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## Liturgical Schedule

for the Week of May 28, 2017

**Saturday, May 27 ~ Vigil of Sunday of the Fathers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ecumenical Council**

**5:30 PM** For the Parish Family of OLPH

**Sunday, May 28 ~ Sunday of the Fathers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ecumenical Council**

**9:00 AM** +Carl Houck by wife Anna Mae Houck

Festal Anointing in celebration of the Feast of the Ascension will follow all weekend Divine Liturgies.

**Wednesday, May 31 ~ Hermas Apostle & Hermeas Martyr**

**7:00 PM** +Barbara Kowalchik

**Saturday, June 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> All Souls Saturday**

**8:30 AM** Divine Liturgy for All Souls and the Reading of the Hramoty

**Vigil of Pentecost Sunday**

**5:30 PM** +Evelyn Stroh by Patricia Marks

**Sunday, June 4 ~ Pentecost Sunday**

**9:00 AM** For the Parish Family of OLPH

Festal Anointing in celebration of the Feast of Pentecost will follow all weekend Divine Liturgies.

## NEXT SUNDAY – IS PENTECOST SUNDAY

Make sure you wear something green

**Pentecost is called “Green Sunday.” The insides of churches are covered with fresh branches of green trees. Green branches are also placed on the outside banisters and doors of churches and people also place a green branch on the door of their homes. Clergy and altar boys also wear green vestments and many in the congregation wear something green. This custom comes from the fact that on Pentecost 3000 people were baptized into the new faith. Green symbolizes new life and Pentecost is thought to be the birthday of the church. Green means life, and without the Holy Spirit, we are spiritually dead.**



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Parish Picnic  
Sunday  
June 25

In Celebration of Our Patronal Feast  
Divine Liturgy that Day at **10:00 AM**

Followed by Picnic until 1:00 PM

Akathist at 1:00 PM

(celebrated outdoors at the shrine)

Special Treat After the Akathist

Adults - \$15.00

Children (18 and Under) - FREE!

Tickets Now on Sale

## Coffee Social



There will be no coffee social until further notice. Due to the condition of the Parish Center, our insurance company has mandated that Fr. Ed close it down for safety and environmental issues. The

Advisory Committee and Fr. Ed are working on some alternatives so that we can continue our socials in the near future. If you have any questions about this move, please see Fr. Ed.

## SPECIAL DONATIONS REQUESTED



LANDSCAPING - To spruce-up the entry area of the church, Fr. Ed has hired a landscaper to clean out the aging plantings, replace them and cover the area with mulch.

This will help to make our entry more inviting. The cost for this project is \$2,500.00. If you would like to make a contribution towards this effort, please see Fr. Ed or just drop it in the collection basket with a note. **To date we have received \$90.00 for this project.**

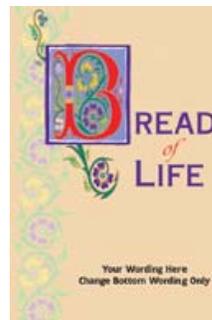
## CHILDREN’S PICNIC TICKETS AND GAMES

To enable as many families with children to attend our parish picnic we would like to subsidize the cost of these tickets. If you would like to be a sponsor the cost is \$10.00 per child. Fr. Ed is also looking for some donations so that we can purchase some children’s games. Drop it in the collection basket or give to Fr. Ed. **To date we have received an anonymous contribution of \$100.00 for this.**

## OLPH COOKBOOK

### Fundraiser

As you know we have many things that need to be done around OLPH – and it takes money to do them! Our first major fundraiser is going to be the creation of a parish cookbook. It has been many years since we have published such a book and its time to do a new one. We are collecting recipes from everyone in the parish. They can be ethnic or your personal favorites. A special feature of the new



cookbook will be Heritage Section of favorites from our previous cookbook – so this will be a collection of the old and the new! We would like to have 3 or 4 from each family. All you need to do is pick up the recipe forms found on the table at the entrance of the church – use the easy to follow format and drop it in the recipe box when you’re done. Another feature of our book will

be advertisements. We hope that everyone will also sell a few ads – these will go a long way to insure a successful and profitable cookbook project. These forms may be picked up from the table at the entrance of the church. If you have any questions, please see Pam Trapp, Michael Sudik or Donna Rayner.



**The Sunday of the God-Bearing Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council Celebrated on the Seventh Sunday of Pascha**

After our Lord Jesus Christ took flesh and fulfilled His ineffable dispensation for us, He returned

to the throne of the Father. It was the desire of the saints to show that the Son of God had truly become man that He had ascended as perfect Man and perfect God into heaven and is seated at the right of the glory on high. This council of Holy Fathers proclaimed and confessed that the Son is of the same essence and honor as the Father. Therefore, following the feast of the glorious Ascension, this present feast, celebrated on the seventh Sunday of Pascha, has been set forth in order to add to the already large number of Fathers who preached that He Who has ascended in the flesh is both perfect God and perfect Man in the flesh.

This council took place during the twentieth year of the reign of St. Constantine the Great, following a period in which the Christians were persecuted by the pagans. At first, St. Constantine ruled [the Roman Empire] from Rome, but in 330 AD, he built the beautiful city that bears his name. It was also at this time that the situation regarding Arius arose. Arius was originally from Libya, but came to Alexandria and was ordained to the diaconate by the Hieromartyr Peter (commemorated November 25<sup>th</sup>). However, in 315 AD, Arius began to blaspheme against the Son of God, loudly vilifying Him and saying that He is a creature, born out of nonexistence, and distant from the honor of the Godhead. He claimed that it was wrong to call Him the Wisdom and the Word of God, thinking that he was thus opposing the lawless Sabellius, who claimed that the Godhead is one single person and essence, Who is at times the Father, at times the Son, and at times the Holy Spirit. The great Peter had a vision in which he beheld Christ at the Holy Sacrifice as an Infant dressed in a torn garment that, Christ told him, had been rent by Arius. After this, Peter removed Arius from the ranks of the clergy because of his blasphemy.

When Achilas succeeded Peter as archbishop of Alexandria, he granted forgiveness to Arius when the latter promised to correct his false teaching. In addition, he then ordained him to the priesthood and appointed him to the school of Alexandria. Following the death of Achilas, the next archbishop of Alexandria, Alexander, found that Arius was spreading the same blasphemy and that in fact he had made the blasphemy even worse; then the archbishop summoned a council, which deposed Arius from the Church in 321 AD.

It is recorded that Arius drew many astray with his lawless teaching... With the Church in a state of turbulence and with no one showing the care and love to resolve the problem, the great St. Constantine used state means of transport and in 325 AD, gathered the Fathers of whom we speak from all parts of the world to Nicaea, to which place he himself also journeyed. Thus, when all the Fathers had come together, the emperor also took his place, not on an imperial throne, but on a

chair, which was beneath the honor due to an emperor. The Fathers spoke in regard to Arius and anathematized not only him, but all those who were in agreement with him. The Holy Fathers confessed that the Word of God is of the same essence and honor with the father and co-originate with the Father. They then formulated the Symbol of Faith [which we say at every Divine Liturgy, and call “the Nicene Creed”] as far as the article, “And I believe in the Holy Spirit...”; for the rest of the Creed was completed at the Second Ecumenical Council. ... St. Constantine sealed the final version of the holy Symbol of Faith with his own signature in red ink. Of the Fathers who attended the First Ecumenical Council, 232 were hierarchs, while 86 were priests, deacons, and monks, thus bringing the total present to 318.



**PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH**

Throughout the week as you say your prayers, please take some time and pray for the healing of the members of our parish family who are ill – those in the hospital, in nursing homes, recovering at home and the homebound. Please let Fr. Ed know of anyone would is in the hospital or would like a home visit.

**NEXT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING** - June 11 - following the Divine Liturgy in Church. All parishioners are welcome to attend – come and find out what’s happening at OLPH!



**FATHER’S DAY ENVELOPES** There is a special envelope for Father’s Day. The names of the fathers submitted will be read aloud during both Divine Liturgies the weekend of June 18. Please return your envelopes for the Father’s Day remembrance **by June 11** so that the names can be listed to be read. **You may put more than one name on the envelope.**

**Offertory – May 20 & 21, 2017**

	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Total</b>
Regular	\$1,159.00	\$952.00	\$2,111.00
Landscaping	\$20.00	\$50.00	\$70.00
Candles	0	\$25.00	\$25.00
<b>Total</b>	\$1,179.00	\$1027.00	\$2,206.00
<b>Attendance</b>	28	53	81