

**Sunday 8th of October 2023**

**COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**

**Epistle Reading: Heb. 13:7-16 and 2 Cor. 9:6-11**

**Gospel Reading: John 17:1-13 and Luke 7:11-16**

**Troparion – Tone 8**

**Most glorious art Thou, O Christ our God, / Who hast established the Holy Fathers as luminaries on the earth. / By them Thou hast guided us on the path of the True Faith. / O Most Merciful One, glory to Thee!**

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 Archpriests Samuel and Joseph, Archimandrite Joseph, Protospesbyter Christos, the priest Gregory, Mark Benda, Matushka Ellen, Emily Anastasia, Gabriel, Zoe, Matushka Svetlana, Karen, Edward, Nadine, Michelle, Alexander, Luis Ramon, Anastasia, Sophia Eptamenitis, Edward, Taisa, Konstance 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, Helen Schweizer, Zoran Pejovic, Sunny Hunsicker, Ioana, Carmen, Michael, John, Sarah, Linda, Pamela Anne and Kimberly Marie, JoAnne, Beatrice, Christina, Orestes, Julia, Adrian, Sonya, Biljana, Irene, Dorothy, Pauline and Irene.  
Amen!!!

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

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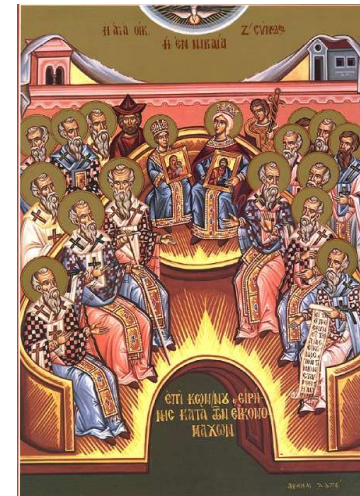
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**COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL** - Today the Church remembers

the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council under the holy Patriarch Tarasius (February 25). The Synod of 787, the second to meet at Nicea, refuted the Iconoclast heresy during the reign of Empress Irene and her son Constantine VI. The Council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype (the person depicted). It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because “no man has seen God at any time” (John 1:18). In Greek practice, the holy God-bearing Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council are commemorated on October 11 (if it is a Sunday), or on the Sunday which follows October 11. According to the Slavic menaion, however, if the eleventh falls on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, the service is moved to the preceding Sunday.



### 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.

Call, text or email Father Michael at (848)228-1563 or [holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com](mailto:holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com)

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### Dates to Remember

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> of October**

**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> of October**

**Divine Liturgy at 10 am**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> of October**

**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> of October**

**Divine Liturgy at 10 am**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> of October**

**Great Vespers at 5 pm**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> of October**

**Divine Liturgy at 10 am**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS!

#### Visitors Welcome

After Sunday's Divine Liturgy, you are invited to join us for light refreshment in the parish hall. You'll find a friendly welcome, good conversation, and ask any questions you may have.

#### Sincere Thanks

Thank you all who dedicated their time and effort to come and help with this year's Applefest. I am happy to inform that this year Apple Fest was a big success and we raised approximately 3500\$ for the Church.

#### Annual "Church Musician Sunday"

Since many of our people worked at the Applefest 2023, we will commemorate all choir members after Divine Liturgy on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> of October.

#### Jacobs Well

New addition of Jacobs Well is available at our Church. Please take your free copy and if you desire an additional copy for a friend or a family member.

#### Desk Calendar

Orthodox Church in America's 2024 Desk Calendars are now available. If you wish to download a copy for yourself please follow the link: <https://www.oca.org/news/headline-news/orthodox-church-in-americas-2024-desk-calendar-now-available>

#### Food Donation Cart

The need to continue to assist those in need continues and we ask that when you are shopping, please remember those who are less fortunate. Dan Taylor informed us that the current needs of Sussex Help Center are the following: peanut butter, jelly, tuna fish cans, cereal boxes, and baby diapers (size newborn to 6-month-old).

#### Have an item for the bulletin?

Please email Father Michael at [holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com](mailto:holyspiritwantagenj@gmail.com) or Mary Osinski at [mary.osinski@gmail.com](mailto:mary.osinski@gmail.com)