

**Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> of June 2024**

**Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First  
Ecumenical Council**

**Epistle: 20:16,28-36**

**Gospel: John 9:1-38**

**Kontakion – Tone 4**

**You are most glorious, O Christ our God! / You have established the Holy  
Fathers as lights on the earth! / Through them you have guided us to the  
true faith! / O greatly Compassionate One, glory to You!**

We pray for our entire church family and those who do not have a family or church family, and our special prayers are for the sick and suffering and for the health and salvation of others:

The Archbishop Melchizedek, Archpriest Joseph, Archpriest Samuel, Archimandrite Joseph, Protospresbyter Christos, the priest Gregory, Protodeacon John, Mark, Matushka Ellen, Matushka Svetlana, Matushka Irene, Matushka Katherine, Catherine Xenia, Karen, Nadine Olsen, Michael Olsen, Michelle, Alexander, Anastasia, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, Engelsman, Maria Higginbotham, Valentina Bobrowski, Anna Konoleva, Erika Dobrzynski, Douglas Dobrzynski, Andrew John Lihou, Marie Biancarelli, Joshua and Daniel Buccieri, Emma Matthews, Stephanie, Kristy, Victor Szemetylo, Helen, Bonnie Shaffner, Zoran Pejovic, Sunny Hunsicker, Ioana, Carmen, Michael, John, Sarah, Linda, Pamela Anne and Kimberly Marie, JoAnne, Beatrice, Christina, Orestes, Julia, Adrian, Sonya, Biljana, Dorothy, Pauline, Brandy, Makenzie, Tyler, Anna, Aleksei, Elena, Denis, Nadezhda, Izabella, Olga, Rita, Olga, Olga, Sofia, Iosif, John, Dawn, Pavel, Elena, Avery and Halyna (Klima). Amen!

**\*\*\* To amend the prayer list, speak with Mary Osinski\*\*\***

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**SAINT TIKHON, BISHOP OF AMATHUS IN CYPRUS** - Saint Tikhon, Bishop of Amathus, was born in the city Amathus on the island of Cyprus. His parents raised their son in Christian piety, and taught him the reading of sacred books. It is said that the gift of wonderworking appeared in Saint Tikhon at quite a young age. His father was the owner of a bakery, and whenever he left his son alone in the shop, the holy youth would give free bread to those in need. Learning of this, his father became angry, but the son said that he had read in the Scriptures, that in giving to God one receives back a hundredfold. "I," said the youth, "gave to God the bread which was taken," and he persuaded his father to go to the place where the grain was stored. With astonishment the father saw that the granary, which formerly was empty, was now filled to overflowing with wheat. From that time the father did not hinder his son from distributing bread to the poor. A certain gardener brought the dried prunings of vines from the vineyard. Saint Tikhon gathered them, planted them in his garden and besought the Lord that these branches might take root and yield fruit for the health of people. The Lord did so through the faith of the holy youth. The branches took root, and their fruit had a particular and very pleasant taste. It was used during the lifetime of the saint and after his death for making wine for the Mystery of the Holy Eucharist. They accepted the pious youth into the church clergy, made him a reader. Later, Mnemonios, the Bishop of Amathus ordained him a deacon. After the death of Bishop Mnemonios, Saint Tikhon by universal agreement was chosen as Bishop of Amathus. Saint Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus (May 12), presided at the service. Saint Tikhon labored zealously to eradicate the remnants of paganism on Cyprus; he destroyed a pagan temple and spread the Christian Faith. The holy bishop was generous, his doors were open to all, and he listened to and lovingly fulfilled the request of each person who came to him. Fearing neither threats nor tortures, he firmly and fearlessly confessed his faith before pagans. In the service to Saint Tikhon it is stated that he foresaw the time of his death, which occurred in the year 425. The name of Saint Tikhon of Amathus was greatly honored in Russia. Temples dedicated to the saint were constructed at Moscow, at Nizhni Novgorod, at Kazan and other cities. But he was particularly venerated in the Voronezh diocese, where there were three archpastors in succession sharing the name with the holy hierarch of Amathus: Saint Tikhon I (Sokolov) (+ 1783, August 13), Tikhon II (Yakubovsky, until 1785) and Tikhon III (Malinin, until 1788).

### Service Schedule

**Great Vespers:** 5pm Saturdays

**Hours:** 9:45am Sundays

**Divine Liturgy:** 10:00am Sundays

**Confessions:** Will be heard every Saturday evening after Vespers or by appointment.

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### Dates to Remember

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> of June**

**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> of June**

**Divine Liturgy at 10 am**

**Father's Day**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> of June**

**MEMORIAL SATURDAY**

**Divine Liturgy at 9 am**

**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> of June**

**HOLY PENTECOST**

**Divine Liturgy at 10 am**

**Great Vespers following Divine Liturgy**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> of June**

**HOLY SPIRIT DAY**

**HIERARCHICAL DIVINE LITURGY with HIS EMINENCE,  
ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL at 10 am**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS!

#### Visitors Welcome

Glory be to Jesus Christ! Everyone is welcome to visit and worship with us. Following Divine Liturgy, please join us for light refreshments in the church hall.

#### Catechism Class

Catechism class will take place every Saturday from 3 pm until the beginning of Great Vespers. Everyone is welcome.

#### Lawnmowing possibilities

Starting this Sunday we will have a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please consider signing your name and dedicating some time to keep our property beautiful. If you need training, you will be trained how to operate the lawnmower.

#### Father's Day – June 16<sup>th</sup>

Happy Father's Day. We wish many blessed years to all fathers, grandfathers, uncles and Godfathers.

#### Holy Spirit Day

Dear brothers and sisters this year we will celebrate Holy Spirit Day on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024. As always Archbishop Michael will be serving the Divine Liturgy. Furthermore, on this day our Mark Benda will be ordained to the rank of sub deacon. This is very joyous occasion. If possible, please plan to attend and support Mark and celebrate Feast of our Parish. Divine Liturgy will start at 10 am but please try to be in the Church at least 20 minutes prior. After the Divine Liturgy we will gather in the hall for a potluck lunch so please plan to bring your favorite dish.

#### DO NOT walk over a ramp

Dear brothers and sisters our Church ramp is going through major repairs. Currently the ramp is not safe so please do not walk over ramp and do not use the back doors. Thank you.

#### Sussex Help Center

Dan Taylor informed us that we should change our donation back to food items. Please remember those who are less fortunate when you are shopping and bring a food item, such a cereal, peanut butter and jelly or any other non-perishable food item to church for the food cart. Speak with Dan Taylor for other items that are needed. Thank you for being a part of this outreach program.

#### Have an item for the bulletin?

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