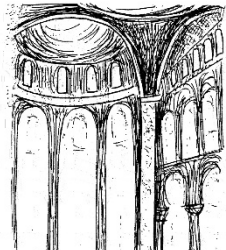
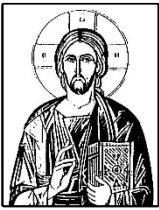


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**BULLETIN OF OCTOBER 14, 2018**



## **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup>**

**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**

**Holy Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Council**

8:40a.m. Hours

9:00a.m. Div. Liturgy; Coffee Hour

## **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup>**

5:00p.m. Bible Study

6:00p.m. Great Vespers

## **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup>**

**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**

8:40a.m. Hours

9:00a.m. Div. Liturgy; Coffee Hour

### **On Raising Christian Children**

*Let everything take second place to our care for our children, our bringing them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. If from the beginning we teach them to love true wisdom, they will have greater wealth and glory than riches can provide.*

*St. John Chrysostom*

### **READER SCHEDULE**



**Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**

Gabriela Vlahovici-Jones

**Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**

Rdr. Nicholas Borodulia

### **A Warm Welcome!**

We warmly welcome all our visitors! It's good to have you with us!

### **Chrismation of Zachary Davidson – October 14<sup>th</sup>**

Today, October 14th, during the Divine Liturgy, Zachary Davidson will be received into the Orthodox Church through the Sacrament of Holy Chrismation. We congratulate Zachary and Ioana on this great blessing, asking the Lord to grant them many blessed years!



### **Church School – October 14<sup>th</sup>**

The first day of classes will begin on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. Classes will be held monthly on the second Sunday, with any exceptions being noted in the bulletin.

### **2019 Calendars & Pocket Planners**

can be ordered via the order sheet in the back of the church. The calendars are \$5.00 apiece and the pocket planners \$4.00. The order sheet will be in the back of the church for the next month or so.



### **Prayers for the Healing Ministries – Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>**

will be offered at the Divine Liturgy on Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>, the Sunday closest to the feast of Ss. Cosmas and Damian, the Wonderworkers and Unmercenary Healers (Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>). Doctors, pharmacists, dentists, nurses, counselors and all those involved in the fields of health and wellness are asked to come forward near the conclusion of the Liturgy for a prayer and blessing.



### **Parishioners That Are Home Bound**

If you or a loved one are homebound and cannot make it to Church to receive the Holy Mysteries, Fr. John would be very pleased to visit at your home, in the hospital, at a nursing home, or any other place. Please be sure to schedule a visit with him.

### **Did You Know We're on Facebook?**

"Like" us to receive our posts, and so that your friends can get to know your church a little. Who knows who else may "Like" us too?

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Christ-the-Savior/202922375995>

### **Appreciation is Expressed**

to those who prepare food for the coffee hour and clean-up the chapel and hall each Sunday morning. Your labors are much appreciated and worthy of emulation!



CASH FLOWS THROUGH 9/30/18					CASH FLOWS IN OCTOBER 2018					FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT		
OPERATING		OTHER		ALL	OPERATING		OTHER		ALL	AS OF: 10/14		
Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Net	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Net	Available	Restricted	Savings
77,453	83,097	11,700	9,070	-3,014	1,586	9,233	0	0	-7,647	6,348	4,964	12,000



## The Holy Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council

From the Prologue of St. Nikolai Velimirovich



The Seventh Ecumenical Council was held in 787 at Nicaea during the reign of the devout Empress Irene and her son, Constantine, in the time of Patriarch Tarasius. This Council finally confirmed the veneration of icons, justifying it by Holy Scripture, by the witness of the Holy Fathers, and by the undeniable example of miracles manifested through the holy icons. Adding to examples of miracles previously cited, Bishop Constantine of Cyprus recounted this: One day, a certain shepherd from the town of Constantia drove his flock to pasture, and there saw an icon of the Most-holy Theotokos, all decorated with flowers by the faithful. "Why render so much

honor to a rock?" said the shepherd, who had obviously been brought up in iconoclasm. He struck the icon with his iron shepherd's cane, and damaged the right eye of the image of the Mother of God. As soon as he turned away, he stumbled over that same cane and gouged out his own right eye. Thus injured, he returned to the city, crying out tearfully that the punishment of the Theotokos had befallen him. This Council also decreed that the holy relics of a martyr be placed, without fail, in the Antimension. Three hundred and sixty-seven Fathers participated in this Council. May the Lord also have mercy on us and save us by their prayers.



### CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS



**The Beehive** is symbolic of tireless activity and diligence. The bee represents the Christian and the beehive symbolizes the Church. Because the worker bees are "virgins" they symbolize virginity and chastity. Because the bee appears to die in the winter and reappear in the summer, it symbolizes rebirth. Legend also suggests that bees never sleep, but remain constantly vigilance.



**The Butterfly** is symbolic of the resurrection; the butterfly's three stages: caterpillar, chrysalis (inside the cocoon), and the mature butterfly, represent the three stages of a Christian's journey; life, death, and resurrection. It can also symbolize regeneration, as a person's old life (caterpillar stage) becomes new (as a butterfly) when they die and rise with Christ in Baptism.

### WHAT IS A FIRST-PORCION GIVER?

A First-Portion Giver is a believer who offers a first-portion of his time, talent, and financial resources out of grateful recognition of the fact that all he has, he holds in trust from God.



**TIME**

"Let us spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing. But let us encourage one another..."

Hebrews 10:24-25



**TALENT**

"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men."

1 Corinthians 12:4-6



**RESOURCES**

"Concerning the collection for the saints..., on the first day of the week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in proportion to the income God has given you..."

1 Corinthians 16:2



## THE ICON CORNER – THE HEART OF THE FAMILY CHURCH

Every Sunday, feastday and other holy day, when we go into our parish temple, we see the heart of the parish which is the sanctuary, where the Holy Table is. When we go into an Orthodox home, we hope to see the heart of the family, which is the icon corner.

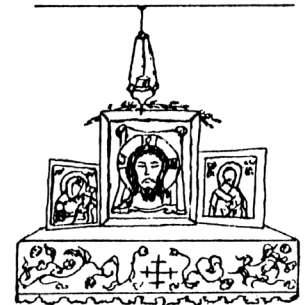
Just like the sanctuary is the heart of the parish church, the icon corner is the heart of the family church. In the parish church, the parish family prays together before the sanctuary and the iconostas; in the family church, the family prays together before the icon corner.

What is an icon corner? An icon corner is a shelf or table or cabinet, where icons are placed and where a lamp is kept burning. Many people have icons of Jesus Christ, the Theotokos and icons of the patron saints of the family members. There are many ways to set up the icons and the important thing is just to do it. The icon corner doesn't have to be a corner, it can be a wall or other place in the house where the family can go to pray. It is best if the icon corner faces the east, to remind us of the second coming of Jesus Christ.

Besides the icons and the lamp, it is traditional for pious Orthodox people to keep a Bible and prayer book, holy water, and blessed bread from church. Many people also have holy oil, the palms or willows from Palm Sunday, and other holy things from the services of the church year. The icon corner can be very simple or very fancy but the main thing is that the icon corner is not just a decoration for the house but that it is the heart of the family and that the family uses it. In



many pious Orthodox homes, the icon corner is arranged so that it can actually be used for celebrating the Divine Liturgy, if the priest needs to do this. This reminds us of the history of our Orthodox Faith and that we must always be ready for times when the churches suffer from those who are not believers.



If you do not have an icon corner, ask your priest to help you start one in your home. Members of the family can use it at any time. If you are not able to read the prayers from the prayer book because there is not enough time, then, at least go to the icon corner and ask for God's blessing before beginning whatever it is that you are doing.

Try to begin each day by going to the icon corner and reading the prayers from the prayer book for the morning, take some, holy bread and holy water. In this way, you are getting God's blessing for the new day. If you cannot read the prayers for some reason, still go to the icon corner, make the sign of the cross and take the holy bread and holy water, still asking God to bless the new day.

You will see that the icon corner makes a big difference in your home. When you see the lamp burning, you will remember that God is always near and that the saints are always praying for your family. When you use the icon corner every day, you will see that God is kept close to your heart and mind and this will help you to be closer to Him and His Orthodox Faith.

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## REVERENCE FOR LIFE IS GIVEN TO US

Time spent on meaningful pursuits such as developing our talents and increasing our knowledge are worthy goals. However, the noblest use of time that will give meaning to our lives is practicing reverence for life by personal involvement with those who need our help desperately. True greatness lies in qualities of the heart, in charity and in love. Have you noticed that our happiest times are those in which we forget ourselves, usually in being kind to someone else?



## QUOTES FROM ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

"Almsgiving above all else requires money, but even this shines with a brighter luster when the alms are given from our poverty. The widow who paid in the two mites was poorer than any human, but she outdid them all."



"As a moth gnaws a garment, so doth envy consume a man."

"For Christians above all men are forbidden to correct the stumbling of sinners by force...it is necessary to make a man better not by force but by persuasion. We neither have authority granted us by law to restrain sinners, nor, if it were, should we know how to use it, since God gives the crown to those who are kept from evil, not by force, but by choice."

"The rich man is not one who is in possession of much, but one who gives much."

"If there was no tribulation, there would be no rest; if there was no winter, there would be no summer."

"When an archer desires to shoot his arrows successfully, he first takes great pains over his posture and aligns himself accurately with his mark. It should be the same for you who are about to shoot the head of the wicked devil. Let us be concerned first for the good order of sensations and then for the good posture of inner thoughts."

"Even if we have thousands of acts of great virtue to our credit, our confidence in being heard must be based on God's mercy and His love for men. Even if we stand at the very summit of virtue, it is by mercy that we shall be saved."

## OCTOBER CONGRATULATIONS!



### Birthdays:

10/2	Bruce John Eckerd
10/8	Maleah Morsey Larry Perrone Kimberly Perrone
10/9	Deborah Wilson
10/10	Gabriella Jenkins
10/13	Catherine Lupiwok Maksim Oganyan
10/23	Deborah Royal
10/25	Sava Cook
10/28	Alan Royal
10/29	Nicholas Evanusa

### Namesdays:

10/6	<i>St. Innocent of Alaska</i> Fr. John Parsells
10/9	<i>St. Athanasia</i> Deborah Wilson
10/23	<i>St. James</i> Alan Royal
10/28	<i>Hieromartyr Cyriacus</i> Dominic Morsey

### Anniversaries:

10/13	Tony & Joanne Patrick
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*Corrections? Please see Fr. John!*



### ON THE HOLY SPIRIT

*St. Innocent of Alaska*

Faith and love which are gifts of the Holy Spirit are such great and powerful means that a person who has them can easily, and with joy and consolation, go the way Jesus Christ went. Besides this, the Holy Spirit gives man the power to resist the delusions of the world so that although he makes use of earthly goods, yet he uses them as a temporary visitor, without attaching his heart to them. But one who does not have the Holy Spirit, despite all his learning and prudence, is always more or less a slave and worshipper of the world.



### ON THE THOUGHTS OF THE HEART

*Saint John of Kronstadt*

All my happiness and unhappiness are in the thoughts and desires of my heart. If the thoughts of my heart are in accord with God's truth, with the will of God, then I am at rest, filled with divine light, joy and blessedness; if not, I am uneasy, filled with spiritual darkness that corrupts the soul, with heaviness and despondency. If I replace the false and ungodly thoughts of my heart by true and godly ones, then rest, blessedness and joy return.