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By virtue of the catholic nature of Christ's Church (i.e its "wholeness" and possession of the gifts of the Holy Spirit that it needs) an Ecumenical Council is the Church's highest authority, and possesses the competence to resolve major questions of church life. They are to act in the spirit of Acts 15, doing what "seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us."

An Ecumenical Council is comprised of representatives of all the local Churches, from every land of the "oikumene" from which we get the word "ecumenical" (meaning the whole inhabited world). They are ratified by the

acceptance of the whole Church.

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. The doctrine of the Fathers, based upon the preaching of the Apostles, has established the faith of the Church. The Councils were always convened specifically to combat false opinions and heresies that threatened the Church.

The Seventh Ecumenical Council (Nicaea II) had not been established when this commemoration began therefore it has a separate date.



catacomb icon of
Christ and Saints
Peter and Paul (late
300's)

Venerated Saints;

Fathers of the First Six Councils (4th-7th centuries)

Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel

Venerable Stephen of Saint Savva Monastery (8th century)

Saint Julian, Bishop of Cenomanis (Le Mans), Gaul

Martyr Serapion (3rd century)

Martyr Marcian of Iconium (3rd century)

Venerable Abbess Sarah of Sketis in Libya (4th century)

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Scripture Readings

Romans 6:18-23

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. **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.

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, **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.

**Also Romans 10:1-10 and
Matthew 8:28-9:1**

Troparia

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: "Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!"

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God, Who hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth. Through them Thou hast guided us to the True Faith. O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, He has risen on the third day!

The Apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrines have established one Faith for the Church. Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology, It defines and glorifies the great mystery of piety.

Regular Schedule

Saturdays: Vespers at 5pm,
Confession afterward.

Sundays: Divine Liturgy at
9:30am with Hours beginning
at 9:10am.

Coffee Hour follows Liturgy
each Sunday. **Children's
Catechism** immediately after
Liturgy on the amvon steps
before coffee hour.

Bible Study is on
Wednesdays at 8:00pm in-
person and by Zoom.

Thank You

Thank you to **Team C** for
Coffee Hour.

Prayer List

Jake's grandmother, Phyllis
Newly departed Diane
Aidan H.'s grandmother, Barbara
Georgina Straker
Harrison's grandmother, Lorraine
Barbara Egidi
Mary Mullally
Daniel's father, Francis
Julia's daughter-in-law, Krista
Matushka Tamara Skvir
Leo, Clive, Noah, Heily, Dylan,
Jake, Nory, and Gabriel
(catechumens)
Victims of war in Ukraine
Victims in the Middle East

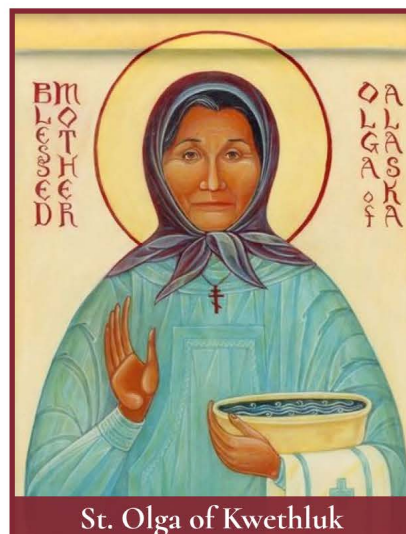
Special Announcements

July 12th Baby Shower: There will be a baby shower in
the hall after Vespers on July 12th for Peter and Alyona
Zuk.

July 6th: No Bible Study

July 26th Summer Picnic at the Rectory: Our next
parish picnic will be at the rectory (the house in which
Fr. Solomon and family live next to the church).
Adults and kids can enjoy the back yard and the alley
outside the hall while also having an air conditioned
and comfortable space in the rectory. All are invited.

Canonization of St. Olga: If you have not yet heard,
Matushka Olga Michael of Kwethluk, Alaska, was
officially canonized by the OCA at the end of June.
Matushka Olga, a midwife, counselor, and mother of
13, reposed in 1979, and, since then, God has added to
her holy life many appearances in dreams and answers
to prayer. Veneration and iconography of the saint
have existed for years, but the services of canonization
by the national church, following a period of official
consideration, were presided over by Metropolitan
Tikhon and six other bishops (including our
Archbishop Michael) in her hometown on the
Southwestern coast of Alaska. The people sang "Thou
art the glory of the Yup'ik people ... a new north star in
the firmament of Christ's holy Church," and sang of
her as "the healer of those who suffered abuse and
tragedy, the mother of children separated from their
parents, the swift aid of women in hard labor, the
comfort of all those wounded in heart and soul."



How to connect:

Fill out this page, tear it off, and place it in the offering plate or hand it to Fr. Solomon. Let us know, in the notes, if you would like us to add you to the midweek email. Fr. Solomon is available for meetings over coffee, or by phone, throughout the week; make a note if you would like to set up a meeting.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Notes: _____

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“Paul says: ‘Accept one another as Christ accepted you, for the glory of God.’ Now accepting one another means being willing to share one another’s thoughts and feelings, bearing one another’s burdens, and preserving the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. This is how God accepted us in Christ, for John’s testimony is true and he said that God the Father loved the world so much that he gave his own Son for us. God’s Son was given as a ransom for the lives of us all. He has delivered us from death, redeemed us from death and from sin.”

-St. Cyril of Alexandria, Father of the 3rd Council