

September 9, 2018

SUNDAY BEFORE THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Third Ecumenical Council

The Third Ecumenical Council was convened in the year 431 in the city of Ephesus (Asia Minor) during the reign of the emperor Theodosius the Younger (408-450). The Council was convened to investigate without further delay, the false teachings of Patriarch Nestorius of Constantinople (428-431).

Contrary to the dogmas of the Ecumenical Church, Nestorius dared to assert that the Son of God Jesus Christ is not one Person (Hypostasis), as Holy Church teaches, but is rather two distinct persons, one Divine, and the other human.

Regarding the Most Holy Theotokos, he impiously asserted that She should not be called the Mother of God, but rather only the mother of the man Christ. The heresy of Nestorius is opposed to one of the basic dogmas of the Christian Faith: our Lord Jesus Christ's divine and human natures.

A long while before the convening of the Ecumenical Council, Saint Cyril, Archbishop of Alexandria, repeatedly tried to reason with the heretic Nestorius, but Nestorius stubbornly continued with his teachings. Saint Cyril wrote about the danger of the rising heresy to Celestine, the Pope of Rome, and to other Orthodox bishops, who also attempted to reason with Nestorius. When it became clear that Nestorius would continue with his teachings and that they were becoming widespread, the Orthodox bishops appealed to the emperor Theodosius the Younger for permission to convene an Ecumenical Council. The Council was convened on the day of the Most Holy Trinity, June 7, 431.

Two hundred bishops attended the Council. Nestorius also arrived in Ephesus, but he did not appear at the Council even though the Fathers suggested three times that he attend the sessions. Then the Fathers began to discuss the heresy in the absence of the heretic.

The sessions of the Council continued from June 22 to August 31. At the Council of Ephesus were present such famous Fathers of the Church as Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Juvenal of Jerusalem, Memnon of Ephesus (Saint Celestine, Pope of Rome, was unable to attend because of illness, but he sent papal legates).

The Third Ecumenical Council condemned the heresy of Nestorius and confirmed the Orthodox teaching on these matters: that it is necessary to confess the Lord Jesus Christ as One Person (Hypostasis) in two natures, the Divine and the Human, and that the All-Pure Mother of the Lord be acclaimed as Ever-Virgin and truly the Theotokos. In the guidance of the Church the holy Fathers issued eight Canons, and the "Twelve Anathemas against Nestorius" by Saint Cyril of Alexandria.

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COMMEMORATIONS:

AFTER-FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS
SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY & RIGHTEOUS ANCESTORS OF
GOD, , JOACHIM AND ANNA

GREAT-MARTYR SEVERIAN OF SEBASTIA
THEOPHANES THE CONFESSOR

AFTERFEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS
MEMORY OF THE THIRD HOLY ECUMENICAL COUNCIL IN
EPHESUS

Tone 6 - Eothinon 4

Matins Gospel: St. Luke 24:1-12

Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18

Liturgy Gospel: St. John 3:13-17

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 6 - When Mary stood at thy grave, looking for thy sacred Body, angelic powers shone above thy revered tomb, and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led'st hades captive and wast not tempted thereby; thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world. O thou who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to thee!

APOLYTIKION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS - Tone 4 - Thy nativity, O Theotokos, hath proclaimed joy to the whole universe; for from thee did shine forth the Sun of justice, Christ our God, annulling the curse, and bestowing the blessing, abolishing death and granting us life everlasting.

TODAY: Orthros, 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy, 10 am
Coffee Hour, 11:45 am
Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 pm
Ethnic Dance Practice, 1 pm
Welcome, Fr Dennis Hendershot!

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Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.

PLEASE PARK ONLY IN DESIGNATED PARKING SPACES; OTHER AREAS MUST REMAIN FREE FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS.

AMPLE PARKING is always available for Church Services in lots just across Clearview Road, thanks to our good neighbors at Solar Atmospheres. Thank you.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (Sept 16):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	---	Anonymous
EPISTLE READER:	Irene Forrsen	Rdr Nathan Jekel
ALTAR CANDLES:	---	---
GREETERS:	Nick & Martha Morelli	Justin & Kate Gohl
CLEANING TEAM:	Teens	Serge & Alex
COFFEE HOUR:	AV Camp Donation	Zerfenesh Family

Everyone is invited to stay for refreshments after the Divine Liturgy. Your assistance in cleanup is appreciated.

SPECIAL APPEAL

Please consider making a special offering to the **Needy Fund**. The Fund has been put to good use recently and stands to be replenished! Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

Mark Your Calendar:

Compline & Patristic Reading
Wednesday evenings (6 pm)

International Food Festival
September 21-22



Intro to Orthodoxy Class
Begins on Saturday, Sept 29 at 4:30 pm

IOCC Presentation
September 30 after Liturgy

Pray For:

Living

Bp Alexander
Newly Illumined Anthony
Baby Simeon
Child Gregory
Paul (M)
James E
Mat. Linda
Hortense
Mary K.
R Maxime
Lasha B
Otari B
Daniel H
Elizabeth D
Stephanie
Thekla
M. Emiliani
Mebrat
Aristidis
John
Kristen
Thomas, Elizabeth & all
Missionaries
Tadessa, Eyala, Yorgo
Suffering in Syria, Ethiopia,
Egypt & unstable lands

Departed

Christina S
Olga
Helen
Petre

St. Nina's List

Catechumens
Sze, Rebecca,
Evan, Tina,
Tatiana
New & Ex-
pectant Mothers
& children
Couples prepar-
ing for marriage
Michael
Richard

Everyday Evangelist

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)
"Through love serve one another." (Gal 5:13)

This Week:

Fr Noah to Lebanon (Sept 3-11); Fr James to Russia (Sept 6-Oct 2)
Fr Daniel Meyer on call, Sept 6-11 (909-286-0814)

Monday, Sept 10: SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon

Tuesday, Sept 11: Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.
SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon

Wed, Sept 12: SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
Little Compline & Patristic Reading, 6 pm

Thurs, Sept 13: SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
Vespers, Artoklasia 7 pm for Feast of the
Elevation of the Cross

Friday, Sept 14: FEAST OF THE ELEVATION OF THE CROSS
Orthros 9 am, Liturgy 10 am, w/ Fasting Luncheon
to follow

Sat, Sept 15: 20/40 Young Adult Hike/Picnic, 1 pm
VESPERS 6 p.m., Confession 7 pm

Sunday, Sept 16: ORTHROS 8:45 a.m., Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Coffee Hour, SS, & Teens 11:45 am
Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 pm
Parish Council, 12:45 pm
Ethnic Dance Practice, 1-2 pm

OUTREACH COLLECTION: Cleaning Supplies.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE: "I am not my thoughts."

ATTENDANCE: At Vespers on Aug 25: 25 Divine Services on Aug 26: 161
OFFERINGS: Candles, \$254. Collections, \$625. Youth, \$1. Book Shelf,
\$77. Endowment, \$5. Needy Fund, \$1,175. Pastoral Discretion, \$100.
Stewardship, \$1,989. Total received: \$4,226.

ATTENDANCE: At Vespers on Sept 1: 44 Divine Services on Sept 2: 154
OFFERINGS: Candles, \$208.45. Collections, \$1,109.15. Youth, \$13.
Book Shelf, \$32. Needy Fund, \$700. Pastoral Discretion, \$350. Focus
backpacks, \$10. Stewardship, \$8,135. Total received: \$10,557.60
GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS & GENEROSITY!