

The Image of God Within

There was once a very interesting psychological experiment carried out on a college campus. A researcher asked twelve volunteers to assist her in studying how the general public would respond to a person with a physical deformity. Each one of the students was placed in a separate room without mirrors. Next, a make-up artist was sent in to each room to paint a life-like facial scar on the left cheek of each volunteer.

When this was done, the researcher then came into each room and privately told each volunteer that she had to make some last minute adjustments to the scar. While pretending to make adjustments the scar, the researcher actually wiped off the make-up! The students, however, still believed that they had a scar on their left cheek. They were then sent out to various loca-

tions to observe how the public responded to their scar. Upon returning at the end of the day, each student reported that they were treated rudely and that people stared at the “scar.”

The study provided the students with a good lesson in self-image. If we dislike ourselves, we may convince ourselves that others dislike us as well and we will treat them accordingly. How many arguments and personality conflicts could be avoided if only we remembered that we are all made in the image and likeness of God. This Sunday commemorates the restoration of icons (holy images) at the Seventh Ecumenical Council in 787. Let us take this occasion to remind ourselves that the Holy Image of God is within each of us and that we are all unique and precious in God’s eyes!

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL



Icon of the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

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Schedule for Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil Vespers: 6:30 p.m.

Day of Feast: 10:00am and 6:30 p.m.

Confessions: See calendar or at any time by request.

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October 11, 2020

Sunday of the Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council of Nicaea

This Sunday: Epistle Titus 3:8-15

Gospel Lk 8:5-15

Next Sunday: Epistle Gal 1:11-19

Gospel Lk 7:11-16

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Monday 10/12

No Divine Liturgy

Tuesday 10/13

8:30am Divine Liturgy: H/S Natalie Cseak

Wednesday 10/14

8:30am Divine Liturgy: For all in the Shaheen Family

Thursday 10/15

8:30am Divine Liturgy: H/S Lil Lupsor

Friday 10/16

8:30am Divine Liturgy: Happy Birthday Earl and Amparo Adkins

Saturday 10/17

No Divine Liturgy

Sunday 10/18

10:00am Divine Liturgy

Church Bulletin donated in October 2020 by Earl and Amparo Adkins for everyone's health.

All scheduled services will be held and can be viewed and prayed with at stgeorge.click2stream.com. Make sure to click on the volume to unmute at the bottom right hand corner. Also, we are every Sunday on St. George Cathedral Facebook.

All are invited to coffee hour in the small hall and outside provided by Time and Debbie Reichel. Thank you!

Sunday Collection: October 4, 2020

Loose	\$5.00
Sunday envelopes	\$1,963.00
Unirea	\$15.00
Candles	<u>\$89.00</u>
Total	\$2,072.00

Someone lit a candle and prayed for you last Sunday:

In memory of all Zagan Family Members	The Zagan Family
+Husband Dan Cseak	Natalie Cseak
+All family members and angel +Trisha	Del and Sandy
H/S All family members	Del and Sandy
Special Intention for Family	Doru Jacobs
Health and Salvation	Mihai and Elena Florea
In memory of loved ones	Mihai and Elena Florea
Special Intention	Anonymous
Special Intention	Anonymous
+John, husband	Suzie Dragos
H/S Veronica Maier	Suzie Dragos
H/S Stella Lazar	Suzie Dragos
H/S All Family	Suzie Dragos
H/S Barbara Greavu	Suzie Dragos
Special Intention	Suzie Dragos
H/S Georgeta Barcutian	Suzie Dragos

+Vasile Louis Botean
For my Niece Luz Angela
Special Intention
Special Intention
H/S Emil Neagu
H/S All Family Members
Special Intention: John Puia
+Patricia Galida
+Parents and all Family Members
H/S Aunt Alice Loop, Sheila Diotale, Jerry
Donahue, Mark Franko, Fr. Radu and P-sa.
Adina Titonea
H/S Danny – *La mulți ani!!*
+George Poplcean, memory 64 years
+John, husband
H/S all Family
H/S Stella Lazar
H/S Mircea and Rita Cristea
H/S of all Sick Parishioners
H/S all Friends
+Mary Jane Moore, niece
+Dean Jurebie
Special Intention

Anonymous
Amparo Adkins
Earl and Amparo Adkins
Earl and Amparo Adkins
Greg and Cheti Bikis
Greg and Cheti Bikis
John Puia
William Galida
Chuck Roska Family
Chuck Roska Family

Maria Poplcean
Maria Poplcean
Suzie Dragos
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Special Announcement:

Please pray for: Missy Lawver, Carol Hoge, Veronica Maier, Sr. Agnes Scalero, Earl Adkins, End to Corona Virus attack, Clore Family, Georgeta Barcutian, Grace Mary Fein, Barbara Greavu, Connie McAdams, Suzie Dragos, Doris Rotar, Virginia Rogers, Stella Lazar and all who need our prayers.

Sick and homebound: Magdalene Florian (Florida), Alex and Theresa Gonyias (Home), Ann Stimer (Home), Maria Poplacean (Canton Regency Rm.#256), Aurelia Lupsor (Canton Christian Home) Natalie Cseak (St. Joseph, Louisville), Eugene Popa (St. Joseph, Louisville) and Irene Pontones (Chapel Hill Retirement Community)

For holy Baptism contact the parish office at least one month prior to the date requested.

For First Reconciliation contact the parish office when your child turns 7.

For Weddings contact the parish office at least six months prior to the date requested.

To guarantee announcements for the bulletin, they need to be given to the office by Wednesday prior to the Sunday bulletin. Thank you!

To facilitate **accurate counting**, please use separate checks/cash for the special collection, candle and Sunday collection envelopes. Thank you for your attention to this detail!

Please let the office know if you have an upcoming surgery, illness, etc., so we can put you on our prayer list. Thank you!

Altar Candelabrum for October 2020 is donated by **the Craciun Family for the health of Mrs. Georgeta Barcutian and Mrs. Mary Cornea.**

Left Iconostasis Candelabrum for October 2020 is donated by **Helen Bikis and Family in memory of +John Bikis, Jr.; 4 years.**

Right Iconostasis Candelabrum for October 2020 is donated by ...

Blessed Virgin Mary Candelabrum for October 2020 is donated **Tim Reichel.**

If you would like to sponsor a candelabra for any month of the year in honor of a living member or in memory of any loved ones that have passed away, please get in touch with the Church office and Ann will be able to schedule it for you. Thank you for your continuous support of the Church!!!

Prescura for October 2020: Amparo Adkins, Suzie Dragos, Elena Florea, Ann Fosnaught, Maria Marcu, Debbie Murari, Jacqui Oprean, Virginia Rogers, Patricia Wendt, Dodi Zbuka and Psa. Gabriela Marginean.

Announcements

Ethan Prater, Son of Kerry & Amy Prater and Grandson of Robert & Nancy Maciag has taken a restoration and upgrade in our Romanian Village as his **Boy Scout Eagle Project**. The gates and crosses in the village have been sealed with polyurethane to weatherproof and protect them. On Saturday, September 26th Ethan organized 21 Scouts and adults to do this work as directed by Father Ovi. Another coat of sealer will be added to the lower part of the front gate as weather permits. A copper flashing is being added to the St Pantaleimon Chapel as soon as the copper arrives. This work will be done by adults due to the height of the building. Ethan procured payment for the copper as well as discounts for the sealer used Saturday from Sherwin Williams. A gift card from Home Depot will be given to the Church to offset expenses; as St George Romanian Catholic Church provided funds for brushes, paint pots and safety glasses to facilitate proper safety protocols during this project. He would also like to thank Father Ovi for procuring the articulating lift for the roof work, generously donated by Terry Seeberger through Central Allied. Ethan is excited to add his efforts to beautifying and preserving the rich heritage of our Cathedral.

For the sick and homebound, St. George Cathedral offers a **live stream** of the Divine Liturgy which can be found at the following website: stgeorge.click2stream.com. Please make sure that you turn on the sound at the bottom right hand corner of the screen.

Amazon donates a percentage of your purchases to the charity of your choice when you go to smile.amazon.com. As you are shopping online, you can go to choose the St. George Cathedral. Thank you for using smile.amazon.com!

Benefit Dinner for the nuns of Christ the Bridegroom Monastery will be hosted on Saturday, November 7th, at a new location: Saint Elias Melkite Catholic Church in Cleveland. There is no cost to attend the dinner, but registration is required by October 26. Adults 21 and older may attend. Enjoy

buffet dinner, entertainment and an evening with the nuns and their guests. Learn more about and support the nuns and their life of prayer and hospitality. Donations given at the event or designated ahead of time will be doubled by matching donors. If an in-person event is not possible, a live online event may be held. For more information and to register my please visit www.christthebridegroom.org or call 440-834-0290.

Parish events:

Stewardship Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 14 at 6:30pm.

Pastoral Council will meet on Thursday, October 15 at 6:30pm.

To Tickle Your Funny Bone ☺

A pastor got the following note accompanying a box of Christmas goodies. It was addressed to him and his wife, from elderly Rose Mary.
Dear pastor, Knowing that you do not eat sweets, I am sending the candy to your wife-and nuts to you.

Word of Life

“I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. ...But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. ...The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.” *Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium vitae, no. 99. © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.*

For women and men suffering after abortion: May the Church's abortion healing ministry Project Rachel, help them find peace and healing through Christ's endless mercy;

Let us pray to the Lord, Lord have mercy.

Happy Birthday! La mulți ani!!

Amparo Adkins – October 12th

John R. Bikis – October 12th

Emilia Valentine – October 13th

Eric Vought – October 13th

Earl Adkins – October 14th

Carol Popa – October 18th

	Mon 10/12	Tue 10/13	Wed 10/14	Thu 10/15	Fri 10/16	Sat 10/17	Sun 10/18
	John R. Bikis' birthday Johnnie and Debbie Amparo Adkins Probus, Tarachus and Indigenous Peoples' Columbus Day	Eric Vought's Emilia Valentine's Carpus, Papyas and +Rev. Fr. Nicholas C.	Earl Adkins' birthday Nazarius, Gervasius, Abstinence	Lucian, Priest of the	Eulampius and Abstinence	Prophet Hosea, Ven.	Carol Popa's birthday Apostle Luke the 3RD SUNDAY AFTER
7am						Santa Clara Monastery Nuns on the Run 7am - 1pm	
8am							
9am		Liturgy: H/S Natalie Cseak 8:30am - 9:30am	Liturgy: For all in the Shaheen Family 8:30am - 9:30am	Liturgy: H/S Lil Lupsor 8:30am - 9:30am	Liturgy: Happy Birthday Earl and Amparo Adkins 8:30am - 9:30am		
10am							Divine Liturgy 10am - 11:30am
11am							
12pm							Coffee: Marcu Family 11:30am - 12:30pm
1pm							
2pm							
3pm							
4pm							
5pm							
6pm							
7pm				Pastoral Council meeting Small hall 6:30pm - 8:30pm			
8pm							

ROMANIAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE
Eparchy of St. George in Canton



Office of the Bishop



**Catholic
Communication
Campaign**

CONNECT WITH CHRIST

September 29, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon, our diocese will take up a collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Please prayerfully consider supporting the collection this year. Fully 50% of collected funds stay right here in the Eparchy of St. George in Canton, and the other 50% support communications projects in the United States and around the world. It is used to help produce our diocesan newsletter: *Unirea/Canton*.

In 1972, Jesuits in Vietnam founded the Dac Lo TV station to broadcast historical documentaries, public education, children's shows, and other programming. But the project was suppressed under the Communist regime after the Vietnam War. Now, Vietnamese Jesuits are once again producing videos, Catholic books, an audio prayer app in Vietnamese, and other media to help build faith and serve both Catholics and nonbelievers. One of these innovative programs—*Audiovisual Catechism Materials About the Seven Sacraments*—helps young people learn and apply Catholic teaching in their lives. Called *Có gì hay?* ("Anything good?"—Jn 1:46), the video series features both professional actors and students, with scripts that address the needs of young people as identified in surveys. Posted on websites and social media, the videos support the work of missionaries and catechists. The project shows the power of digital communication to spread and teach the Good News.

Your support of the Catholic Communication Campaign is instrumental for producing this series and other innovative programs around the world.

Support the collection and build community.

Sincerely in Christ-God,

(Most Reverend) John Michael Botean, DD
Bishop
Eparchy of St. George

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For more information on the Catholic Communication Campaign and the projects funded by the collection, please visit www.usccb.org/cc.

THE BYZANTINE CHURCHES commemorate liturgically each of the seven Ecumenical Councils of the first millennium. Both Catholic and Orthodox Churches have held important councils since then, but none of those councils are celebrated with liturgical feasts in either the East or the West. Why are only the seven Councils which we commemorate so set apart?

An answer may be found in the title of a recent book on these councils, edited by Sergey Trostyanskiy. Its title, *Seven Icons of Christ*, indicated the unique character of these gatherings. They articulated the heart of the Church's faith in Christ, expressed in the first two councils by the Creed. The five councils which followed nuanced this faith by insisting that to say that the incarnate Word was "fully God and fully man" meant that He was one person in two natures (Chalcedon), that, as one person, His Mother could be called Theotokos (Ephesus), that He had both a divine and a human will (3 Constantinople) and that as truly man He could legitimately be depicted in icons (2 Nicaea).

While all these councils were accepted by the Greek and Latin Churches in the first millennium, the Church of the East and the Oriental Orthodox Churches (Armenians, Copts, etc.) only accepted some of them. Beginning in 1988 all these Churches signed agreed statements of faith with both the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Churches. Thus, while using contrasting terms and upholding different councils, all the historic Churches share a common faith in Christ as truly God and man.

Was There an Eighth Council?

In the ninth century we find the first signs that the Greeks and Latins had seemingly irreconcilable differences. Two councils were held in Constantinople to resolve the question of who was the rightful patriarch of Constantinople. At that time the patriarchs were closely tied to the imperial court and their fortunes rose or fell depending on who ruled the empire. The situation was intricate; the following timeline may help make it clear.

847 – Ignatius, of royal stock and an anti-iconoclast, became patriarch shortly after the Triumph of Orthodoxy (restoration of icons).

857 – With a regime change, Ignatius loses imperial support and is deposed. He is replaced as patriarch by Photios. He quarreled with the Pope of Rome over which of them had jurisdiction in Bulgaria.

867 – A new emperor, seeking an alliance with the West, deposed Photios and recalled Ignatius. Contrary to expectations, Ignatius would not cede Bulgaria to the pope.

869-870 – A council met in Constantinople to decide the status of clerics ordained by Photios. The pope sent three legates who presided. The other patriarchs were represented as well. Photios was condemned for rousing "continuous turmoil and storms for all the Churches of Christ our Savior, in a multiplicity of ways" and his supporters were deposed.

This council also challenged the imperial practice of deposing patriarchs, decreeing:

"We declare that no secular powers should treat with disrespect any of those who hold the office of patriarch or seek to move them from their high positions, but rather they should esteem them as worthy of all honor and reverence If, then, any ruler or secular authority tries to expel the aforesaid pope of the apostolic see, or any of the other patriarchs, let him be anathema." This canon would be invoked in later centuries as the Pope of Rome struggled for independence from various rulers.

877 – Ignatius dies and Photios is restored as patriarch with no significant opposition.

879-880 – Another council is called, again with representatives of Rome, Alexandria, Antioch and Jerusalem. The Roman legate presented Photios with a pallium sent by the pope. The council fathers abrogated the council of 869-870 and sealed the union of Rome and Constantinople, disrupted by the Photian affair.

This council became important later because it had implicitly condemned the addition of the *Filioque* to the Creed, an addition which was still rejected in Rome at that time. The fathers condemned those who would "impose on it [the Creed] their own invented phrases ... and display the audacity to falsify completely the antiquity of this sacred and venerable rule with illegitimate words, or additions, or subtractions." It was not until the eleventh century that Rome would accept the *Filioque*.

After the eleventh century, when the Pope of Rome and the Patriarch of Constantinople had excommunicated one another, Western

canonists began to designate the Council of 869-870 as the Eighth Ecumenical Council. Acts of this council are not found in any Byzantine canonical collections, however.

In the fourteenth century, when the controversy between hesychast and scholastic theologians was raging, some Greeks began referring to the Council of 879-880 as the Eighth Ecumenical Council. This designation is generally not followed by all Orthodox. In the words of Metropolitan Onufry of Kiev, “Since the seven ecumenical councils represent the fullness of the Church’s teaching, an eighth council is not only superfluous, but also quite dangerous.”

Later Councils

Several other councils have had enough of an impact upon the Churches of East and West that they have been deemed by some to be Ecumenical Councils. In the Greek Church the **Hesychast Councils of Constantinople**, held between 1341 and 1351 are sometimes referred to as the Ninth Ecumenical Council. This council endorsed the theology of St Gregory Palamas, upholding the distinction between the essence and the energies of God as well as man’s ability to commune with these energies.

Some Orthodox have proposed that the **Council of Jassy (1642)**, which countered some trends from Roman Catholic and Protestant theology, and the **Council of Jerusalem (1672)**, which refuted Calvinism, should also be considered as ecumenical.

The encyclical of the 2016 Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Churches simply described them as “later councils of universal authority.”

There have been thirteen other councils which Roman Catholics generally consider to have been ecumenical:

Five Lateran Councils (1123, 1139, 1179, 1215, 1512-1517) – chiefly concerned with Western Church discipline and reform;

Two Councils of Lyons (1245, 1274) – The first was concerned with the Crusade led by King Louis IX of France. The second unsuccessfully sought a reunion with the Greek Church.

Council of Vienne (1311-1313) and the **Council of Constance (1414-1418)** – dealing with local schisms and heretical movements.

Council of Basle-Ferrara-Florence (1431-1439) – concerned with Church reforms and another unsuccessful attempt at reunion with the Greek Church.

Council of Trent (1545-1563) – The Roman Catholic response to the Protestant Reformation.

First Vatican Council (1869-1870) – Decreed papal infallibility.

Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) – Concerned with expressing Church teaching and practice in the contemporary world.

While Catholics usually refer to all these councils as ecumenical, many prefer to call the last thirteen “General Councils of the Catholic Church,” more accurately distinguishing them from those which preceded them.

Fathers of the Second Nicaean Council



The Church in Council