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BULLETIN OF MAY 24, 2015

100th Anniversary Year 1915-2015

SUNDAY/MAY 24

7th SUNDAY OF PASCHA/FATHERS OF FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour & Question & Answer Period

MONDAY/MAY 25

St. Tikhon's Monastery Pilgrimage

THURSDAY/MAY 28

7:00p.m. Compline and Akathist to
St. Luke of Crimea (May 29); Confessions

SATURDAY/MAY 30

Commemoration of the Departed

9:30a.m. General Memorial for All the
Departed at Cemetery

11:30a.m. 100th Anniversary Meeting

5:30p.m. Vigil; Confession

PENTECOST SUNDAY/MAY 31

TRINITY SUNDAY

(One of "the 12 Great Feasts of the Year")

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
followed by Vespers & Kneeling Prayers;
Coffee Hour

MONDAY/JUNE 1

Day of the Holy Spirit

St. Justin of Serbia

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
7:00p.m. Compline and Akathist to the
Holy Spirit



WISDOM FROM THE FATHERS

God is the life of all free beings. He is the salvation of all, of believers and unbelievers, of the just and the unjust, of the pious and the impious, of those freed from the passions and those caught up in them, of monks and those living in the world, of the educated or the illiterate, of the healthy or the sick, of the young or of the old. He is like the outpouring of light, the glimpse of the sun, or the changes of the weather, which are the same for everyone without exception.

St. John of the Ladder

If a man has no care whatever for himself because of love for God and virtuous deeds, knowing that God will take care of him - such hope is true and wise. But if a man takes care of his own affairs and turns to prayer only when unavoidable misfortunes overtake him and he sees no way of averting them by his own power, only then beginning to hope in God's aid - such hope is vain and false. True hope seeks the Kingdom of God alone and is convinced that everything earthly that is necessary for this transitory life will unflinchingly be given.

St. Seraphim of Sarov

Offerings Week of May 24

Olive Oil: in memory of Michael, Rosalia, Justina Anastasia; in memory of Vaschen and Emilia; for the health of Constantine; for the health of Michael and Matthew (birthday).

Wine: in memory of Archimandrite Roman; for a safe journey.

Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

May 27, 1977 Julian Sudillo
May 27, 1988 Tatiana Shvridrik
May 28, 1970 Mary Szwhala
May 29, 1942 Elizabeth Bulat
May 29, 1953 Emil Wilhousky
May 30, 1939 Dominick Stokolovsky
May 30, 1949 Anna Kuchner
May 30, 1963 William Marchison

Coffee Hour Hosts

May 24 Kita, Nevitt, Keller & Turri
May 31 Inga, Eka, Marina & Nona
June 7 Motoviloff, Torrissi, Kachek & Stone

Usher Schedule

May 24 Edward S. & Kahka K.
May 31 Jerome S. & Adrian M.
June 7 Timothy S. & Peter B.

2015 Equal Sacrifice Model is in Effect

Each of our 70 parishioners (100%) is asked to make an extra offering over the amount of your usual offering of \$2.87 to \$8.62 per week to cover this year's deficit. This is based on 12 months, with 2 months already over. The Lord bless your sacrifice and generosity! If absent, please mail your offerings in.

100th Anniversary Commemorative Ads

Presently are being solicited. Forms (pink sheets) are on the vestibule table as well as posted on the Bulletin Board in the Hall. Please return by **May 31st**.

Coffee Hour Presentation – June 14th

On this date at Coffee Hour an informal presentation will be given on "Alzheimers." A representative of the Alzheimers Association will be our guest. This is an important topic and all of us should have some basic understandings o

On the Receiving of the Holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ

- You must be an Orthodox Christian;
- A recent Confession is in order, at least made in the time of this past Great Lent;
- Fasting from all foods and drinks from midnight;
- Medications may and ought to be taken and do not break the Fast;
- Pre-Communion Prayers on the day of or the evening before receiving;
- Participation at the Evening Service the day before;
- Being at peace with everyone;
- Free from any grievous sin;
- Not having been absent from Sunday church services for more than 3 weeks in a row – if absent, Confession is necessary to return to the cycle of regular Communion;
- Be sure the priest knows who you are "before" the Divine Liturgy.

The Memorial Service Held at the Cemetery will take place Sat. Morning not on Pentecost Sun. Afternoon

The General Memorial Service at the Cemetery will be held on May 30th (Memorial Saturday for the Departed) at 9:30a.m. Please pass this information along. There will be no Pentecost Sunday afternoon service at the cemetery.

Names Day Greetings!

St. Theodora/May 29: Tessie Nevitt
Many Blessed Years!

Ss. Peter & Paul Lent – June 8th-28th

A Fast is held from meats, dairy, fish, wine and oil. Days lessening the fasting rules are indicated on your parish wall calendar.

Pentecost Week – May 31st - June 7th

There is no fasting this week.

Honoring of Graduates – June 14th

At the Divine Liturgy graduates will be blessed.

100th Anniversary Celebration – Oct. 3-4

Be sure your reserve this weekend!



THE FIRST COUNCIL OF NICAEA

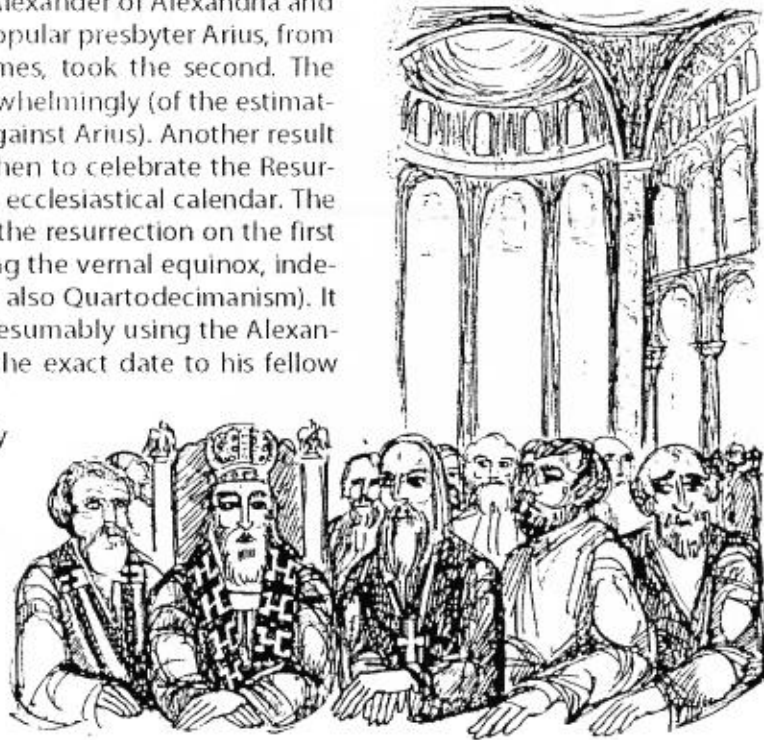
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The First Council of Nicaea, held in Nicaea in Bithynia (present-day Iznik in Turkey), convoked by the Roman Emperor Constantine I in 325, was the first Ecumenical council of the Christian Church, and most significantly resulted in the first uniform Christian doctrine, called the Nicene Creed. With the creation of the creed, a precedent was established for subsequent 'general (ecumenical) councils of Bishops' (Synods) to create statements of belief and canons of doctrinal orthodoxy—the intent being to define unity of beliefs for the whole of Christendom.

The purpose of the council was to resolve disagreements in the Church of Alexandria over the nature of Jesus in relationship to the Father; in particular, whether Jesus was of the same substance as God the Father or merely of similar substance. St. Alexander of Alexandria and Athanasius took the first position; the popular presbyter Arius, from whom the term Arian controversy comes, took the second. The council decided against the Arians overwhelmingly (of the estimated 250-318 attendees, all but 2 voted against Arius). Another result of the council was an agreement on when to celebrate the Resurrection, the most important feast of the ecclesiastical calendar. The council decided in favor of celebrating the resurrection on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the vernal equinox, independently of the Hebrew Calendar (see also Quartodecimanism). It authorized the Bishop of Alexandria (presumably using the Alexandrian calendar) to announce annually the exact date to his fellow bishops.

The Council of Nicaea was historically significant because it was the first effort to attain consensus in the church through an assembly representing all of Christendom. "It was the first occasion for the development of technical Christology." A precedent was set for subsequent general councils to create creeds and canons.



ON THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

By Fr. Alexander Schememann

In the Church's annual liturgical cycle, Pentecost is "the last and great day." It is the celebration by the Church of the coming of the Holy Spirit as the end - the achievement and fulfillment - of the entire history of salvation. For the same reason, however, it is also the celebration of the beginning: it is the "birthday" of the Church as the presence among us of the Holy Spirit, of the new life in Christ, of grace, knowledge, adoption to God and holiness.

This double meaning and double joy is revealed to us, first of all, in the very name of the feast. Pentecost in Greek means fifty, and in the sacred biblical symbolism of numbers, the number fifty symbolizes both the fullness of time and that which is beyond time: the Kingdom of God itself. It symbolizes the fullness of time by its first component: 49, which is the fullness of seven (7 x 7): the number of time. And, it symbolizes that which is beyond time by its second component: 49 + 1, this one being the new day, the "day without evening" of God's eternal Kingdom. With the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Christ's disciples, the time of salvation, the Divine work of redemption has been completed, the fullness revealed, all gifts bestowed: it belongs to us now to "appropriate" these gifts, to be that which we have become in Christ: participants and citizens of His Kingdom.



Feast Day: May 29



ST. LUKE OF SIMFEROPOL (1877-1961)
Archbishop - Surgeon - Confessor

St. Luke was a world-famous pioneering surgeon, confessor, archbishop and miracle-worker.

He suffered under the Soviets and was arrested three times and sent into exile. Eleven years of his life was spent in this way.

St. Luke was an outspoken bishop who spoke against the atheists. He served the church as a priest for 2 years and a bishop as 38 years.

Despite his tortures and exiles, St. Luke honorably served the welfare of all Russian citizens.

For 42 years he served as a surgeon and was renowned for his exceptional skills.

His life is an example of love and self-sacrifice.

- 1877 Born as Valentine YoIno-Yassenetsky in Kerch in the Crimea
- 1898 Student at St. Vladimir's University in Kiev
- 1903 Medical Doctor
- 1904 Married Anna Lanskaya, St. Luke had 3 sons and 1 daughter
- 1904 Doctor in Far East in Russo-Japanese War
- 1916 Doctorate Degree in Medicine
- 1917 Moved to Tashkent
- 1921 His wife Anna reposed
- 1921 Ordained a priest
- 1921 Short Arrest
- 1923 Consecrated Bishop
- 1924 Arrested and exiled to Siberia
- 1926 Settles in Tashkent
- 1930 Arrested and exiled to White Sea area
- 1933 Freed
- 1935 Works in Tashkent Institute of Emergency Aid
- 1937 Arrested and exile to Krasnoyarsk
- 1941 Appointed consultant for all Krasnoyarsk regional hospitals and Chief Surgeon of Evacuation Hospital
- 1942 Exile ended, made Archbishop and care for Krasnoyarsk Diocese
- 1944 Receives Stalin Award for pioneering surgical work
- 1944 Transferred to Tambov Diocese and Military Hospital in Tambov
- 1946 Transferred to Crimea Diocese
- 1946 Ends surgery due to eye sight problems
- 1955 Becomes totally blind
- 1961 On June 11th, reposes in the Lord at age of 84
- 1996 Glorified as a saint of the church

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Herald of the Way of Salvation, Confessor and Bishop of the Crimean Land, True Guardian of the Traditions of the Fathers, Invincible Pillar, Instructor of Orthodoxy, Godly-wise Doctor and Holy Hierarch Luke, Unceasingly pray to Christ the Saviour, to grant unwavering Faith to Orthodox Christians, salvation and great mercy.