

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

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Glory Forever!
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14 JULY 2024 / 7532 EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
MEMORY OF THE FATHERS OF THE SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS
The Holy Apostle Aquila.



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

- Sat. July 13 17:00 Vigil: **MEMORY OF THE FATHERS OF THE SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS** *Suffrages pro populo*
- Sun. July 14 10:30 **MEMORY OF THE FATHERS OF THE SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS** *Suffrages for +Jessica Davis – Audrey Suroviec*
- Sat. July 20 17:00 Vigil: **NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
Suffrages for pro populo. Blessing of Cars.
- Sun. July 21 10:30 **NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** *Suffrages for +Jessica Davis – Audrey Suroviec. Blessing of Cars.*

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07 / 07 / 2024 Adults: \$1247 Candles: \$49 Holy Day: \$10
COLLECTION TOTAL: \$1306



Historical Note: Today's feast commemorates the first six Ecumenical Councils. The 7th, Nicæa II, is remembered on the Sunday of October 11 – 17. Today's celebration was originally the commemoration of the Council of Chalcedon (451), which was observed on either July 11 or 16, according to the ancient manuscripts. On the present calendar, July 11 is the feast of St. Euphemia, who by legend had a posthumous miraculous role in the results of this Council. Since July 16 was also the commemoration of another Ecumenical Council – Constantinople II 536/553 – this date attracted the memory of all the other councils, except that of Nicæa II because of its importance in the Iconoclastic controversy. This feast was then assigned to the Sunday nearest to 16 July.

Typikon of the Metropolis of Pittsburgh, arranged by Archpriest David M. Petras, S.E.O.D.

THE SIGN OF THE FISH! Due to often severe times of persecution, the earliest followers of Jesus adopted a secret symbol – the fish (Ichthys in Greek). When encountering another traveler on the road or another citizen in the city, a Christian would begin to “doodle” with his walking stick in the sand or dirt. Eventually, he would draw the first half of the fish. If the other traveler saw this and used his stick to complete the fish, the two would know that the other was a Christian. Pagans did not recognize it, but believers would, thus many an early Christian was able to discern friend from foe.



ICHTHYS is an acronym for: *Jesus Christ, the Son of God, Savior.*

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Ιησους	Χριστος	Θεου	Υιος	Σωτηρ
Jesus	Christ	of God	Son	Savior

This word then, as well as the representation of a fish, held for the early Christians a meaning of the highest significance; it was a brief profession of faith in the divinity of Christ, the Savior and Redeemer of mankind.



~ Announcements ~

- **The 2024 GCU Byzantine Family Day at Kennywood Park** will be **Thursday, July 25th from 11:00 – 21:00**. Tickets are available at <https://gcuusa.com>. Contact Fraternal Communications Dept.: 1-800-722-4428 (ext. 3810) or cchamberlain@GCUusa.com.