

Fathers of the first six Ecumenical Councils

The Church venerates the Holy Fathers of the Ecumenical Councils because Christ has established them as “lights upon the earth,” guiding us to the true Faith. “Adorned with the robe of truth,” the doctrine of the Fathers, based upon the preaching of the Apostles, has established one faith for the Church. The Ecumenical Councils, are the highest authority in the Church. Such Councils, guided by the grace of the Holy Spirit, and accepted by the Church, are infallible. The Ecumenical Councils were always convened for a specific reason: to combat false opinions and heresies, and to clarify the Orthodox Church’s teaching. But the Holy Spirit has thus seen fit, that the dogmas, the truths of faith, immutable in their content and scope, constantly and consequently are revealed by the conciliar mind of the Church, and are given precision by the holy Fathers within theological concepts and terms in exactly such measure as is needed by the Church itself for its economy of salvation. The Church, in expounding its dogmas, is dealing with the concerns of a given historical moment, “not revealing everything in haste and thoughtlessly, nor indeed, ultimately hiding something” (Saint Gregory the Theologian).

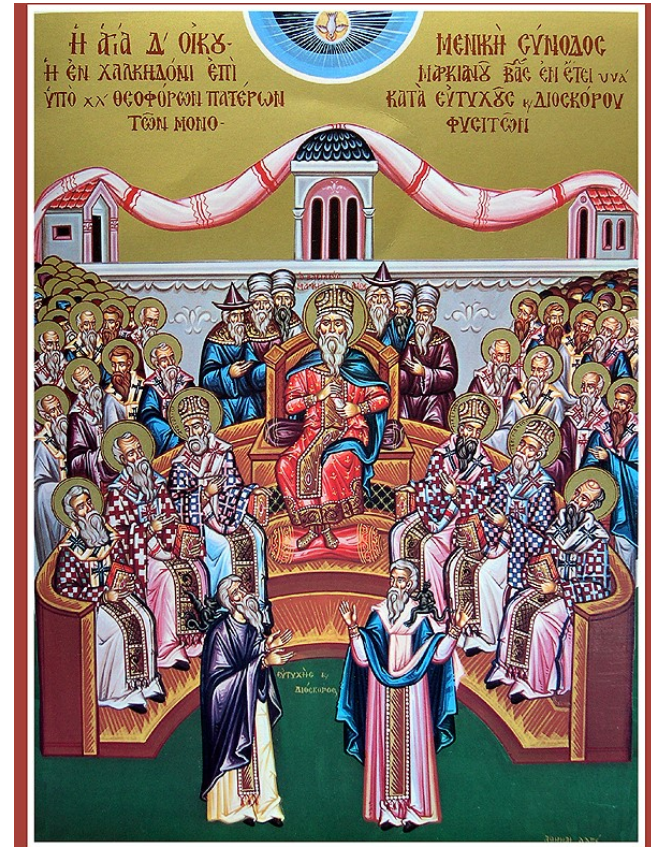
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Sunday, July 19th, 2020

*Fathers of the first six ecumenical councils; Uncovering of the
Relics of St. Seraphim of Sarov
6th Sunday after Pentecost*

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Readings

Epistle Romans 12:6-14; Hebrews 13:7-16
Gospel Matthew 9:1-8; John 17:1-13



Tone 5 Troparion (Resurrection)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead// by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 8 Troparion (Fathers)

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God, Who 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 5 Kontakion (Resurrection)

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man,//and we cry to Thee: O Lord, save us!

Tone 8 Kontakion (Fathers)

The Apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrines have established one Faith for the Church. Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology,//It defines and glorifies the great mystery of piety.

This Week at St. Herman's

Sunday, July 19th - *Fathers of the first six Ecumenical Councils*

- 9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy outdoors
- 6:30 PM - Great Vespers for Elijah the Prophet

Monday, July 20th- *Prophet Elijah*

- 8:00 AM - Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, July 21st- *Prophet Ezekiel*

- 6:30 PM - Daily Vespers

Wednesday, July 22nd- *St. Mary Magdalene*

Fast

- 6:30 AM - Divine Liturgy

Thursday, July 23rd- *Martyr Trophimus in Lycia*

- 6:30 PM - Great Vespers

Friday, July 24th- *Martyrs and Passionbearers Boris and Gleb*

Fast

- 6:30 AM - Divine Liturgy

Saturday, July 25th - *Dormition of St. Anna; Mother of the Theotokos*

- 6:30 PM - Great Vespers & Confessions