

Shining the Light

One Sunday morning, the parish priest talked about being the “light of the world” in his sermon. He explained that a person filled with the light of Christ means that a person is filled with goodness and knowledge and justice and truth. He ended his sermon by asking the congregation, “How do you intend to be a light of the world?” Unexpectedly, a little girl shouted out, “By being a pretty window!” Her parents were embarrassed by her outburst and told her to be quiet.

Afterwards, however, the parish priest asked her what she meant. It turns out that the little girl had been staring at the church’s stained glass windows during the sermon. She said that the sun shining through the windows caused pretty colors to shine on people all through the

church. “If Jesus wants us to let our ‘light shine on others,’ then the best way to do that is by being a pretty window,” she said.

There is much truth in the simplicity of the little girl’s observations. Light is truth and it dispels the darkness of error and deceit. Christ our Lord said that we are to be the lights of that world and that our light must shine on others. (Matthew 5:16) Today, we keep the memory of the Fathers of the First Nicene Council. These enlightened and inspired men were filled with the light of truth and corrected some grave misunderstandings about the humanity and divinity of Christ. The light of the truths they taught in the fourth century still shines upon us today and is contained within the words of the Nicene Creed.

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL



Icon of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

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Sunday – May 24, 2020

Слава Ісусу Христу – Слава на віки Glory to Jesus Christ – Glory to Him Forever

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Sunday Services will be Live Streamed from Holy Family

THE CHURCH WILL NOT BE OPEN

Sunday May 24 10:00 a.m.	Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea Divine Liturgy (For the Parish)
Wednesday May 27 9:00 a.m.	(+John Fedack from Ruth)
Thursday May 28 9:00 a.m.	(+Marion Bartoszyk from the Iwaskiw Family)
Friday May 29 9:00 a.m.	(+John and +Anna Bukowski from Tom)
Sunday May 31 10:00 a.m.	Sunday of Pentecost Divine Liturgy (For the Parish)

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**If you are having an Emergency and need Fr. Robert;
please call - 202-262-5040**

GREAT VESPERS ON SATURDAY DISCONTINUED – LITURGY RESUMED IN VIRGINIA

As Saints Joachim and Anna resumed the celebration of the Divine Liturgy, we will not be able to offer Great Vespers. The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 4:00 p.m. outdoors at:

Human Life International Facility

4 Family Life Lane

Front Royal Virginia, 22630

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Неділя 24 травня 10:00 ранку	Святих Отців першого вселенського собору в Нікеї Св. Літургія (за парохію)
Середа 27 травня 9:00 ранку	(+John Fedack from Ruth)
Четвер 28 травня **7:00 вечора**	(+Marion Bartoszyk from the Iwaskiw Family)
П'ятниця 29 травня 9:00 ранку	(+John and +Anna Bukowski from Tom)
Неділя 31 травня 10:00 ранку	Неділя П'ятидесятниці Св. Літургія (за парохію)

Prayer List

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Fr. Frank Avant, Susan Avant, Andriko Bilaniuk, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Taisia Bullard, Fr. David Clooney, Mary Connors, Jack Davis, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Damian Fedoryka, Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, 1LT Catherine Hetmansky Hayes (Active Duty Iraq), Julia Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Daniel Horeczko, Nila Iwaskiw, Kateryna Jurach, Sarah Kelt, Stephania Kopka, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Fr. Mykhailo Kuzma, Michael Joseph Little, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, Maria Sawkiw, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta Andrew, Deacon Thomas Stadnik, Timothy Stock, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Helen Lefcheck Torre, Jarrelyn Trusen, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Jennifer Wilson, Danny Wolff, Nataliya Wozniak, Michael Zabych.** If you know of someone who should be on this list, please email or call with the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and the aged is truly helpful and comforting. In your Christian Charity, kindly remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and perhaps a card or note.

Memorial Day Weekend 2020

As we social distance with family and friends this weekend to begin the Pandemic 2020 summer season, please remember to pause and remember those who have given their lives that we might be able to celebrate peacefully, safely, and with freedom. Our American Way of life and the freedom we hold sacred has been secured by the sacrifices of brave men and women who answered our nation's call to duty. May they rest in peace and know Eternal Life in Christ – Vichnaya Pamyat!

God Bless the United States of America!