

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

One of the most pernicious heresies in the early Church was Arianism. Arius denied the divine nature of Jesus Christ and His equality with God the Father. Arius falsely taught that the Savior is not consubstantial with the Father, but is only a created being.

In the year 325, 318 bishops representing Christian Churches from various lands gathered together at Nicea where the holy deacon Athanasius conclusively refuted the blasphemous opinions of Arius.

In the Nicene Creed, the holy Fathers set forth and confirmed the Apostolic teachings about Christ's divine nature. The heresy of Arius was exposed and repudiated. After resolving this chief dogmatic question, the Council also issued Twelve Canons on questions of churchly administration and discipline and decided the date for the celebration of Holy Pascha.

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Readings

Epistle Acts 20:16-18, 28-36
Gospel John 17:1-13

Tone 6 Troparion (Resurrection)

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body. Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, // glory to Thee.

Tone 4 Troparion (Ascension)

Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, granting joy to Thy Disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing, they were assured that Thou art the Son of God, // the Redeemer of the world!

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 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.

Tone 6 Kontakion

When Thou hadst fulfilled the dispensation for our sake, and united earth to heaven, Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, not being parted from those who love Thee, but remaining with them and crying: // "I am with you, and there is no one against you!"

This Week at St. Herman's

Sunday, June 13th— *Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council*

- 9:30 AM—Divine Liturgy

Thursday, June 17th— *Martyrs Manuel Sabel & Ismael of Persia*

- 6:30 PM—Daily Vespers

Friday, June 18th— *Leavetaking of Ascension*

Wine & Oil

- 6:30 AM—Divine Liturgy

Saturday, June 19th - *Holy Apostle Jude*

Memorial Saturday

- 6:30 PM—Vigil for Pentecost