

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection
Byzantine Catholic Church
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Glory Forever!
Слава на вики!

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21 February 2021 / 7529: 1ST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Sunday of Orthodoxy - Memory of the Holy Prophets *Our Venerable Father Timothy of Symbola. Our Holy Father Eustathius, Archbishop of Great Antioch.*



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

- Sat. Feb. 20 17:00 Vigil: 1st Sunday of the Great Fast ~ Sunday of Orthodoxy:
BLESSING OF ICONS. Suffrages for +Jack Overdorff – wife, Joanne
- Sun. Feb. 21 10:30 1st Sunday of the Great Fast ~ Sunday of Orthodoxy:
BLESSING OF ICONS. Suffrages pro populo, esp. for Dolores Harhai on her birthday
– daughter, Christine, and for +Rosemarie Macchiaroli - husband, Antonio
- Wed. Feb. 24 18:30 Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts Suffrages for Christopher
+ Davis – Audrey Siroviec
- Sat. Feb. 27 09:30 Second All Souls Divine Liturgy + Panachida
17:00 Vigil: 2nd Sunday of the Great Fast Suffrages for +Robert Hulyk –
wife, Margaret
- Sun. Feb. 28 10:30 2nd Sunday of the Great Fast Suffrages pro populo, esp. for
+Ignatius Papier – Bankovich and Mott Families

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COLLECTION

Adults: \$841
Cemetery: \$25

Maintenance: \$135
TOTAL: \$1066

Candles: \$65



The 7th ECUMENICAL COUNCIL was held in Nicæa *anno Domini* 787 under Empress Irene. 367 Bishops were present. **The Iconoclast Controversy** centered on the use of icons in the Church and the controversy between the iconoclasts and iconophiles. The Iconoclasts were suspicious of religious art; they demanded that the Church rid itself of such art and that it be destroyed or broken (as the term «iconoclast» implies). The iconophiles believed that icons served to preserve the doctrinal teachings of the Church; they considered icons to be man's dynamic way of expressing the divine through art and beauty. **The Council's Proclamation:**

«We define that the holy icons, whether in color, mosaic, or some other material, should be exhibited in the holy churches of God, on the sacred vessels and liturgical vestments, on the walls, furnishings, and in houses and along the roads, namely the icons of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ, that of our Lady the Theotokos, those of the venerable angels and those of all saintly people. Whenever these representations are contemplated, they will cause those who look at them to commemorate and love their prototype. We define also that they should be kissed and that they are an object of veneration and honor (*timitiki, proskynisis*), but not of real worship (*latreia*), which is reserved for Him Who is the subject of our faith and is proper for the divine nature, ... which is in effect transmitted to the prototype; he who venerates the icon, venerates in it the reality for which it stands.»

The Triumph of Orthodoxy: An Endemousa (Regional) Synod was called in Constantinople in a.D. 843 under Empress Theodora. The veneration of icons was solemnly proclaimed at the Hagia Sophia Cathedral. Monks and clergy came in procession and restored the icons in their rightful place. The day was called «Triumph of Orthodoxy.» Since that time, this event is commemorated yearly with a special service on the first Sunday of Great Lent, the «Sunday of Orthodoxy.»

Suggested Reading during the Great Fast:

Hymns of Repentance St. Romanos the Melodist. SVSP, 2020. The 'father' of the *Kontakion*, Saint Romanos composed many hymns in Constantinople during the reign of Emperor Justinian. This volume brings together a selection of Romanos' hymns of repentance, which were sung in church during the Great Fast. They explore the story of the prophet Jonah, the prodigal son, the crucifixion of Christ, and other important Lenten themes, evoking compunction and its purifying power, and praying to God for His great and abundant mercy. **IF YOU WOULD LIKE A COPY OF THE ABOVE, A SIGN-UP SHEET IS LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX.**



- **IN MEMORIAM:** The parish extends a most heartfelt thank-you to Joann Overdorff for the very generous donation given in memory of her husband Jack Overdorff. May Jack's Memory be Eternal, and may the Lord God grant to His servant Joann, peace, health, and happiness for many blessed years!
- **PARISH EMAILS:** Please make sure that your email account is set up such that it does **NOT** consider a parish email to be spam and thus blocked.
- **VOLUNTEERS:** It would be helpful if we had some young volunteers who would be willing to see that the front steps and landing to the church entrance are clear of ice and snow, (and salted) before the week-end liturgies. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.