

## Feasts and Commemorations for this Week

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>14</b> Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council » John 20:19-31 » Titus 3:8-15 » Luke 8:5-15 »	<b>15</b> Monday of the 5th Week Philippians 4:10-23 » Luke 9:18-22 »	<b>16</b> Longinus the Centurion » Colossians 1:1-3:7-11 » Matthew 27:33-54 »	<b>17</b> ✙ Wednesday of the 5th Week Romans 9:18-33 » Luke 9:44-50 »	<b>18</b> Luke the Evangelist » Colossians 4:5-11,14-18 » Luke 10:16-21 »	<b>19</b> ✙ Friday of the 5th Week Acts 2:14-21 » Luke 10:1-15 »	<b>20</b> Saturday of the 5th Week II Timothy 2:1-10 » Luke 7:1-10 »
 Wine / Oil Allowed  Fish Allowed  Strict Fast  Cheese / Dairy Allowed						

## Prayer List:

Please keep the following intentions in your prayers this week:

- For those who died in Indonesia from earthquake and Tsunami this past week.
- For the soul of George Kretsedemas, and his family.
- For the souls of Dan and Ellie Sexton, and for their family.
- For the Native Alaskan Orthodox Christians in Nanwalek and Port Graham, Alaska.
- For those awaiting Hurricane Michael along the Gulf Coast.

## Save the Dates!

- 10/20 Orthodoxy 101 Cancelled, Confessions 6:15p  
 10/21 Orthros 9:00a, Divine Liturgy 10:00a  
 Church School begins 9:15a  
 10/27 Orthodoxy 101 Cancelled, Confessions 6:15p  
 10/28 Orthros 9:00a, Divine Liturgy 10:00a  
 Church School begins 9:15a  
 Monthly Memorial service  
**Baptism/Chrismations-** The Klein Family, The McAddis Family and Nathaniel Mavmon.  
 11/3 Orthodoxy 101 4:30p (new series begins), Confessions 6:15p  
 Flagstaff Family Food Ctr 3:30p - 6:00p - contact Mary Grove  
 11/4 Orthros 9:00a, Divine Liturgy 10:00a (Kids/Young Adults)  
 Church School begins 9:15a  
 2019 Stewardship Campaign begins  
 11/15 **Nativity Fast Begins**  
 11/18 Fall General Assembly & PC Elections @ Noon  
 12/2 Commitment Sunday

Refer to e-mailed Parish Updates for additional events and details.



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### Services Schedule:

Orthros 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy 10 AM

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Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council

## Hymns of The Day

### Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Third Mode

Let all things above in heav'n rejoice, and let all things below on earth be glad. With all the might and strength of His arm an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet He has trampled down death by death, and first born of the dead has He become. From the womb of Hades has He delivered us, and to all the world has granted His great redeeming mercy.

### Apolytikion for Sun. of the 7th Ecumenical Council in the Plagal Fourth Mode

Most glorified art Thou, O Christ our God, Who hast established our Fathers as luminous stars upon the earth, and through them didst guide us all to the true Faith. O Most Merciful One, glory be to Thee.

### Holy Cross Church Apolytikion in the First Mode

Save, O Lord Your people, and bless Your inheritance; grant victory to the faithful against the adversaries of the Faith, and protect Your people by the power of Your Cross.

### Seasonal Kontakion in the Second Mode

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, O thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

## Epistle Reading

Prokeimenon. Mode 4, Daniel 3.26,27

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers.

Verse: For you are just in all you have done.

### The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to Titus 3:8-15

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned.

When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful.

All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

## Gospel Reading

### Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council

#### The Reading is from Luke 8:5-15

The Lord said this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As he said these things, he cried out "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

## Saints and Feasts Commemorated

### Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council



On the Sunday that falls on or immediately after the eleventh of this month, we chant the Service to the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council, which gathered in Nicaea in 787 under the holy Patriarch Tarasius and during the reign of the Empress Irene and her son, Constantine Porphyrogenitus, to refute the Iconoclast heresy, which had received imperial support beginning with the Edict issued in 726 by Emperor Leo the Isaurian. Many of the holy Fathers who condemned Iconoclasm at this holy Council later died as Confessors and Martyrs for the holy Icons during the second assault of Iconoclasm in the ninth century, especially during the reigns of Leo the Armenian and

Theophilus.

### Righteous Paraskeve of Serbia



Saint Paraskeve was born in Thrace in the eleventh century. In her youth she went to Constantinople, and thence journeyed to the Holy Land in pursuit of the ascetical life. After struggling for many years in the wilderness of the Jordan, she was moved by God to return to her homeland. She continued her monastic labours there for a few more years, and then reposed in peace.

### Cosmas the Hagiopolite



Saint Cosmas was from the Holy City, Jerusalem, and was a contemporary and peer of Saint John of Damascus (Dec. 4), with whom also he was reared when, because of his orphanhood he was adopted by Sergius, Saint John's father, and with whom he had the same instructor. About the year 743, he was elected Bishop of Maiuma, a coastal city of Palestine, aforesaid under the jurisdiction of Gaza, with the name Port Gaza. During the reign of Saint Constantine the Great, it became a separate township and at that time was renamed Constantia, after Constantine, the son of the Emperor (see Sozomen, Eccl. Hist., V:3). Cosmas became an excellent hymnographer, from whence

he is called "the Composer and Melodist." Among his many compositions are the Canon of the Cross (Sept. 14) and the Canon for the Nativity of Christ, "Christ is born, give ye glory."

### Nazarius, Gervasius, Protasius, & Celsus of Milan



The holy Martyrs all contested for piety's sake in Milan; after the passage of much time their holy relics were discovered and given honourable burial by Saint Ambrose.

**Praised Ignatius, Archbishop of Methymna**