

The Seventh Ecumenical Council

Today the Church remembers the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council under the holy Patriarch Tarasius (February 25).

The Synod of 787, the second to meet at Nicea, refuted the Iconoclast heresy during the reign of Empress Irene and her son Constantine VI.

The Council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype (the person depicted). It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because “no man has seen God at any time” (John 1:18).

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Readings

Epistle 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9; Hebrews 13:7-16
Gospel Luke 8: 5-15; John 17:1-13

Tone 2 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out:// "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!"

Tone 8 Troparion *(Fathers)*

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God! Thou hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth. Through them Thou hast guided us to the true Faith// O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

Tone 2 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee,// and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

Tone 6 Kontakion *(Fathers)*

The Son who shone forth from the Father was ineffably born, two-fold in nature, of a woman. Having beheld Him, we do not deny the image of His form, but depict it piously and revere it faithfully. Thus, keeping the True Faith// the Church venerates the icon of Christ Incarnate.



This Week at St. Herman's

Sunday, October 15th - *Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council*

- 9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy followed by Molieben for those affected by the California wildfires

Tuesday, October 17th - *Prophet Hosea*

- 7:00 PM - Great Vespers for St. Luke the Evangelist

Wednesday, October 18th - *Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke*
Fish Wine & Oil

- 6:45 AM - Coffee and Books
- 7:00 PM - Class in Port Townsend

Thursday, October 19th - *Prophet Joel*

- 6:00 PM - Greek Class in Port Townsend

Friday, October 20th - *Great Martyr Artemius*

- Fellowship of the Cross Meeting in Ellensburg, WA returning Saturday

Saturday, October 21st - *Ven Hilarion the Great*

- 6:30 PM - Jesus Prayer
- 7:00 PM - Great Vespers