimed by the holy Fathers of the First and Second Ecumenical Councils, we confess our faith in “One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.” 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 First Ecumenical Council (Nicea I) (May 29, and also on seventh Sunday after Pascha) was convened in the year 325 against the heresy of Arius, in the city of Nicea in Bithynia under Saint Constantine the Great, Equal of the Apostles.

The Second Ecumenical Council (Constantinople I) (May 22) was convened in the year 381 against the heresy of Macedonias, by the emperor Theodosius the Great.

The Third Ecumenical Council (Ephesus) (September 9) was convened in the year 431 against the heresy of Nestorius, in the city of Ephesus by the emperor Theodosius the Younger.

The Fourth Ecumenical Council (Chalcedon) (July 16) was convened in the year 451, against the Monophysite heresy, in the city of Chalcedon under the emperor Marcian.

The Fifth Ecumenical Council (Constantinople II) (July 25) “Concerning the Three Chapters,” was convened in the year 553, under the emperor Justinian the Great.

The Sixth Ecumenical Council (Constantinople III) (January 23) met during the years 680-681, to fight the Monothelite heresy, under the emperor Constantine Pogonatos.

The fact that the Seventh Ecumenical Council (Nicea II) is not commemorated today testifies to the antiquity of today’s celebration. The Seventh Council, commemorated on the Sunday nearest to October 11, was convened at Nicea in the year 787 against the Iconoclast heresy, under the emperor Constantine and his mother Irene.

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. “Clad in the garment 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.



*To continue reading:* <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2024/07/14/50-fathers-of-the-first-six-councils>

**Romans 5:1-10***(Epistle)*

1

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

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through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

3

And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance;

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and perseverance, character; and character, hope.

5

Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

6

For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

7

For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die.

8

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

9

Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

10

For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

**Hebrews 13:7-16***(Epistle, Saints)*

7

Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct.

8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

9

Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them.

10

We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat.

11

For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp.

12

Therefore, Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate.

13

Therefore, let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach.

**Hebrews 13:7-16***(Epistle, Saints Cont'd.)*

14

For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come.

15

Therefore, by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.

16

But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

**Matthew 6:22-33***(Gospel)*

22

The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light.

23

But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

24

No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

25

Therefore, I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?

26

Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

27

Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?

28

So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin;

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and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

30

Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

31

Therefore, do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'

32

For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

33

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

**John 17:1-13**

*(Gospel, Saints)*

1

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You,

2

as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him.

3

And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

4

I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.

5

And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

6

I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.

7

Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You.

8

For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.

9

I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours.

10

And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them.

11

Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are.

12

While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

13

But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled In themselves.

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**“SECOND SUNDAYS” ...**

“Second Sunday” pot-luck luncheon is scheduled for **today!** Please come and partake! Thank you to those who signed up to prepare the meal.



**THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ...** is rescheduled for **today.** Members are urged to attend as there will not be a meeting in August. Thank you.

**ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC IS SCHEDULED ...** for **September 8<sup>th</sup>!** More to follow.

**DOUBLE EGG, CHEESE, & SAUSAGE SANDWICHES W/ POTATO LAST SUNDAY ... rendered a profit of \$172!**

Thanks to all who purchased them.

Special thanks to Joe Curran, LoveAnn Curran, Frank Kaputa, George Kasper, and Tim Savisky for making it happen!



**ONGOING WORK AT HGP ...**

Chris Savisky has been hard at work preparing the property, not only for Divine Liturgy, but for the numerous events he has scheduled for the season.

Special thanks to Kiril Ivanov, pictured here, landscaping around the pavilion area. He is Chris' unofficial groundskeeper.

We thank them both for beautifying the property!



**DIVINE LITURGY RETURNS TO HOLY GHOST PARK, SHELTON, JULY 7<sup>TH</sup>**



Sunday was a beautiful day at the Park. Bluebirds are nesting in the bird house at the corner of the pavilion and seemed to be enjoying the service!

**Reminders...** Please be advised that candles are available for purchase under the pavilion; and anyone wishing to buy prosphora, need to see LoveAnn Curran one week in advance.

## **PARISH METRICS (JULY 14 THRU JULY 20)**

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Jackson Thomas Labagnara July 15<sup>th</sup> (1 year old); Carole Kaputa, July 17<sup>th</sup>

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

George & Mary Kasper, July 16<sup>th</sup> (58 years); Michael & Kathleen Gulash, July 18<sup>th</sup> (54 years)

*God Grant them Many Years!.....Многая лета!...*

### **DEPARTED FROM THE PARISH METRICS**

JULY 14 – Vasily Zbegach, 1910 (10 months); Kyril (Charles) Kozulko, 1957 (60); Steven Zedick, 1975 (83)

JULY 15 – Dimitry Matsulevich, 1944 (69); Niccolai Denhup, 1963 (61); Anna Patushok Ambrose, 1967 (56); Walter Osedach, 1978 (85); Anastasia Turko Pavlik, 2006 (92)

JULY 16 – Constantine Jacobowsky, 1943 (58)

JULY 17 – James Kushel, 1914 (3 months); Nicholas Ivanovich Chikosh, 1915 (2 months); Maria Rozum, 1934 (45); Peter Jankura, 1936 (61); Michael Kasper, 1945 (67); Trofim (Frank) Karpenko, 1957 (65); Anna (Firer) Dirga, 1972 (96); Alexander Lukienchik, 1978; Alfred Supranowich, 1983 (54)

JULY 18 – Vasily Berniakovich, 1919 (40); Joseph Brohansky, 1931 (45); Ioanniky Zahorodny, 1944 (60); Mary Kovalanka Zarsky, 1969 (68); Michael Oleyar, 1975 (73)

JULY 19 – Vitaly Andreev, 1911 (27); Luke Borotko, 1961 (73); Ena Kostyk, 1969 (90); Philip Pronzyn, 1978 (77); Daniel H. Garasimowicz, 1979 (86)

JULY 20 – Anna Turko, 1915 (3 months); John Pistey, 1945 (62); Vera Kozulko Alesevich, 2021 (92)

*Memory Eternal!*

*Вечная память!*

