

began teaching that Jesus Christ was not equal to God the Father, but was a created being. This issue was not merely an intellectual disagreement, but one that was discussed heatedly in the streets and in the market places. Eventually, it led to civil unrest of such a degree that Emperor Constantine convoked a council of all the bishops of the world to settle the issue and restore peace to the empire. He convened this council on June 16, 325 and it lasted until August 25 of the same year. Because Constantine's new capital city Constantinople was still being built, the council was convened in nearby Nicea. The emperor himself presided over these meetings and theological discussions.

Traditionally, the number of participants in the council has been given as 318. Many of these men are numbered among the saints, most notably St. Nicholas of Myra. St. Athanasius the Great was present as the greatest defender of the Orthodox position, but was only an archdeacon representing Bishop Alexander of Alexandria. The major work of the council was the composition and acceptance of the first part of our present Symbol of Faith, the Nicene Creed. It defines that our Lord Jesus Christ was of the same essence as God the Father. The second half of the Symbol of Faith which deals with the relationship of the Holy Spirit and the Church to the Father and the Son was composed at the Second Ecumenical Council held in Constantinople in 381.

The Creed has become a cornerstone of our Orthodox Faith. Initially it was recited by candidates at their baptisms only. But, by the sixth century it became a part of the Divine Liturgy. The definition that Jesus Christ was, "Light of Light, True God of True God, begotten not made, of one essence with the Father through Whom all things were made"; was something that Arius and his followers could not accept. Arius and his teachings were condemned and their heresy put them outside of the Orthodox Church. Although the community which was formed by those who accepted these false teachings no longer exists, the errors of Arius still exist today among the Jehovah's Witnesses and Mormons since they also believe that Jesus Christ was a created being, they are, therefore, not Christians.

In addition to the Nicene Creed, 20 other important canons (directives) of the Council were defined and still order the life of the Church. These canons deal with the hierarchy of the clergy and order in the Church which have held sway since that time. The formula for determining the date for celebrating Holy Pascha is determined was also defined, and the prohibition of kneeling during the Paschal season and on every Sunday. Indeed, the influence that this Council has had on Christianity reveal that we are, indeed, a conciliar Church. It is most appropriate that we honor the memory of these God-Bearing Fathers who correctly defined the relationship between the Three Persons of the All-Holy Trinity during this season when we are celebrating the ascension and exaltation of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ at the Right Hand of the Father!



The Wonderworker

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Welcome to our parish. We invite you to worship with us again.

June, 2023

**Glory to Jesus Christ!
Slava Isusu Khristu!**

**Glory Forever!
Slava na viki!**

Schedule of Services

(May 28—July 2, 2023)

Sunday, May 28

The Seventh Sunday of Pascha in which the 318 Holy and God-Bearing Fathers Who Participated in the First Ecumenical Council Held in Nicea in 325 A.D. are Commemorated; The 4th Day of the Ascension of our Lord; Our Venerable Father Nicetas, Bishop of Chalcedon

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

Saturday, June 3

5:00 p.m.— Great Vespers with Lity
Holy Anointing Мирваніє

Sunday, June 4

Holy Pentecost, the Descent of the Holy Spirit, The Green Feast, Trinity Sunday; Our Holy Father-Among-the-Saints, Metrophanes, First Patriarch of Constantinople

9:30 a.m.—The Public Chanting of the Prayers of Preparation for the Holy Mystery of Repentance Followed by an Examiination of Conscience and Concluded by Absolution

10:00 a.m. . - Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth
Holy Anointing Мирваніє
Kneeling Prayer

Sunday, June 11

The First Sunday after Pentecost, the Sunday of All Saints, Resurrectional Tone 8; The Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas

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

Sunday, June 18

The Second Sunday after Pentecost, Resurrectional Tone 1, Commemoration of all Ukrainian and American Saints; The Holy Martyr Leontios, and with him the Holy Martyrs Hypatios and Theodoulos, at Tripoli in Syria (70-79); Civil Fathers Day

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

Sunday, June 25

The Third Sunday after Pentecost, Resurrectional Tone 2; The Final Day of the Nativity of John, the Holy Virgin Martyr Febronia of Nisibis (ca. 304); Prince Peter and Princess Febronia (tonsured David and Euphrosyne), Wonderworkers of Murom

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

Sunday, July 2

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Resurrectional Tone 3; The Placing of the Honorable Robe of the Most-Holy Birthgiver-of-God at the Blachernae (5th c.); St. Juvenal, Patriarch of Jerusalem (ca. 458); Repose of St. John Maximovitch, Archbishop of San Francisco (1966)

9:30 a.m.—The Public Chanting of the Prayers of Preparation for the Holy Mystery of Repentance Followed by an Examination of Conscience and Concluded by Absolution

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

June Milestones - Birthdays: 1, Rita Jula; 5, Lillian Valli; 9, Mary Grechny; 16, Natalie Largent Walsh. **Anniversaries:** May our Good God grant them and their families peace, health, salvation, and longevi-

Spiritual Banquet for Father's Day

Dear Fr. Dennis:

Please remember during the Divine Liturgy on Father's Day, the special intention of my Father[s]:

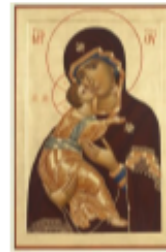
Father's Name[s]:

Requested by:

Offering:

If father is deceased, please indicate by putting a cross (+) before his name

TODAY'S FEAST: On the Sunday following the feast of the Holy Ascension and prior to Pentecost Sunday, the Orthodox Church commemorates the Holy Fathers who participated in the First Ecumenical (Universal) Council. Held in the city of Nicea in the year 325 A.D., the Council was convoked by the emperor of the Roman Empire, Constantine, who eventually was glorified as a saint with the title, Equal-to-the-Apostles. This was because he ended the three-century persecution of Christianity by the Roman Empire. Prior to 313 it had been illegal to be



Theotokos of Vladimir

**EASTERN ORTHODOX WOMEN'S GUILD
OF GREATER CLEVELAND
Unity Through Participation**

Saturday, June 10, 2023
@ 10:00 A.M.



Monastery Marcha
5095 Broadview Road
Richfield, OH 44286

- **Potluck Picnic** (hotdogs & hamburgers provided)
- **Social time**
- **Wrap-up of the year and looking ahead to next year**



a Christian. The Edict of Milan enacted in 313 by Constantine made it legal for citizens of the empire to be Christians.

It is interesting that no sooner had the Church been granted freedom from oppression from the outside, when it began to tear itself apart internally. Throughout the entire history of the Church there have been doctrinal controversies and heresies. But, with the freedom resulting from the Edict of Milan, a controversy which was even greater than all the prior disagreements of the first three centuries of the Church put together plagued the Church. An Alexandrian presbyter named Arius