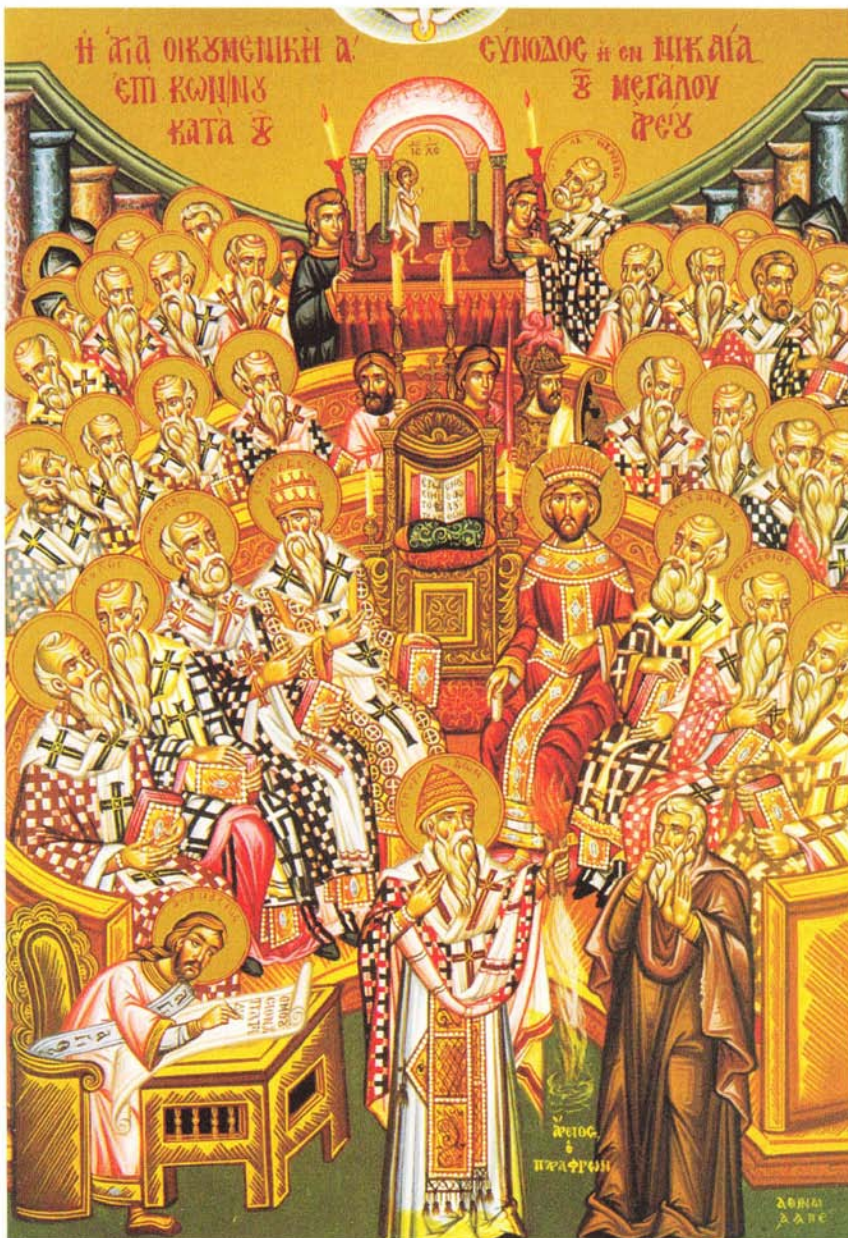


SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST NICEAN COUNCIL



Icon of the First Council of Nicea

May 16, 2010

Sunday of the Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council

Festal Tone

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 17 – MAY 23

SATURDAY, MAY 22 – 5TH ALL SOULS SATURDAY

4:00 PM PANAKHYDA FOLLOWED BY GREAT VESPERS WITH LYTIA (NOTE TIME CHANGE)

SUNDAY, MAY 23 – PENTECOST SUNDAY

9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

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### *Remember in your prayers*



Please remember in your prayers those members of our parish, our family and friends who are ailing, are in hospitals, nursing homes and those who are not able to join actively in their community.

Remember especially the following: Katherine Andrus, Walter & Isabella Bachynsky, Susie Boyko, Sonya Cronin, Helen Davis, Stephen Hricko, Lorene Lagrone, Maria Laszok, Maria Leskiw, Lesya Loznycky, Sophia Skop and Ariadna Wall. Please let Fr. James know if there is anyone else who should be remembered.

### *Remember Those In The Armed Forces*

Let us especially remember in our prayers those family members and friends who are actively serving their countries in the Armed Forces: Luke and Slavamira Haywas, Elizabeth Heltsley, Oksanna Hirniak,

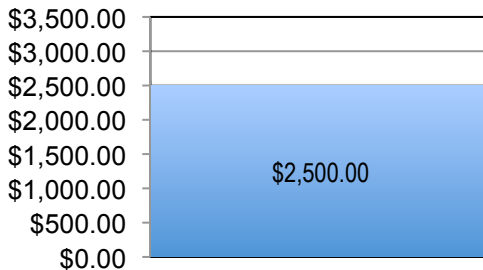


Andrew Hrynkiw, Zenon and Susan Keske, Michael Lopes, Vasyl Lylak, Thomas Orr, Paul Richelmi and Brian Tuthill. Please give any names of those you would like remembered in the *Liturgies* to Fr. James.

## *Rummage Sale*

Next Saturday is our rummage sale. Donations & Volunteers are still needed. Please contact Olena Bankston: (619) 567-6967.

### **Total Furnace donations**



## *50th Anniversary*

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration will take place on the weekend of November 20 – 21. Bishop Richard has confirmed his attendance so planning is underway. Do you have any photos from the life of our parish? I ask you to loan them to the church in order to scan them and to make a slide-show that will chronicle the past 50 years. Please see Fr. James.

### **FR. JAMES WILL BE AWAY...**

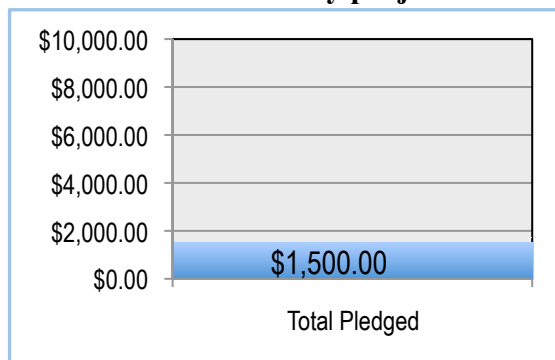
Fr. James will be in Chicago for the annual “Chrism Conference” from May 18<sup>th</sup> until the evening of May 21<sup>st</sup>. In case of an emergency please contact either Fr. Robert Pipta of Holy Angels Byzantine Catholic Church at (858) 277-2511, Fr. Sabba Shofany of St. Jacob Melkite Catholic Mission at (619) 410-7868, or Fr. Myron Mykyta at (323) 663-307.

## Thank You!

To all those who helped to set-up, prepare and serve the food and clean-up last Sunday at our Mother's Day luncheon – May God bless you!



### 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary project



As part of our 50th anniversary celebration we are commissioning icons for the iconostas.

From left to right:

- ❖ St. Nicholas the Wonderworker
- ❖ St. Michael the Archangel (who guards the door to heaven)
- ❖ The *Theotokos* with the Lord (Indicates the beginning and the end of time)
- ❖ The Four Evangelists: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John
- ❖ Our Lord the *Pantocrator* (All-Ruler) the just judge of all our works
- ❖ St. Gabriel the Archangel (who announced the incarnation – our entry into heaven)
- ❖ The John the Baptizer – Patron of this Holy House

We are looking for donors for these icons. May God bless the iconographer, Michael Kapeluk of Pittsburgh, for his devout service in beautifying the Lord's House! The projected cost of this project is \$10,000. If you would like to make a donation towards this project, please see Fr. James. In just one week we have received pledges totalling \$1500.00.

## THE FIRST COUNCIL OF NICAEA

*From Wikipedia.org*

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.

### Contributions for May 9, 2010

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| Sunday Collection          | \$608.00  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection | \$36.00   |
| Heater / AC                | \$1100.00 |



**Святкуємо 50-років!**

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***Revealing His Name***

When the Savior declares that He has made known the name of God the Father, it is the same as saying that He has shown the whole world His glory. How did He do this? By making Himself known through His wonderful works. The Father is glorified in the Son as in an image and type of His own form, for the beauty of the archetype is seen in its image. The only Son then has made Himself known, and He is in His essence wisdom and life, the creator of the universe; He is immortal and incorruptible, pure, blameless, merciful, holy, good. His Father is known to be like Him, since He could not be different in nature from His offspring. The Father's glory is seen, as in an image and type of His own form, in the glory of the Son.

To call God "Father" is more exact than to call Him "God." The word "God" signifies His dignity, but the word "Father" points to the distinctive attribute of his Person. If we say "God" we declare Him to be Lord of the universe. If we call him "Father" we show the way in which He is distinct as a Person, for we make known the fact that He has a Son. The Son himself gave God the name of Father, as being in some sense the more appropriate and truer appellation, when He said, not "I and God" but *I and the Father are one*, and also, with reference to Himself, *On him has God the Father set his seal*. And when He commanded His disciples to baptize all nations, He did not tell them to do this in the name of God, but expressly ordained that they were to do it in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*St. Cyril of Alexandria*