



8th Sunday after Pentecost **Commemoration of the First Six** **Ecumenical Councils**

The Holy Martyr Hyacinth of Amastris. The Holy Martyr Emilian – Emilian lived in the days of Emperor Julian the Apostate who attempted to restore pagan worship. Emilian made the rounds of the squares and streets of Dorostolen in Thrace, where he lived, and with a hammer smashed all the idols. He was captured, tortured and suffered for Christ on July 18, 362.

**** Sunday, July 18th, 2021****

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Parish Liturgical Services

Sunday, July 18 * 10:00 a.m. *****

Div. Lit. (Eng./Ukr.): God's blessings to all parishioners

Monday, July 19 * 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit: Special Intention**

Tuesday, July 20 * 6:30 p.m. Moleben to the Merciful Christ**

Saturday, July 24 ** 3:00 p.m. * Divine Liturgy (Eng./Ukr.): God's blessings to all parishioners**



Troparion, Tone 7: By Your cross You destroyed death; * You opened Paradise to the thief; * You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy, * and charged the apostles to proclaim * that You are risen, O Christ our God, * offering great mercy to the world.

Troparion, Tone 8: Christ our God, You are glorified above all, * You established our fathers as beacons on earth * and through them guided all of us to the true faith. * Glory to You, most compassionate Lord.

Kontakion, Tone 7: No longer shall the dominion of death be able to hold humanity, * for Christ went down shattering and destroying it's powers. * Hades is bound. * The prophets exult with one voice. * The Saviour has come for those with faith, saying: * "Come forth, O faithful, to the resurrection!"

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion, Tone 6: The Son who ineffably shone from the Father * was born two-fold of nature from a woman. * Beholding Him, we do not reject the image of His form;* but depicting it, we revere it faithfully. * Therefore, the Church, holding the true faith, * kisses the icon of Christ's becoming man.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Theotokion, Tone 6: Undaunted patroness of Christians, * O steadfast intermediary with the Creator, * turn not away from the suppliant voices of sinners,* but in your kindness come to help us who cry out to you in faith. * Be quick to intercede, make haste to plead, * for you are ever the patroness of those who honour you, O Mother of God.

Prokeimenon, Tone 4 - Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, * and praised and glorified is Your Name forever.

verse: For You are righteous in everything that You have done to us. (*Daniel 3:26-27*)

Epistle - Hebrews 13:7-16

A reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews.

Brothers and Sisters, remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings; for it is well for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by regulations about food, which have not benefited those who observe them. We have an altar from which those who officiate in the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also suffered outside the city gate in order to sanctify the people by his own blood. Let us then go to him outside the camp and bear the abuse he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we are looking for the city that is to come. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Alleluia, Tone 1 - The God of gods, the Lord, spoke and summoned the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

verse: Gather to Him His devout ones, who with sacrifice make covenant with Him. (*Psalm 49:1,5*)



Gospel - John 17:1-13

At that time, Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.”

Communion Hymn - Praise the Lord from the heavens, *
praise Him in the highest. * Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; *
praise befits the righteous. * Alleluia, alleluia, * alleluia.
(Psalms 184:1; 32:1)



Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in these Holy Gifts!

I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot receive You now,
I place before You my whole life and hope, O loving Master;
and I ask, pray, and entreat You: Make me worthy to partake in a mystical way and with a pure conscience of Your awesome and heavenly Mysteries:
for forgiveness of sins, for the pardon of offenses, for communion

of the Holy Spirit, for the inheritance of the kingdom of heaven,
for confidence before You, and not for judgment or
condemnation.

I embrace You as You enter and abide in me, and I unite myself
completely to You. Permeate my soul and body, and never permit
me to be separated from You. Amen.



**** ANNOUNCEMENTS ****

A warm welcome - to all parishioners who join us today
in our church for the Divine Liturgy and all
who continue to pray at home. We wish you
all a healthy & blessed week!



To Ponder:

“The fruit of our work, as well the ability to carry it out,
comes from prayer. The work that we accomplish is the
fruit of our union with Christ. We have been called to
give Jesus to the peoples of the world, so that they can
look at Him and discover his love, His compassion, and
His humility in action.” **St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta**

***Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church – “Christ Our
Pascha” #55-58, pg. 28-29***

Tradition of the Holy Fathers of the Church.

55 - The apostolic proclamation of the Gospel was continued by
the Fathers of the Church, of whom the first were disciples of the
apostles: the holy hieromartyr Clement, Pope of Rome; Saint
Ignatius the God-Bearer; and Saint Polycarp of Smyrna. Their
teaching and witness of the faith was received from Christ’s
apostles, and for this reason it is held in special esteem in the
Christian community.


56 - The Church acknowledges those who preached the Gospel in truthfulness of teaching and in holiness of life, and refers to them as Holy Fathers. For this reason they proclaimed the Good News by the power of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth. Thus, for the Church they became Fathers in the faith, becoming like the apostle Paul, who said: “For though you might have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers. Indeed, in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel” (1 Cor 4:15-16).

57 - The Holy Fathers of the Church were witnesses of the Apostolic Tradition. They defended its purity and aligned their own theological teaching with it. The fullness of God’s Revelation is found in Christ Jesus. However, in the course of history, the Church has progressively uncovered the depths of this Revelation. In their sermons and explanations, the Fathers of the Church further deepened the understanding of Apostolic Tradition and professed it in a conciliar fashion. Their heritage is an integral part of Holy Tradition. In the course of each liturgical year, the Church commemorates the Holy Fathers, who clearly defined at Ecumenical Councils that which in the Church has been believed always, everywhere, and by all.

58 - The unified conciliar thought of the Fathers defined the content of faith. Thanks to this, the faith endured for centuries without error and was professed in the fullness of truth. The definitions of faith provided by the Ecumenical Councils acquired the status of dogmas, and they became the unchangeable teachings of the Church. Through these dogmas, the Fathers delineated the true profession of the Mysteries of God, defending the Tradition from erroneous interpretations. The transmission of faith continues to this day through the ministry of bishops, the successors of the apostles. We refer to this ministry as the “Teaching Office” (in Latin, Magisterium) of the Church, when bishops transmit with one mind, always and everywhere, that which they have received from the apostles

Please Pray for health of ... All those affected by the coronavirus, and: Rob E., Margaret M., Roman M., Jayne & Ernie P., Don N., Ambrose S., Robert M., Dave & Betty C., Matt D., Alexandra & Oleh K., Miroslaw G., John N., Fr. John N., T.W., Bill P., Thomas H., Bohdan R., Lawrence & Ping B., Peter O., Gladys O., Alex S., Jessica N., Olga P., Sharon B., Zonia R., Brian K., Mary W., Ray O., Mary E., Sharon & Al L., Joe S., Jeanne R., Emily H., Lisa M., Michael L., Greg H., Melynda S., Ann D., Suzanne C., Clay B., Maria W., Anne D., all sick brothers and sisters in our families and parish community. Please let Fr. Andrzej know if you would like to add names to the prayer list and also notify him about any sick and/or hospitalized parishioners and family members.



 **Thank you to all our Supporters – Дякуємо –** Our gratitude to everyone for your prayers & ongoing financial support of our parish and for all other ways in which you assist our church community. God bless you all!

Dr. L. J. J.



Annual Service of Blessing Cars – will take place today **Sunday, July 18th** after the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. **Why do we bless cars?** We spend many hours in our cars (or other modes of transportation). We travel every day of our lives – work, school, grocery store, errands, and hopefully to Church!

We offer prayers for those traveling at every liturgical service, and include special petitions during our daily private prayers. In everything we do (even driving in our car) we can be reminded of God's blessing and pray for safety and salvation! Just like we have our homes blessed during the festal season of Theophany (Christ's Baptism) in early January, we have another occasion to bless our cars and other vehicles of transportation.

The custom of our Church is to bless cars at the Feast of Prophet Elijah (Elias) which is July 20 (or near his feast-day). Do you remember the story of Prophet Elijah from the Old Testament? We read about the Life of Prophet Elijah the 3rd and 4th Book of Kings, Wisdom of Sirach 48:1-15, and 1 Maccabees 2:58. He was taken up into Heaven in a fiery chariot! Therefore, we bless our modes of transportation on his feast-day with the hope of safe travels.

Special Workshop In Kelowna – Fr. Andrzej will be at Dormition Parish, Kelowna tomorrow, Monday, July 19th to participate in a workshop on Parish Pastoral Council Guidelines.

Fr. Andrzej's vacation time – from this coming Thursday, July 22 to Monday, July 26th inclusive, Fr. Andrzej will be away on part of his annual vacation. Fr. Stepan Dovhoshyya will be substituting Fr. Andrzej. Fr. Stepan's contact information: phone - **250-549-1327** & email - dovhoshyastepan@gmail.com.

Next Sunday's Divine Liturgy for July 25th - will be celebrated this coming **Saturday, July 24th at 3:00 p.m.**

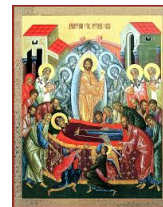
The 1st World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly - to be celebrated on July 25, fourth Sunday of July. The theme of this first World Day is **"I am with you always" (cf. Mt 28:20)**. The theme's purpose is to convey the closeness of God and the Church to the elderly and also to emphasize the intergenerational closeness between the young and the elderly.

Sacrament of Reconciliation – dear parishioners, due to the Covid 19 pandemic, we were not able to hold our annual Advent & Lenten missions and thus missed an opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession. Now that we can gather again in church, I invite and encourage you to partake of this very important Sacrament. Fr. Andrzej is available before Sunday Divine liturgies, or before the daily Divine Liturgies and also at other pre-arranged times.

Unity 2021 - Unity is a gathering for young adults (**18 - 35 years of age**) of our church "who seek to further understand their Catholic Faith, to embrace it more fully and to celebrate it more profoundly. With the grace of God, this is accomplished by means of prayer, education and fellowship."

Unity 2021 is scheduled to take place **Friday August 6 – Saturday August 7, 2021**. The theme of Unity 2021 is **"Stillness In The Chaos" "Be still and know that I am God" Psalm 46:10** will be our motto for the weekend. Unity 2021 will be offered **ONLINE**, and all sessions will be held over Zoom. There is **NO COST** to attend this event.

Up-coming Major Feasts - on Friday, August 6th we will celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord and on Sunday, August 15th the feast of Dormition of the Mother of God.



The Fast of the Mother of God – as part of our preparation for the great feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God on August 15, there is a special time of fasting that will **begin on Sunday, Aug 1st** and will last until the day before the Feast, Aug. 14.

Prayer During the Coronavirus Outbreak

Lord, Our God, We thank you for the life that is your gift,

For the providence that sustains us,

And for your wisdom that directs the course of our days. The threat of an infection of coronavirus

is upon us today. This disease causes fear among us and has claimed lives.

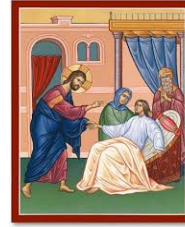
We humbly beg you, loving Lord, dispel our fear and deliver us from this and other diseases.

Heal those who are afflicted and stop the spread of the virus.

Strengthen us in charity to care for one another.

For You are a God of mercy, kindness, and love, and we glorify You Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

Amen.



Prayer for Preparation for Holy Communion (St. John of Damascus)

“O Master, Lord Jesus Christ our God, You alone have authority to forgive people their sins, for You are good and love all. Forgive my transgressions committed in knowledge or ignorance. Make me worthy to receive Your divine and glorious, all-pure and life-giving Mysteries without condemnation, incurring neither punishment, nor the increase of my sins. Let me, instead, receive cleansing, sanctification, and a pledge of life and kingdom to come. Let Your Mysteries be a rampart, a help, a routing of my adversaries; and let them wipe away my many transgressions. For You are a God of mercy, compassion, and love for all, and to You we render glory, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and always and for ever and ever. Amen.”



Joined Commemoration of the first Six Ecumenical Councils (Sunday between July 12-19):

1. The First Ecumenical Council in Nicea, 325 A.D. with 318 holy fathers participating. This Council is commemorated separately on

May 29 and on the Seventh Sunday after Easter. This Council refuted the heresy of Arius against the Son of God.

2. The Second Ecumenical Council in Constantinople, 381 A.D. with 150 holy fathers attending. This Council is commemorated separately on May 22. This Council refuted the heresy of Macedonius against God, the Holy Spirit.

3. The Third Ecumenical Council in Ephesus, 431 A.D. with 200 holy fathers participating. This Council is commemorated separately on September 9. This Council refuted the heresy of Nestorius against the Mother of God.

4. The Fourth Ecumenical Council in Chalcedon, 451 A.D. with 630 holy fathers participating. This Council is commemorated separately on July 16. This Council refuted the Monophysite heresy.

5. The Fifth Ecumenical Council in Constantinople, 553 A.D. with 160 holy fathers participating. This Council is commemorated separately on July 25. This Council refuted the heresy of Origen.

6. The Sixth Ecumenical Council in Constantinople, 681 A.D. with 170 holy fathers participating. This Council is commemorated separately on January 23. This Council refuted the Monothelite heresy.

7. The Seventh Ecumenical Council which was convened in 878 A.D. with 367 holy fathers participating. This Council is not commemorated at this time, but is commemorated separately on October 11. This Council refuted the heresy of Iconoclasm. (*taken from "The Prologue from Ochrid".*)

Pastoral Ministry and Sacraments:

Reconciliation: on Sundays and Holy Days: before Divine Liturgies and other days, by appointment.

Holy Communion: for the sick, by appointment, any time.

Baptisms: by appointment.

Marriages: six months' notice should be given to the parish priest, and he should be contacted before any other arrangements are made.

Funerals and Memorials: by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick (Holy Unction): Those anticipating surgery, hospitalization or treatments and who would like to receive anointing or to meet with parish priest, please call or email Fr. Andrzej in advance to arrange a time and a day.

Catechetical Resources online in English & Ukrainian

1. Royal Doors with daily readings and reflections, UGCC Catechism online, articles, etc

<https://www.royaldoors.net/>

2. Formed: Christian movies, TV shows, prayers, etc.

<https://watch.formed.org/browse>

3. Dynamic Catholic. Beautiful resource for the whole family with Catechism for children, marriage enrichment programs, etc.

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/>



1. Живе ТВ. <https://zhyve.tv/>

2. Дивен Світ. <https://dyvensvit.org/>

3. Катехизм УГКЦ. <http://catechismugcc.org/>



Please join in live-streamed coverage of liturgical services:

Holy Eucharist Cathedral (New Westminster) – Divine Liturgy at **8:30 a.m.** (Eng.) & **10:30 a.m.** (Ukr.)

<https://www.facebook.com/holyeucharistcathedral/>

Youtube https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPp1JaDotlj_4h3aAJq0Srg

St. Nicholas Parish, (Victoria) - Divine Liturgy at **10:00 a.m.**
via [Facebook](#) or [Website](#)

St. George's Parish (Prince George) - Divine Liturgy: **8:30 a.m.** –
(in Ukrainian) & **10:00 a.m.** (in English) - Facebook page or at
parish webpage (www.sgparish.ca)

