

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

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Glory Forever!
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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ MEMORY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS

Our Venerable Mother Macrina, Sister of St. Basil the Great. Our Venerable Father Dios.



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

- Sat. July 18 17:00 Vigil: **EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
Suffrages for **+John & Elizabeth Rozinsky** - James & Barbara Snitzer
Blessing of Cars and Trucks ~ Feast of the Holy Prophet Elijah
- Sun. July 19 10:30 **EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** Suffrages *pro populo*, esp. for health & well-being of **Tara McNutt** – Kathleen Syphan.
Blessing of Cars and Trucks ~ Feast of the Holy Prophet Elijah
- Sat. July 25 17:00 Vigil: **NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
Suffrages: **+Susan Dusecina** – son, Fr. Regis
- Sun. July 26 10:30 **NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
Suffrages *pro populo*

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07 / 12 / 2026	Adult: \$1415	Candles: \$41	Special Gift: \$ 100	
COLLECTION	Fuel: \$ \$200	Holy Day: \$5	Total: 1761	
ATTENDANCE:	Sat. 12	Sun. 21 + 2		
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~ AMBON PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL FATHERS AND BISHOPS ~



Lord, Christ our God, You are the Word, the Son and the Lamb of God. You are the priest without sin and the unblemished calf. In Your great goodness You have called and accepted bishops, and have adorned Your Church with various orders. You have redeemed Your Church by Your precious Blood, and have given us the joy of celebrating the eternal memory of Your venerable spiritual fathers and bishops. They have taught and enlightened us, rightly explaining the word of Your truth, as you guided them to the harbor of Your will. You have worthily glorified those who glorified You. Make us worthy of their prayers and supplications, especially today as we honor our holy Fathers of the first Six Ecumenical Councils, who have taught us and enlightened us by their holy and innocent lives, so that we might serve You in fear, and that together with our holy spiritual fathers and bishops, we might experience Your favor and Your love for mankind. For You are the Provider and Giver of everlasting good gifts, and all glory, honor, and power is due You, now and unto the Ages of Ages. Amen.

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In Matthew's account of the feeding of the five thousand, Christ does more than multiply loaves and fish—He reveals the heart of the Divine Economy. What does the Church mean when she speaks of the **Divine Economy** or the **Economy of Salvation**? It comes from the Greek word *oikonomia*, literally «management of a household» or «stewardship», which refers to God's revelation and communication of Himself to the world in time for the sake of the salvation of all humanity; hence, the economy of salvation. The Fathers of the Church distinguished *oikonomia* from *theologia*; the latter term refers to the mystery of the internal life of the Trinity. The **economy of salvation**, on the other hand, refers to God's activity in creating and governing the world, particularly with regard to His plan for the salvation of the world in the person and work of Jesus Christ, a plan which is being accomplished through His Body the Church, in its life and sacraments;... In the feeding of the five thousand, Christ does more than multiply loaves and fish—He reveals the heart of the Divine Economy. «*He saw a large crowd, and had compassion on them, and healed their sick*». Moved with compassion, Jesus heals the sick and nourishes the multitude, not merely to meet their physical needs, but to show the abundance of God's mercy.

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SAINT MACRINA, the elder sister of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory of Nyssa, was sought after by many as a bride because of her beauty, wisdom, and illustrious birth, and in tender youth was espoused by her parents to a bridegroom of fitting nobility. When her betrothed died, Macrina refused any other suitors, and devoted herself to a life of virginity, asceticism, and prayer. When her brother Basil returned from a brilliant career in the best schools of Constantinople and Athens, puffed up with not a little youthful pride-*for knowledge puffeth up*-it was the ardent admonitions and holy example of his blessed sister that persuaded him to turn from seeking worldly glory to the service of God. Saint Macrina founded a convent, where she ended her earthly life in the year 379, and was buried by her brother Gregory, who wrote a moving account of her last days and his grief at seeing such a light pass out of the world.



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**BEATIFICATION OF ARCHBISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN:** The Church in the United States will celebrate the Beatification of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen on September 24, 2026, recognizing the life and witness of one of America's most beloved Catholic evangelists. While many know Archbishop Sheen for his preaching, writings, and pioneering media ministry, fewer realize that he was bi-ritual and celebrated the Divine Liturgy, fostering a deep appreciation for the Christian East.

