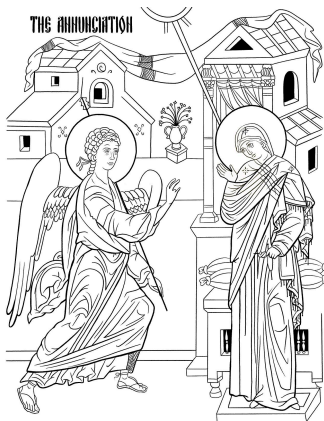




Weekly Bulletin

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Confessions:

During & after Vespers, before Divine Liturgy, or by Appointment

Upcoming Services

Sunday, October 11

9:40 am 3rd & 6th Hours

10 am Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, October 14

6 pm Great Vespers

Thursday, October 15

8:40 am 3rd & 6th Hours

9 am Divine Liturgy

Saturday, October 17

5:30 pm Great Vespers

Sunday, October 18

9:40 am 3rd & 6th Hours

10 am Divine Liturgy

1 pm Catechesis & Adult Education

Many Years!

10/11: Joshua Ramirez (Birthday)

10/14: Cynthia Santiago & Natasa Brown (Name's Day)

10/14: Steve & Luci Fetzko (Anniversary)

10/15: Gracious Richey (Birthday)

10/16: Julio Aguilar (Name's Day)

10/16: Robert Diaz (Name's Day)

10/16: Jerry & Olga Howe (Anniversary)

Sunday, October 11th

3rd Sunday of Luke (Tone 2)

2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9

Luke 7:11-16

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

Today (October 11) 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).

Homily from The Prologue of Ohrid

"The voice of the Lord is upon the waters" (Psalm 29:3)

The voice of the Lord was heard over Jordan, when St. John baptized the Savior. On the Sea of Galilee, when there were storms and winds, the voice of the Lord was heard, and the tempest was calmed

and the winds ceased. The voice of the Lord was heard at the marriage feast at Cana of Galilee, and the water was changed into wine. The voice of the Lord was heard at the Red Sea, and the sea parted and a path was opened for the people of God. The voice of the Lord was heard in the wilderness, and water flowed from a dry rock.

Given all this, what does the voice of the Lord is upon the waters mean? It means that the element, water, is the work of God; and through it, God works miracles when He wills, and how He wills. No less are the other elements the work of God: fire, air and earth. And God is Lord over them all, and through them He works miracles when He wills, and how He wills.

God the Holy Spirit appeared in the form of fire at Pentecost. In the furnace at Babylon, the flames lost their power at the sound of the voice of the Lord, and did not harm the blessed children. Fire was sent down from heaven to consume the sacrifice of Gideon (Judges 6). Elias brought down fire from the heavens (II Kings 1:10). The bush burned and was not consumed (Exodus 3). Fire from heaven came down and consumed Elias's sacrifice to God (I Kings 18:38). A fiery pillar went before the Israelites (Exodus 13, 14). All of this was according to the word of the Lord.

The earth opened up and swallowed the unrighteous Korah, Dathan and Abiram (Numbers 16:32). The earth opened and hid Elizabeth and the infant child John from the sword of Herod. The earth quaked when the Lord breathed His last on the Cross, and the graves opened up (Matthew 27:51-52).

The Lord ascended into the heavens through the air (Luke 24:51). The holy apostles were carried through the air to Jerusalem, from various parts of the world. An angel took the Prophet Habakkuk to Babylon through the air in an instant (Bel and the Dragon 1:35). And all of this was in accord with the voice of the Lord: by the Lord's command. When will men be as obedient to the voice of the Lord as the irrational elements of nature are? Then again, "the waters" is to be interpreted as meaning "men"—men who are obedient to the voice of the

Lord—the apostles and the saints. Like water, they covered the earth with the preaching of Christ our God. Like water, they assuaged the thirsty world with the effusion of the fountain of eternal life, and the world was restored and blossomed. Upon them, just as upon ordinary water, numerous miracles were manifested; for they were submissive to the will of God, obedient to the voice of God, just like water.

O Lord Jesus Christ, help us to be obedient to Thy voice. Help us to be ashamed before lifeless elements that obey Thee better than we do.

To Thee be glory and praise forever. Amen.

Prayer Corner

Archpriest Matthew Tate;
Archpriest Lawrence Farley;
Archpriest Gregory; Joe (Sunday's brother); Thomas; Helen; Marija (cancer); Maria; the nun Paraskeva and her mother Radojka; the newborn Sieglinda (for health); Derek (Nektarios) for employment/housing assistance; Miles (Larissa's grandson); Zoi and Valeri (Oxana's parents); Natalia (Nina Slater's sister); Maria Carmen (Joseph Nuno's mother); Carol (Edie's mother); the child Rastko; Anna (sick); Alexis; Shawn; Claude; Olga (recovery from surgery); Kyle; Virginia (cancer); Lana; Seraphima; Tomica; Tina (Joseb's mother); Laura (Roger's wife); Hannah; Jonah; Lydia; Alexandra (recovery from surgery); Luci (recovery from surgery); John (Alzheimer's) and his wife Eileen; Marion (sick); Timothy (cancer); Ken (cancer); Ethne; Daniel; Iskra; Viktor and Andrea; Ionna (cancer); Cheryl (cancer); Lee and Veronica; Michelle; Michael and Martha; Matt (health); Steve (health); Angelina (labor); Milosava (cancer); Theresa (Linda Deak's daughter-in-law, health); Mirjana (health); William, Joe, Khrie; Anna; Scott; Kerri Richey (travel); Laura Beth (health).

Pregnancies: Matushka Rachel, Michelle Millar, Aleena Smith.

Departed: Newly Departed Johnny Ramirez (Joshua's father), Milosava; Dusan (anniversary, Natasa's father).

