

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
FATHERS OF THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL



Icon of Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

OCTOBER 11, 2009

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 12 – OCTOBER 18, 2009

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| FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16 | 9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY | ✙ FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED; REQ: MARTA MCMURTRY |
| SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17 | 6:00 PM GREAT VESPERS FOR SUNDAY | |
| SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 | 9:30 AM LITURGY – | TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST FEAST OF ST. LUKE, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST FOR ALL PARISHIONERS |

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, Bohdanchik James, Maria Laszok, Lesya Loznycky, Luke Shmorhay, Sophia Skop, the monks Basil and Moses. Please let Fr. James know if there is anyone else who should be remembered.



Prayers For Those Serving 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 Hryniw, Zenon and Susan Keske, Michael Lopes, Vasyl and Volodymyr Lylak, Paul Richelmi and Brian Tuthill. *Please give any names of those you would like remembered in the Liturgies to Fr. James.*

Divine Liturgy Schedule

1. After prayerful consideration of the Pastoral Council's recommendation, as of October 11th we will continue with a single unified Divine Liturgy but the time of the Liturgy will be changed to 9:30 AM.
2. Great Vespers for Sundays and Feast days will resume on Saturday, October 10th at 6:00PM.
3. On Sunday November 1st, we will begin to celebrate a parochial form of Sunday Matins (Утренняя.) Initially, Matins will begin at 8:30 AM on the first Sunday of each month before the Divine Liturgy.

Ukrainian Parish Festival!

Our Parish Festival will be on Saturday, November 7th. We still need many volunteers. Luke Miller has a sign-up sheet available – please see him after the Liturgy. If you have any Ukrainian crafts (embroidery, etc... you would like to sell, please see Luke or call him at 858-688-0708. Anyone wishing to make baked goods for the festival should speak with Lubomyra Yoldas.

The Festival will run from 11:00 AM till 4:00 PM. Great Vespers will be at 5:00 PM that Saturday rather than 6:00.

Consecration of St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church – Tucson Sunday, November 15, 2009

We are organizing a group of parishioners to attend this very important event in the life of our brothers and sisters in Tucson. Fr. Andriy Chirovsky has invited us to come and celebrate with his community. If you are interested in attending this event as a group, please talk to Fr. James.

Tentative Parish Meeting

I hope to have a parish meeting on *Sunday, November 22nd*. On the agenda will be such items as: Parish Financial Report; Parish Mission Statement; Future of the Parish; Response to Patriarch Lubomyr's call for evangelization.

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| <i>Sunday Collection: October 4, 2009:</i> | \$901.00 |
| <i>Praznyk Dinner Proceeds:</i> | \$589.00 |
| <i><u>Raffle Proceeds:</u></i> | <u>\$89.00</u> |
| Total: | \$1579.00 |

Thank You! Дуже Дякую!

A special "Thank You" to all those who helped to make Varenyky yesterday: Mary Kitt, Mary Sysyn, Olga and Luke Miller, Lubomyra Yoldas, Myra Heltsley and Olena, Sofia and Christia Bankston. *May God bless your generosity!*

*This is the way the church
sometimes looks to the pastor
when he goes to the pulpit.*

But...

*The church would look like this if everybody brought somebody
else to church with them.*

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[Patristic Wisdom on the Lord's Prayer Continued]

Who Art in Heaven

These words I think have a deep meaning. They remind us of the homeland we have abandoned, of the citizenship we have lost.

In the parable of the young man who left his father's house, went off the rails and was reduced to living with pigs, the Word of God shows us human wretchedness. That young man did not find his one-time happiness again until he had realized his moral degradation, had looked into his own heart and had pronounced the words of confession. These words almost agree with the Lord's Prayer, because the prodigal son says: "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you" (Lk 15:21). He would not confess himself to be sinner against heaven if he were not convinced that the homeland he had left at the time of his going astray were not in actual fact heaven. By this confession of his he makes himself worthy once again to stand in the presence of his father who runs towards him, embraces him, and kisses him.

The conclusion is this. To return to heaven there is only one route and that is to admit one's sinfulness and seek to avoid it. To make the decision to avoid it is already to be perfecting one's likeness to God.

St. Gregory of Nyssa