

Knowledge of the True God Nurtures Us to Eternal Life

Are we saying that knowledge is eternal life? Are we saying that to know the one true and living God will suffice to give us complete security for the future without need of anything else? Then how is “faith apart from works dead?” When we speak of faith, we mean the true knowledge of God and nothing else, since knowledge comes by faith. The prophet Isaiah tells us this: “If you do not believe, neither shall you understand.” But he is not talking about a knowledge that consists in barren speculations, which is entirely worthless. For one of the holy disciples said, “You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe and shudder.” What then shall we say to this? How is it that Christ speaks the truth when He says that eternal life is the knowledge of God the Father, the one true God, and with Him of the Son? I think, indeed, we must answer that the saying of the Savior is completely true. For this knowledge is life, laboring as it were in birth of the whole meaning of

the mystery and granting to us participation in the mystery of the Eucharist, whereby we are joined to the living and life-giving Word. And for this reason, I think, Paul says that the Gentiles are made fellow members of the body and fellow partakers of Christ, inasmuch as they partake in His Blessed Body and Blood. And our members may in this sense be conceived of as being members of Christ. This knowledge, then, which also brings to us the Eucharist by the Spirit, is life. For it dwells in our hearts, reshaping those who receive it into son-ship with Him and molding them into incorruption and piety toward God through life, according to the Gospel. Our Lord Jesus Christ, then, knowing that the knowledge of the one true God brings to us and promotes our union with the blessings of which we have spoken, says that it is eternal life.

St. Cyril of Alexandria

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SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST COUNCIL



Icon of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicea

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Sunday – May 12, 2024

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

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Sunday May 12 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Sunday of Fathers of First Ecumenical Council – Mother’s Day (For the Parish) (Living and Deceased Mothers)
Wednesday May 15 9:00 a.m.	(Blessings for Kristina Orange from A.M. Gogniat)
Thursday May 16 9:00 a.m.	(+Damian and +Irene Fedoryka from Larissa)
Friday May 17 9:00 a.m.	(+Alice Gogniat from the Popadiuk Family)
Sunday May 19 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Pentecost (+Paraskevia and +Hryhorij Popadiuk from Family) (For the Parish)

BIBLE STUDY WITH FATHER ANDRII WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 P.M. (MAY 15)

Our Fr. Andrii will have the next Bible Study Wednesday May 15 at 6:30 p.m. Please bring your bible, colored pencils or markers. Please meet in the Fr. Shawel Room, the small church hall.

SPRING CATECHISM FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-6 – LAST CLASS JUNE 2

All children ages 3-6 are welcome to join Holy Family’s Catechism classes this spring with Co-Catechists Lindsey Fedyk and Julia Dezelski. Classes will be held between the two liturgies from 10:15-11:15. Please email Lindsey (lindseyfedyk@gmail.com) with any questions and to register your family.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND BLESSING OF GRAVES AT CEDAR HILL CEMETERY SUNDAY MAY 26

We will gather at the Main Cross on Sunday May 26 at 3:00 p.m. for the celebration of Panakhyda. This will be followed by the blessing of the individual family graves of those attending the ceremony at Cedar Hill Cemetery 4111 Pennsylvania Avenue Suitland, MD 20746. Rain or Shine.

Prayer List

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Valarie Balthis, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Terry Boyle, Taisia Bullard, Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lindsey Fedyk, Myroslava Futey, Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, Vanessa Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Ellen Hitchens, Daniel Horeczko, Boris Hlynsky, Nila Iwaskiw, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Michael Joseph Little, Paul Marynowych, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Thomas Nagurney, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Patricia Pylypec, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Michael Sharr, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Anne Woroniak, Rose Wilson, Jennifer Wilson, Paul Yarrish.** 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.

MOTHER’S DAY 2024

God gave each of us a special gift – our Moms! On this Mother’s Day, if you are blessed and still have your mother, make sure you share your love and gratitude with her. And if your mother is no longer with us, be sure to offer a multitude of prayers for her that she continues to know your love for her. God Bless all of our mothers with joy and peace!

Happy Mother’s Day!