



THE CREED: COMPOSED BY THE ANCIENT FATHERS

This day on the Church calendar is known as the **SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**. They assembled in the year 325 in the ancient city of Nicea (now a village called Iznik in Turkey.) This Church Council compiled the Creed that is recited at every Divine Liturgy. Actually, the Fathers dealt with the first part of the Creed that speaks of the Person of Christ. The section on the Holy Spirit, to the conclusion, was compiled at the 2nd Council in the year 381 at Constantinople.

The Creed is nearly 1,700 years old and has been recited unchanged through all the centuries of the Faith. It contains the basic statement of Christian beliefs. There were 318 Fathers of the Church at the first Council in Nicea. The fine icon of our bulletin depicts some of them, holding the Greek version of the Statement of Faith.

The Creed begins with the words "I believe . . ." This is somewhat unusual, since invariably in the Church's worship the plural form of "we" is used. Thus, we pray "Our Father . . ." and "Let us pray to the Lord . . ." and "Let us lay aside all earthly care . . ." This is so, because we are gathered together as Christ's family, as the Church, the people of God, the body of Christ.

We say "I believe . . ." because faith is a personal matter. No one can believe for me; I must believe. What does it mean, to believe? This goes to the heart of religion. We cannot "prove" the articles of faith; we cannot see them, touch them or feel them. We believe they are real and they are true. St. Paul put it this way, we "walk by faith and not by sight." Let us honor those Fathers of Nicea today.

ST. HARALAMBOS SUNDAY BULLETIN

June 13, 2021

SUNDAY OF 107TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

Orthros 9:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy immediately following the Orthros.



Today we celebrate a 40-memorial for Angelo Bozekas. The wine, proforo and koliva have been donated by the family. May his memory be eternal.

JUNE SCHEDULE:

SUN June 13	Fathers of Ecumenical Council	9:00 a.m.
SAT June 19	Saturday of Souls	9:00 a.m.
SUN June 20	Sunday of Pentecost	9:00 a.m.
SUN June 27	Sunday of All Saints	9:00 a.m.
TUE June 29	Saints Peter and Paul	9:00 a.m.

JULY SCHEDULE:

SUN July 4	2nd Sunday of Matthew	9:00 a.m.
SUN July 11	3rd Sunday of Matthew	9:00 a.m.
SUN July 18	Sunday of the Holy Fathers	9:00 a.m.
WED July 21	Great Vespers St. Markella & St. Mary Magdalene	6:30 p.m.
SUN July 25	5th Sunday of Matthew	9:00 a.m.
TUE July 27	St. Panteleimon	9:00 a.m.

AUGUST SCHEDULE:

SUN Aug 1	6th Sunday of Matthew	9:00 a.m.
FRI Aug 6	Holy Transfiguration	9:00 a.m.
SUN Aug 8	7th Sunday of Matthew	9:00 a.m.
SUN Aug 15	Dormition of the Theotokos	9:00 a.m.
SUN Aug 22	9th Sunday of Matthew	9:00 a.m.
SUN Aug 29	Beheading of St. John the Baptist	9:00 a.m.

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE:

WED Sept 1	Ecclesiastical Year	9:00 a.m.
SUN Sept 5	11th Sunday of Matthew	9:00 a.m.
WED Sept 8	Nativity of the Theotokos	9:00 a.m.
Sun Sept 12	Sunday Before Holy Cross	9:00 a.m.
TUE Sept 14	Holy Cross	9:00 a.m.
SUN Sept 19	Sunday After Holy Cross	9:00 a.m.
SUN Sept 26	Falling Asleep of St. John the Theologian	9:00 a.m.

METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH PHILOPTOCHOS DAFFODIL VIRTUAL FUNDRAISER



This year rather than enjoying a luncheon together, support us in our effort to feed others!

Help us raise money for the Food Banks throughout the Metropolis to provide meals for those families in need. Any monetary amount will be gladly accepted through **May 30, 2021**.

Make checks payable to:

The Metropolis of Pittsburgh Philoptochos
c/o Paula Makris Larance,
46 Maple Avenue, Wheeling, WV 26003

Donations can still be made by scanning the QR Code on the flyer in the May/June Koinonia or our Website.

Thank you for your support.

-Mary Trifelos



The Daughters of Penelope Chloris Chapter 40 Proudly Presents...

THE 53RD ANNUAL DEBUTANTES' BALL SUNDAY, JULY 25, 2021

Questions? please contact:

Debs Ball Chairperson, Allison Sarris
@ 330-705-3973

or

Protocol Chairperson,
Georgia Paxos at 330-933-7596

The requirement to wear masks and observe physical distancing is lifted for those who have been vaccinated.

2021 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS & UNDERGRADS

1) St. Haralambos Philoptochos

Michael & Dolly Sousaris Memorial Scholarship

Deadline to apply has passed.

2) Harry Thomas Memorial Scholarship

Two (2) \$2500 scholarships are available; one for a graduating high school senior, one for an undergraduate student. Applicant's family must be members in good standing to obtain an application. Please call the church office for an application.

Deadline: June 11, 2021

3) AFGLC/Peter & Sophia Kourmolis Scholarship

Two (2) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to undergraduate or graduate students in good standing.

Applications available in the church office.

Deadline: June 21, 2021

TIME TO PICK GRAPE LEAVES

It is time to prepare for the July Greekfest! If you would like to help pick grape leaves for our delicious dolmathes, please call or text Dena Apostolou at 330-705-3200.

Thank You!

Fr. Basil Shaheen will be covering for Fr. Nicholas V. Gamvas who will be on vacation during the month of July. If you are in need of any assistance call the Church Office: 330-454-7278



BEAUTIFUL PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL

PRAYERS BEFORE SLEEP

O Lord, our God, in Thy goodness and love for men forgive me all the sins I have committed today in word, deed or thought. Grant me peaceful and undisturbed sleep. Send Thy Guardian Angel to guard and protect me from all evil. For Thou art the guardian of our souls and bodies, and to Thee we ascribe glory, to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

A TEENAGER'S PRAYER

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. With each new day that dawns I am growing up, O lord. It's not too soon to start thinking of what I want to be. It's very hard to make the right decision but I pray that You will help and guide me. Show me what to do. Someday, let me share my talents where they are needed. And when You show me when that day is, give me courage to be generous enough to do what You want. Amen.

PRAYER OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

Lord Christ our God, King of the ages and Creator of all, I thank Thee for all the blessings Thou hast granted me and for the communion of Thy pure and life-giving Mysteries. I pray Thee, therefore, good Lord and Lover of men, guard me under Thy protection and within the shadow of Thy wings; and grant me with a clear conscience till my last breath worthily to partake of Thy holy Things for forgiveness of sins and for life eternal. For Thou art the Bread of Life, the Source of Holiness, the Giver of all that is good, and to Thee we send up the glory with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

June 13, 2021: Seventh Sunday of the Paschal Season, commemorating the 318 Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council in Nicea (+325); Sunday Post-Ascension; Martyr Akyline (+298); Bishop Antipatros; Righteous Triphyllios, Bishop of Leuc (+370)

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Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον. ᾠχος πλ. β΄.

Ἀγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμᾳ σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἴστατο
Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἀχραντὸν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεῖς
ὕπ' αὐτοῦ, ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωὴν, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε
δόξα σοι.

Ἀπολυτίκιον τῆς Ἑορτῆς. Τοῦ Πεντηκοσταρίου ᾠχος δ΄

Ἀνελήφθης ἐν δόξῃ, Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, χαροποιήσας τοὺς Μαθητάς, τῇ ἐπαγγελίᾳ τοῦ
ἁγίου Πνεύματος· βεβαιωθέντων αὐτῶν διὰ τῆς εὐλογίας, ὅτι σὺ εἶ ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, ὁ
λυτρωτὴς τοῦ κόσμου.

Τῶν Πατέρων. ᾠχος πλ. δ΄.

Ὑπερδεδοξασμένος εἶ, Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ φωστῆρας ἐπὶ γῆς τοὺς Πατέρας ἡμῶν
θεμελιώσας, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν πρὸς τὴν ἀληθινὴν πίστιν, πάντας ἡμᾶς ὁδηγήσας·
πολυεύσπλαγχνε, δόξα σοι.

Τοῦ Ναοῦ

Ὡς στῦλος ἀκλόνητος, τῆς Ἐκκλησίας Χριστοῦ, καὶ λύχνος ἀείφωτος, τῆς οἰκουμένης
σοφέ, ἐδείχθης **Χαράλαμπες**· ἔλαμψας ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ, διὰ τοῦ μαρτυρίου. ἔλυσας καὶ
εἰδώλων τὴν σκοτόμαιναν μάκαρ· διὸ ἐν παρρησίᾳ Χριστῷ. Πρέσβευε σωθῆναι ἡμᾶς.

Κοντάκιον τῆς Ἑορτῆς. ᾠχος πλ. β΄. Αὐτόμελον.

Τὴν ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν πληρώσας οἰκονομίαν, καὶ τὰ ἐπὶ γῆς ἐνώσας τοῖς οὐρανίοις, ἀνελήφθης ἐν
δόξῃ, Χριστε ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, σὺδαμόθεν χωριζόμενος, ἀλλὰ μένων ἀδιάστατος, καὶ βοῶν
τοῖς ἀγαπῶσί σε· Ἐγὼ εἰμι μεθ' ὑμῶν, καὶ οὐδεὶς καθ' ὑμῶν.

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RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION Mode pl. 2

When the angelic powers appeared at Your grave, the soldiers guarding it feared and be-
came as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary who was seeking Your immacu-
late body. You devastated Hades, not afflicted by it. You went to meet the virgin, and
granted eternal life. You resurrected from the dead. O Lord, glory to You

APOLYTIKION OF THE FEAST From Pentecostarion. Mode 4

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, after You filled the Disciples with joy, by
promising to send them the Holy Spirit, and You blessed them and established their faith,
that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.

FOR THE FATHERS Mode pl. 4

Supremely blessed are You, O Christ our God. You established the holy Fathers upon the
earth as beacons, and through them You have guided us all to the true Faith, O greatly
merciful One, glory be to You.

HYMN OF THE CHURCH

As a pillar unshaken of Christ's holy Church, and lamp ever-burning to all the world
you emerged, O wise **Haralambos**; in all the world you shined, with the martyrdom you
suffered, you dispelled the dark night, of the idols, O blessed; whence, with courage do
intercede, to Christ that we may be saved

KONTAKION OF THE FEAST From Pentecostarion. Mode pl. 2

When You had fulfilled the dispensation for our sake, and united things on earth with the
things in heaven, You were taken up thither in glory, O Christ our God, going not away
from any place, but continuing inseparable, and to them that love You crying out: "I am
with you, and there is, therefore, none against you."

June 13, 2021 Sunday of the First Ecumenical Council

Acts of the Apostles 20 : 16-18, 28-36

Epistle

In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesos, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletos he sent to Ephesos and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.' " And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

June 13, 2021 Sunday of the First Ecumenical Council

The Gospel According to John 17 : 1-13

Gospel

At that time, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, you glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made. I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you did send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are mine; all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves."