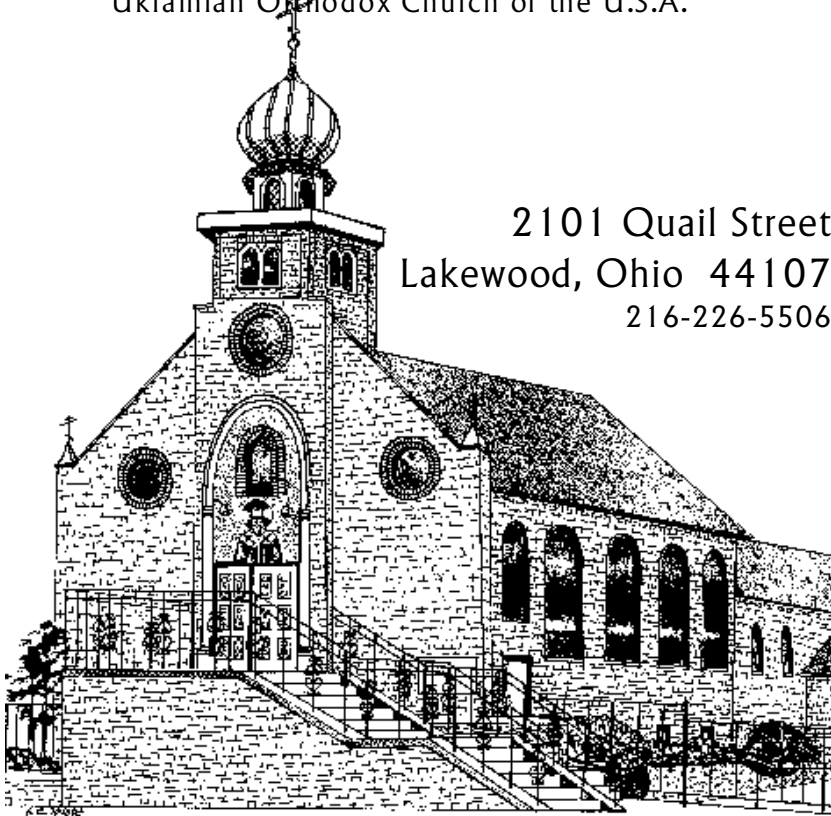


The Wonderworker

The Weekly Bulletin for
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Welcome to our parish. We invite you to worship with us again.

Sunday, July 18, 2010

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Slava Isusu Khristu!
Слава Ісусу Христу!

Glory forever!
Slava na Viki!
Слава на вікі

Schedule of Services for July 18 - 25, 2010

Sunday, July 18

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, Resurrectional Tone 7; The Commemoration of the Holy and God-Bearing Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils; The Holy Martyr Emilian of Silistria in Bulgaria (363)

10:00 a.m. - The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth for +Stephen C. Verbanets Sr. Offered by M/M William Verbanets

Sunday, July 25

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, Resurrectional Tone 8; The Falling-Asleep (Dormition) of the Righteous Anna, Mother of the Most-Holy Birthgiver-of-God

10:00 a.m. - The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth

Pan-Orthodox Young Adult Fellowship (POYAF)

When: Friday, July 23rd at 7 pm

Where: **ZOE House**

5939 State Road, Parma, OH 44134

(Next to St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral)

What: **ZOE for Life!**, an Orthodox Christian outreach organization that was started right here in Cleveland, OH by Orthodox Christians from various jurisdictions! Come learn about this Christ-centered, non-profit support organization for women/families in crisis pregnancy, who come to ZOE House for assistance.

After: Immediately following the meeting at ZOE House, join POYAF across the street at Red Circle Bar & Lanes (6056 State Road, Cleveland 44134) for snacks and bowling! Prices: \$3/game, \$3/shoes

"The bravest of all in this movement are the post-abortive women who are "silent no more." Their voice and message of hope must be heard everywhere and especially by post-abortive girls and women who suffer depression and deep emotional scaring." Rep. Chris Smith (R/ NJ) in address to the National Right to Life Convention, 6-20-09.

Milestones

This coming Saturday is Marge Kalenak's birthday. May our Lord grant him and his family peace, health, salvation, and longevity for many blessed years, на многая і благая літа!

TODAY'S FEAST: Every year on the Sunday which falls between July 13-19 inclusive, the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church commemorates the Holy and God-Bearing Fathers who Participated in the First Six Ecumenical Councils of the Holy Orthodox Church: Nicea [325],

Constantinople [381], Ephesus [431], Chalcedon [451], Constantinople II [553], and Constantinople III [681]. Each of these Councils of the Church dealt questions and problems facing the entire Church, causing the entire Church to gather in Council to determine the Truth as inspired and guided by the Spirit of Truth, the All-Holy Spirit, and the inheritance of divine revelation entrusted to the Church He established.

The successors to the Apostles, the bishops of the Church, gathered together as the shepherds of their respective flocks in order to carry out the Gospel Teachings of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ. They were assiduous to preserve all that the Incarnate Word had revealed and endowed to humanity until His Second Coming when He returns in Glory to judge the living and the departed in the end times. These were not merely sociable gatherings of the Church leaders to consider difficult questions which were argued and settled by majority vote. Rather, these were hotly debated sessions in which all were seeing the Truth. The Spirit of Truth not only vivified these sessions, but also the faithful who were the ultimate judges on the Orthodoxy of Council decisions.

Many important decisions and canons [rules or norms] were determined at these Councils, and in many ways, their decrees are as foundational for the Church as the sacred scriptures. The decisions that these Councils made regarding the nature of the God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit are as follows:

The **First Council in Nicea** determined that Jesus Christ was the Son and Word of God, co-essential and co-eternal with the Father.

The **Second Council in Constantinople** taught that the Holy Spirit, Who proceeds from the Father, was also co-essential and co-eternal with the Father and the Son.

The **Third Council in Ephesus** defined that Jesus Christ was Divine and Human from the moment of His conception by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and that the Ever-Virgin is properly called the Birthgiver-of-God, not merely the one who gave birth to the human person of Jesus.

The **Fourth Council in Chalcedon** defined that Jesus Christ was One Person or Entity, with a fully Divine and fully Human Nature.

The **Fifth Council in Constantinople** expanded the definitions of the Fourth Council to include the formula of St. Cyril of Alexandria which stated that Jesus Christ had one Divinely-Human Incarnate Nature, declaring that this was in harmony and did not contradict the teachings of the Fourth Council.

The **Sixth Council in Constantinople** proclaimed that Jesus Christ had a fully Human and fully Divine Will or Energy. These Councils also made decisions regarding Church discipline, the date for Pascha, the Patriarchs and Patriarchates, and all things regarding Church order.