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Authority of the Council - Authority of the Church

The authority of the Councils is based also on their ecclesiological grounding. A council is not an independent, autonomous body, additional, coming from outside, acting unilaterally. It is not the product of accidental circumstances in history and imposed afterwards. It is closely, or rather organically, related with the very essence of the Church. This body of Christ is a living organism, destined to grow, to face difficulties during this process, to be implanted in other regions of the world needing inculturation and a certain adaptation.

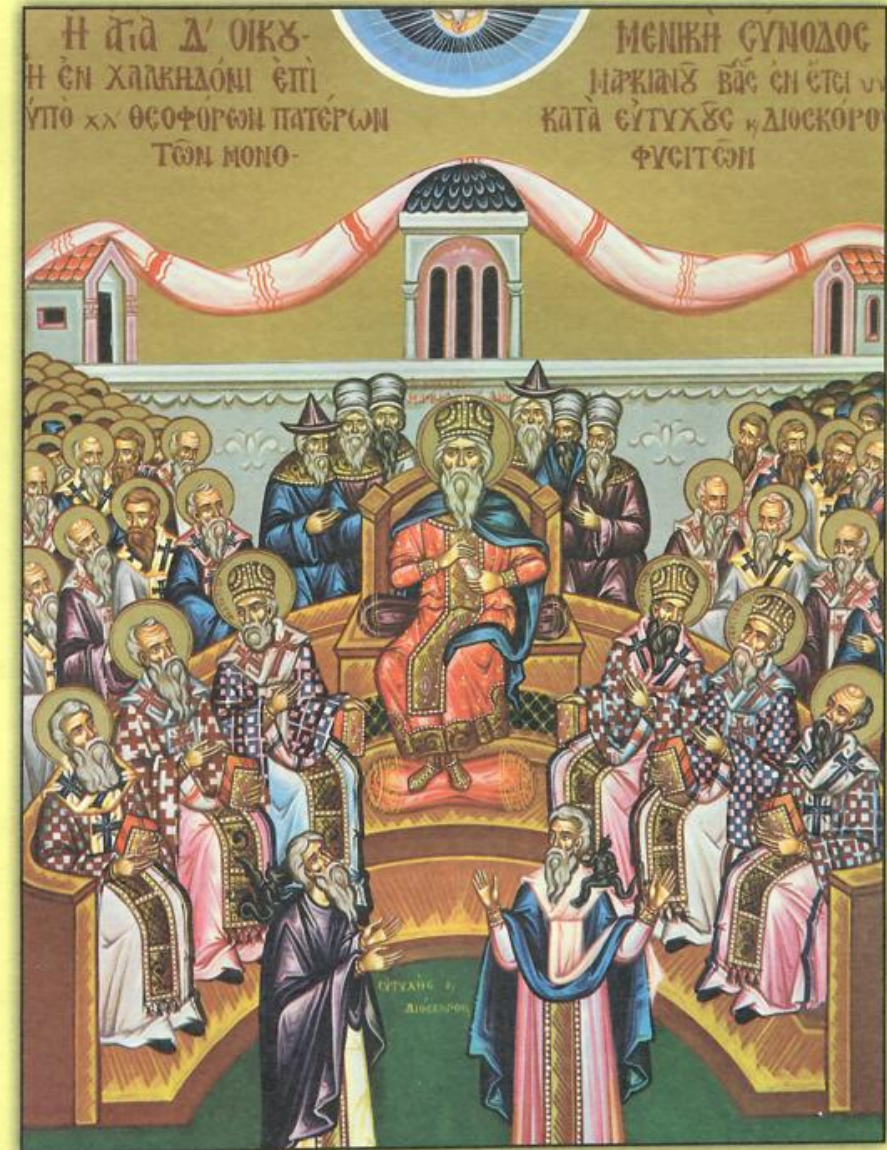
Such embodiment and multifaceted ministry creates problems, tensions, even divisions and in spite of the good will of the local

bishop and pastors, the convocation of as a major assembly is considered as a natural instrument, salutary and indispensable.

The official voice of the catholicity and the koinonia of all the other sister churches, in harmony and guided by the Spirit, would only provide the new assessments, possible remedies and solutions. The functioning of such a council was such that the opinions and requests at issue found expression from the very womb of the Church. Once the decision was made, the people had a part in receiving it and publicizing it (Acts 15:22) as is seen in the first assembly of Jerusalem.

Metropolitan Emilianos

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS



Icon of the Holy Fathers

Bulletin for July 19th & July 26th 2026

Sunday, July 19 th	1 Cor 1:10-18; Mt	Divine Liturgy (S, H), 10 AM
Sunday of the Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Councils	14:14-22 or: Heb 13:7-16; Jn 17:1-13; Tone 7	Joanna Maez, Health & Happiness – by Alicia Wells
Sunday, July 26 th	1 Cor 3:9-17; Mt	Divine Liturgy (S, H), 10 AM
9 th Sunday After Pentecost	14:22-34; Tone 8	
Sunday, August 2 nd	1 Cor 4:9-16; Mt	Divine Liturgy (S, H), 10 AM
10 th Sunday After Pentecost	17:14-23; Tone 1	
Thursday , August 6 th	2 Pet 1:10-19; Mt 17:1-9; Tone 1	Divine Liturgy (S, H), 6 PM
Transfiguration of Our Lord		
Sunday, August 9 th	1 Cor 9:2-12; Mt	Divine Liturgy (S, H), 10 AM
11 th Sunday After Pentecost	18:23-35; Tone 2	
Saturday , August 15 th (O)	Phil 2:5-11, Lk 10:38-42 & 11:27-28 Tone 2	Divine Liturgy (S, H), 10 AM
Dormition of the Theotokos		Holy Day of Obligation

(S) Streamed (O) Obligation (H) Third Hour at 9:30 AM (M) Matins 9:00 AM (V) Vespers

Pray for our Sick & Homebound

Barbara Veres, Bill Torma, Leslie Bohannon, Kathryn Kowalik,
Marianne Oprisko, Malak Bakkal, Sr. Sandy Atha,
Ted Bojczuk, Michael & Brenda Rosko

New to St. John?

Please go to www.stjohnchrysostom.com & click Register.
We will keep you informed of events in the life of the parish.

Welcome to our Guests and Visitors!

A warm welcome to our guests and visitors. Please join us for fellowship and refreshments in the social hall after Divine Liturgy today

A Feast Day RECIPE from ByziMom.com
for July 20

The Prophet **Elijah's** Miracle Bread



God tells the Prophet Elijah to inform King Ahab that the people of Judah would be punished for their worship of a nature god known as Baal by enduring a severe drought for many years. This makes Ahab so angry that Elijah must flee for his life! God tells Elijah to run to the east of the Jordan River, near the brook known as Chorath where God would take care of him by sending ravens to bring him food while he is in hiding for several years. Eventually, the brook begins to dry up and God tells Elijah to go into the town of Zerepath in Phoenecia where he will find a widow who will give him something to eat.

When he finds the old woman she tells him sadly that she is about to make bread from the last of her

provisions for her and her son. After this, they will have no more food because of the drought, but he is welcome to share their last meal with them. Elijah promises her that because she has offered to do this kindness for him, she will not run out of flour or oil until the drought is over and Lord sends the rain down again over the earth.

So, she makes the bread and they all eat it, and are amazed to find that there is more flour and oil leftover!

You can make these drop biscuits with flour and oil just like the widow of Zerepath and feed all of your friends and family. The recipe makes about 12 biscuits.

Ingredients

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 Tablespoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup milk

Preparation

1. Preheat your oven to 425 degrees.
2. In a large mixing bowl, combine the flour, baking powder and salt.
3. In a separate bowl or container, combine the wet ingredients (the oil and milk).
4. Add the wet ingredients to your dry ingredients and stir just enough to combine.
5. Drop by large scoopfuls onto a parchment-lined baking sheet.
6. Bake at 425 degrees for 12-15 minutes until they are golden brown.
7. Makes about 8-10 biscuits

St. Bonaventure on the Holy Family’s Poverty

“When the hour of her delivery had arrived, on Sunday at midnight, the Virgin, rising from her seat, rested herself against a pillar which was there; Joseph sat, perhaps grieving that it was not in his power to provide what was fitting for such time. Then he arose and took some hay out of the manger and laid it at the feet of the Virgin, and thereupon withdrew himself to another part. Then the Son of the Eternal God was born, without pain or hurt to His mother, having passed from her in an instant to the bed of hay, prepared for Him at her feet. His mother quickly stooped down and took Him into her arms, and sweetly embracing Him, laid Him on her lap then, through the suggestion of the Holy Spirit, she began to wash and bathe Him, and her breasts were distended through the blessing of heaven after this, she perhaps wrapt Him in her veil, and placed Him in the manger. And now the ox and ass, with bended knees, and with their heads placed over the manger, breathed upon Him, as if they were gifted with reason, and knew that their warm breath would be of service to an infant so slightly protected from the severity of the season. But His mother, kneeling down, adored, and gave thanks to God, saying, "I thank thee, Lord, Holy Father, for that Thou hast given to me Thy Son, and adore Thee, Eternal God, and Thee the Son of the Living God, and mine."

And Joseph likewise adored Him and taking the ass's saddle, he drew, we may imagine, away from it the pillion of wool or leather, and placed it by the manger, that the Virgin might sit upon it. But she, seating herself there, used it for support and so remained that mother, who is blessed above all, gazing on the manger, having as it were no thought or love for any but for her dearest Son. Thus far we have been following the account of this revelation. After the Blessed Virgin departed, an angel is said to have lingered behind, in order to speak words in her praise, which could neither understand nor repeat.

You have seen, then, the birth "of the Highest," you have also contemplated the delivery of the blessed mother, and you must have observed how conspicuous in both was their extreme poverty how even necessities were wanting to them. This exalted virtue the Lord first brought into prominence. This is that pearl in the Gospel, to purchase which all was sold. This is the first foundation of the whole spiritual house; for with a load of temporal goods, the spirit cannot ascend up to God. Of this St. Francis said, “Learn, brethren, that poverty is the spiritual way of salvation the nourishment of lowliness, and the root of perfection, the fruit of which is manifold yet hidden. Therefore, it is great shame to us that we do not embrace it with all our strength, but instead thereof we burden ourselves with unnecessary things, when the Lord of the whole world and His mother most strictly and most studiously observed it.”

-from *The Life of Christ* by St. Bonaventure

Events Calendar

Sat 08/15	Dormition of the Theotokos – Divine Liturgy 10 AM Holy Day of Obligation
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Beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen

Archbishop Fulton Sheen was one of the greatest missionary voices in America in the 20th century. He was called “a loyal son of the church” by Pope John Paul II and declared Venerable by Pope Benedict XVI.

He was born in 1895 in El Paso, Illinois and ordained in 1919 as a priest in the Diocese of Peoria, Illinois. He taught Theology and Philosophy at Catholic University of America in Washington DC and was made auxiliary bishop of New York in 1951. He taught millions of Americans about the Catholic faith through his *Catholic Hour* radio program (1930-1950) and *Life is Worth Living* television program (1952-1957). Many of his talks can still be found for free online.

The beatification ceremony will occur on Thursday, Sept 24, 2026 in St. Louis, Missouri. You can find information about how to attend or participate here: <https://www.celebratesheen.com/>.

Scriptural Inspiration for the Week

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”
Matthew 6:19-21

Sunday Collection
July 5th: \$3,590; July 12th: \$3,507
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A Moment with the Catechism – The Holy Mysteries

Christian Funeral

511 Christians view death in the light of Christ’s victory over Death in his Resurrection. This is expressed in a special way when the funeral of a Christian occurs during the Paschal season and the troparion of Pascha is sung over the deceased: “Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life.” The joy of Christ’s Resurrection is the divine answer to the sorrow of a person’s death.

512 A Christian funeral is always filled with hope for the person’s resurrection in the flesh. This is why the body of the deceased is censed, sprinkled with holy water, and otherwise shown reverence; and it is why it is carried solemnly to the church and cemetery. Those participating in the funeral procession accompany the deceased with their joint prayers to the place of burial. The hope of Christians for eternal life is expressed in the singing “Everlasting memory” which refers to God’s “remembrance” of the person. To be embraced by that memory is to remain in eternal life.

513 In keeping with the words of Scripture: “You are dust, and to dust you shall return” (Gn 3:19), the body of the deceased is returned to the earth. According to a widespread Ukrainian custom, the body rests in the ground with the head facing the east, where the sun rises. It thus awaits the coming of Christ, the “Sun of Righteousness.” Over the grave is placed a cross. This is a sign of the beginning of the victory over death, won by Christ’s death on the cross.

514 There are four distinct Rites of Burial: for priests, monastics, laypersons, and children. The rite for priests is used for bishops as well as priests; the rite for laypersons is served for all those baptized and chrismated, including deacons; and the rite for children is celebrated for children up to the age of seven.

515 The funeral rite for a priest includes numerous readings from Scripture. These and the profound verses about the sense of human life are a sort of spiritual testament, a final homily of the deceased pastor addressed to the living....

517 The texts (stichera) of the funeral rite for laypersons describe the tragedy of death that resulted from the Fall. But the Christian answer to death is heard in the singing of the evangelical Beatitudes. Then, during the final kiss—the Christian parting with the deceased—sorrow is joined to hope. The funeral service concludes with the Panakhyda (brief memorial service) at the cemetery and the sealing of the grave “until the second and glorious coming of Christ.”

518 The funeral for a child offers words of consolation to the parents, and expressions of faith that God has received the child to himself. This rite does not include prayers for the forgiveness of sins. Children of this age are without sin and possess the innocence of Adam prior to his Fall.

Prayers and Devotions

A Prayer for Nuns

Dear Lord,
Our sisters are cherished souls. They are always one with their faithful. What they have, what they receive, they share with those in need. Please remind me to support them when I can. For I know that when I help a nun, I help one who walks in Mary’s image and bring the words of Her Son – love, kindness, and compassion – to His people. Please keep these special women safe. They have sacrificed their lives to serve those in need. The world needs them.
Amen

Evangelization Corner

Evangelization /ĭ-văn’jə-līz- ā’shən”/:
The proclamation of Christ and his Gospel (Greek: *evangelion*) by word and the testimony of life, in fulfillment of Christ’s command.

“You must remember to love people and use things, rather than to love things and use people.”

Venerable Fulton Sheen

Quote of the Week – Of Reading the Holy Scriptures

“Truth, not eloquence, is to be sought for in Holy Scripture. Each part of the Scripture is to be read with the same Spirit wherewith it was written. We should rather search after our soul's profit in the Scriptures than after subtle arguments. We ought to read plain and devout books as willingly as those which are profound. Let not the authority of the writer be a stumbling block, whether he be of great or small learning; but let the love of pure truth draw thee to read. Enquire not who spoke this or that, but mark what is spoken.

Men pass away, but the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. God speaks unto us in sundry ways without respect of persons. Our own curiosity often hinders us in reading the Scriptures, when we examine and discuss that which we should rather pass over without more ado. If thou desire to profit, read with humility and faithfulness: nor ever desire the reputation of learning. Hear with silence the words of holy men. Let not the parables of the Elders displease thee, for they are not given without cause.”

- The Imitation of Christ

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