

June 1, 2014: The 7th Sunday after Easter (The Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council)

Epistle: Acts 20:16-16: 28-36:

For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he would not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the Day of Pentecost. From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church. And when they had come to him, he said to them: "You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you. Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears. "So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me. I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

Gospel: John 17:1-13:



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, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. "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. Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. 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. "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. 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. 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. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

On the Sunday after the Lord's Ascension into heaven and before the Pentecost Sunday, the Gospel reading conveys to us part of the Priestly Prayer which our Lord and Savior addressed to God the Father before His redeeming Passion: "*Father, the hour has come...*".

Christ's mission on earth was to reveal Himself as the Son of God and, through Him, the other two persons of the Holy Trinity (God the Father and God the Holy Spirit) and to bring salvation, that is, eternal life to the world, through His voluntary Passion, death and third-day Resurrection. This revelation or the knowledge

of God, which begins in this life and continues into eternity, is in fact the eternal life: *And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.*

This prayer also reveals to us the fact that the incarnate Word of God, Christ the Savior, is co-eternal with God the Father (*glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was*), equal with God the Father (*And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine*), and that He came into the world on behalf of God the Father (*and they have believed that You sent Me*).

This is why on this Sunday the Orthodox Church commemorates the Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council in Nicaea, convened by St. Constantine the Great in 325. At this Council (the first of seven), the Arian heresy, which taught that Christ did not exist from eternity (there was a time when He did not exist) and was not of the same essence with God the Father, was condemned and the first 7 articles of the Nicene Creed were formulated, which constitute the Church's dogma concerning Christ, the Son of God.

Fr. George Bazgan

Sunday Fellowship

The following families are scheduled to look after
this Sunday's fellowship:

**Magda & Jason Forner
Eugen & Floarea Gheorghe
Liviu & Carmen Luca**

Thank you all very much!

Note: We kindly ask all participants in this program to bring cooked food only, which can be warmed up using the stove in the small fellowship hall.

Sunday School Awards

The Religion Olympic concluded another Sunday School year.

We are proud to announce that two of our students (Matei and Elisabeta Sasu) have place first in their respective groups.

Unending gratitude to our dedicated teachers: Veronica Ciocan, Ileana Gavriș, Gabriela Luca-Dămian and Vasilica Ionescu.

For information regarding the Summer Camp for the children, organized by our Archdiocese, please click here. To download the application form click here.

The awards for all students will be presented on June 15 after the Divine Liturgy. Special thanks to the students and all the parents!

HAVE A BLESSED SUMMER!

GARAGE SALE

The Romanian Orthodox Church will be hosting a Garage Sale:

- Friday, May 30, 2014: 10:00 PM – 7:00 PM.
- Saturday, May 31st, 2014: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM.
- Sunday, June 1 2014: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

This is a fundraising event with proceeds going towards the kitchen renovation.

To make this event a success, we NEED your help!

ITEMS NEEDED :

CHILDREN'S CLOTHING (IN GOOD CONDITION).

ADULT CLOTHING (IN GOOD CONDITION).

**TOYS /ELECTRONIC GAMES/OTHER ELECTRONICS.
SPORTS EQUIPMENT.**

SMALL HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES AND FURNITURE.

TOOLS.

GARDEN ITEMS.

**MISCELLANEOUS (BOOKS, CHINA, DECORATIVE ITEMS, JEWELRY,
PURSES, VASES, etc.).**

Donations will be accepted between May 4 - May 29, every Sunday

from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM (or call to make other arrangements).

NOTE: *This event requires a large number of volunteers to sort, price and advertise so please let us know if you can lend a hand.*

For further information, to make a donation or to volunteer, please contact:

- Psa. MARIA BAZGAN: (780) 473-0029.
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Thank you very much!



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Presents

"You Shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself" (Luke 10: 27).

A Two Day Conference: June 13 – 15, 2014.

Featuring:

The V. Rev. Fr. Patrick O'Grady

Pastor of St. Peter the Apostle Antiochian Orthodox Church
Pomona, California.



Schedule:

Friday June 13: 7:00 pm: Introduction.

Saturday June 14: 9:30 AM: Morning Prayer.

Session one: **OBEDIENCE**

Session Two: **REPENTANCE**

Session Three: **PRAYER**

3:30 PM: Great Vespers.

7:00 pm - Young Adults/Youth chat session with Fr. Patrick.

Sunday June 15: Matins: 9:45 AM.

Divine Liturgy: 11:00 AM. Fr. Patrick will deliver the Homily.

Lunch & Fellowship to follow Divine Liturgy.

This fascinating retreat is open to all who desire to live a life of gladness.

**Reservation is required prior to
June 11, 2014.**

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Cost: \$20.00 (Includes refreshments, meals and Sunday's lunch).

