



6th Sunday after Pentecost **Sunday of the Fathers of the Six** **Ecumenical Councils**

The Holy Great-Martyr Marina – **Marina** suffered for her Christian faith under Emperor Dioclecian. Passing into Eternal Life (1944) of **Blessed Tarsykia (Matskiv)** of the Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate, Martyr.

**** Sunday, July 17th, 2022 ****

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Liturgical Services this coming week

Sunday, July 17 ** 9:30 a.m. ** Rosary (Eng.) ** 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Eng./Ukr.): God's blessings to all parishioners

Tuesday, July 19 * 10:00 a.m. ** Div. Lit:** God's blessings & good health to members of SSVP

Saturday, July 23 * 2:30 p.m. Rosary (Eng.) ** 3:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy (Eng./Ukr.).**



Troparion, Tone 5: Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word,* co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,* and born of the Virgin for our salvation.* For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death * and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

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 5: You, my Saviour, descended to Hades, * and as the Almighty, You shattered its gates. * With Yourself You, as the Creator, raised the dead and shattered the sting of death,* and delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Mankind.* And so we cry out: “Save us, O Lord.”

+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

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*)



Joint 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, 691 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 Ohrid".)



**** To Ponder – The Fathers & Mothers Speak *****

“Do not try to please everybody. Try to please God, the angels, and the saints – they are your public.” **St. John Vianney**

***** *Prayers* *****



Prayer for the Afflicted People of Ukraine in Time of War

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that Your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment, and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all Your precious children, at risk and in fear, that You would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

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 & guests who join us today in our church for the Divine Liturgy. We wish you a healthy & blessed week!



Thank you to all our Supporters & Volunteers – Дякуємо – Many



thanks to everyone for your continued support of our parish community and for supporting our brothers & sisters in Ukraine. Many thanks to Mrs. Louise McGarveny for her continuing projects of polishing various liturgical items and other work at our parish. God bless you all!

Please Pray for health of ... All those affected by the coronavirus, those wounded in the war in Ukraine and: Lil & Ray S; Jeanette N., Elsie K., Paulette K., Irene M., Sharon & Al L., Wilma C., Rob E., Billie M., Peter O., Rob R., F.T., Zbigniew K., Pat B., Anne D., Margaret M., Dave & Betty C., Matt D., Bill P., Thomas H., Lawrence & Ping B., Gladys O., Zonia K., Brian K., Mary & Dave E., Jeanne R., Lisa M., Michael L., Melynda S., Suzanne C., Clay B., Stefanica K., Sarah N., 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.



Annual Service of Blessing Cars – will take place today, **Sunday, July 17th** after the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

Next Sunday Divine liturgy – will be celebrated on **Saturday, July 23rd at 3:00 p.m.**

Annual Vacation Time – Fr. Andrzej will take the next part of his annual vacation from this coming **Wednesday, July 20th to Wednesday, July 27, 2022**. Fr. Stepan Dovichyia from Vernon will be substituting. Fr. Stepan's contact information: phone - **250-549-1327** & email - dovichyia@vernoncatholic.com.

2022 Papal Visit to Canada - Wednesday, July 6, public ticketing for Pope Francis' open air Mass at Commonwealth Stadium, Edmonton, will officially open at 10:30 a.m. Mountain Time.

The public can access tickets (free) through the papal visit website: www.papalvisit.ca.

Additional information regarding participation at other papal events will also be made available next week.

Also, our parishes are asked to take up a special collection during the Divine Liturgies on Sunday, July 24. The proceeds from the collections will help to defray the costs of the papal visit. Through the generosity of several individuals, donations will be matched up to \$200,000. We are praying for & looking forward to welcoming Pope Francis to Canada, July 24-29 for his pilgrimage of healing, reconciliation and hope. *** **Special collection at the Most Holy Trinity parish will take place on Sunday, July 31.**

The 2nd World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly - will be celebrated on **Sunday, July 24**. The theme for this 2nd World Day is: *"In old age they will still bear fruit"* (Psalm 92:15). The intended purpose of the theme is to convey "how grandparents and the elderly are a value and a gift both for society and for ecclesial communities."

The Pontifical Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life has prepared a [Pastoral Kit for the Celebration of the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly](#), including [Pope Francis' Message](#).

Parish Fundraiser to Support Those Fleeing the War in Ukraine – we have the opportunity to purchase Ukrainian pins at the church entrance as a way of supporting our brothers and sisters who will come from Ukraine. Suggested donation is \$10.

The Most Holy Trinity Parish Stewardship: Sunday, July 10th - \$ 482 (dishwasher - \$190)**** *May God bless and reward you for your generosity & support .*

The Ecumenical Councils

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.

287 The unity of faith among self-governing Churches is made manifest in the common profession of the doctrinal teaching of the Ecumenical Councils. The one faith of the Church, the Body of Christ, is the source from which flows the common participation of the faithful in the Holy Mysteries. This happens

especially in the Eucharist, when the faithful, partaking of the Body and Blood of the Lord in Holy Communion, themselves become one body: “Our way of thinking is attuned to the Eucharist, and the Eucharist in turn confirms our way of thinking. For every self-governing Church, the standard for orthodox teaching (“rule of faith”) is Holy Scripture and Holy Tradition, with the ministry of the Bishop of Rome serving to guarantee the preservation of orthodox teaching, and fidelity to it.

292 The communion of self-governing Churches creates the catholicity (*sobornist*) of the Church. The highest manifestation of the catholicity of the Church is the Ecumenical Council. “The Council reveals itself to be the assembly of the chief shepherds of the Church of Christ, who give witness to the faith and life of the Churches entrusted to their pastoral and teaching ministry.”

293 Christ entrusts the ministry of serving the catholicity (*sobornist*) of the Church to the apostle Peter: “I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers” (*Lk* 22:32). The Bishop of Rome, the bearer of the Petrine ministry, convenes Ecumenical Councils, approves their decisions, stands behind and expresses the infallible faith-teaching of the Church, and resolves difficulties that arise in the life of various self-governing Churches. The ministry of the Roman Pontiff is a testimony to the “deepest apostolic past.” His ministry is to “strengthen the brethren” in common faith (see *Lk* 22:31-42), to be a “rock” (see *Mt* 16:18), and “shepherd” (see *Jn* 21:15-18). “To [the Roman Pontiff] was committed in the person of blessed Peter the full power of feeding, ruling, and governing the whole church, as was established at ecumenical councils and in the sacred canons.”
“Christ Our Pascha” – Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church



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 the parish priest, please call or email Fr.

Andrzej in advance to arrange a time and a day.



Basic Guidelines for Reception of Holy Communion:

1. You are a member of the Catholic Church (Orthodox faithful are welcome to receive Holy Communion);
- 2) You have participated in the Sacrament of Confession at least during the Easter or Christmas seasons this past year if not more frequently;
- 3) You attend Divine Services regularly;
- 4) Your lifestyle is consistent with the teaching of the Catholic Church;
- 5) You have kept the Liturgical fast – no food at least one hour prior to the Divine Liturgy (water and medicine does not break the fast).
- 6) You have been in church from the beginning of the service, or at least heard the Gospel.
- 7) To the best of your ability, you are in the state of Grace.

If for any of these or other reasons you cannot receive Holy Communion, you are very welcome to come for a blessing. Please indicate to the priest that you would like to receive his blessing.

