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July 21, 2024

Commemoration of the First Six Ecumenical Councils. Our Venerable Father Simeon, the Fool for Christ (c. 580), and His Ascetical Companion John (527-65). Prophet Ezekiel.

Schedule of Sunday Services

7.21.2024 — 9-ма Неділя після Зіслання Святого Духа

9:30 а.m. - Вервиця і сповідь 10:00 а.m. - Служба Божа

7.28.2024 – 10-та Неділя після Зіслання Святого Духа

9:30 a.m. - Вервиця і сповідь 10:00 a.m. - Служба Божа

7.21.2024 – Commemoration of the First Six Ecumenical Councils.

9:30 a.m. - Rosary & confession 10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

7.28.2024 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost.

9:30 a.m. – Rosary & confession 10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

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Prayer list of the sick or aged parishioners & friends of the parish



Olga Wasylowsky, Teodozia Shyika Lucyk, Stephanie Babij, Charlotte Scheuer, Georgia Sosnowski, Myroslava Iwachiw, Irene Karpinec, and young Samuel Rocha.

Remember those who have suffered or died due to Covid 19. Please pray for those who have been killed, injured or displaced due to war in Ukraine.

If you know of someone who should be on this list, please let me know the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and aged is truly helpful and comforting.

Father Volodymyr would like to visit our sick and elderly parishioners, especially those who cannot be with us for liturgies. Please call him at 773-979-4737 to let him know who would like a visit. О. Володимир бажає відвідати хворих та старших парафіян, які не можуть приходити до церкви. Просимо повідомити його за номером 773-979-4737.

Парафіяльні Оголошення

- 1. Ласкаво запрошуємо всіх відвідувачів загостити до нас на каву, канапки і солодке у церковному залі після Святої Літургії.
- 2. Ми закликаємо всіх наших парафіян молитися за мир у світі, особливо про закінчення війни та мир в Україні.

Parish Announcements

- 1. A warm welcome to all our visitors today. We invite you to join us for coffee, sandwiches and sweets following our Liturgy.
- 2. Please pray to God for peace in the world, especially for the end of the war and peace in Ukraine.



Don't take a vacation from worshipping God!



Sunday Collections for Sunday, July 14, 2024:

Envelopes: \$420.00 Loose Cash & Checks: \$173.00

Candles: \$76.00 Peter's Pence: \$5.00 Total: \$674.00

Please mail your donations to: St. Josaphat, 8624 White Oak Ave, Munster IN 46321. THANK YOU!



Who is Venerable Father Simeon the Fool?

The Monks Simeon, Fool-for-Christ, and his Fellow-Ascetic John were Syrians living in the sixth century at the city of Edessa. Friends from childhood, the eldest, Simeon, was unmarried living with his aged mother. John lived with his father (his mother was dead) and his young wife. Both were from wealthy families. When Simeon was thirty years old, and John twenty-four, they made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Venerable and Life-Creating Cross of the Lord. On the journey home the friends spoke of the soul's path to salvation. Passing through Jordan, they saw monasteries on the edge of the desert and were filled with an irrepressible desire to leave the world and spend their remaining life in monastic struggles.

In a short while they received the monastic tonsure. After a while, Simeon desired to go into the desert to pursue asceticism in complete solitude, and he was joined by John In the desert, they experienced the strong assaults of the devil. They spent their time in unceasing prayer and strict fasting, encouraging one another in their struggle against temptation. After a while, with God's help, the temptations stopped. Simeon and John lived in the desert for twenty-nine years, and they attained complete dispassion (apathia) and a high degree of spirituality. Saint Simeon, through the inspiration of God, considered that now it was proper for him to serve people and journeyed to Jerusalem, and there he venerated the Tomb of the Lord and all the holy places. He then chose to be a fool for Christ. At the city of Emesa, he passed himself off as a simpleton, behaving strangely, for which he was subjected to insults, abuse and beatings. In spite of this, he accomplished many good deeds. He cast out demons, healed the sick, delivered people from immanent death, brought the unbelieving to faith, and sinners to repentance. For three days before his death Saint Simeon ceased to appear on the streets, and he enclosed himself in his hut, where there was nothing except for bundles of firewood. Having remained in unceasing prayer for three days, Saint Simeon fell asleep in the Lord. Some of the city poor, his companions, had not seen the fool for some time. They went to his hut and found him dead. Taking up the dead body, they carried him without church singing to a place where the homeless and strangers were buried. While they carried the body of Saint Simeon, several of the inhabitants heard a wondrous church singing, but could not understand from whence it came. After Saint Simeon died, Saint John also fell asleep in the Lord. Shortly before his death, Saint Simeon saw a vision of his spiritual brother wearing a crown upon his head with the inscription: "For endurance in the desert."

Homily of St. John Chrysostom on Matthew 14

For together with the storm, the sight too troubled them, no less than the storm. Therefore neither did He remove the darkness, nor straightway make Himself manifest, training them, as I said, by the continuance of these fears, and instructing them to be ready to endure.

For since one cannot be tempted both for a long time and severely; when the righteous are on the point of coming to an end of their conflicts, He, willing them to gain the more, enhances their struggles. Which He did in the case of Abraham too, appointing for his last conflict that about his child. For thus even things intolerable will be tolerable, when they are so brought upon us, as

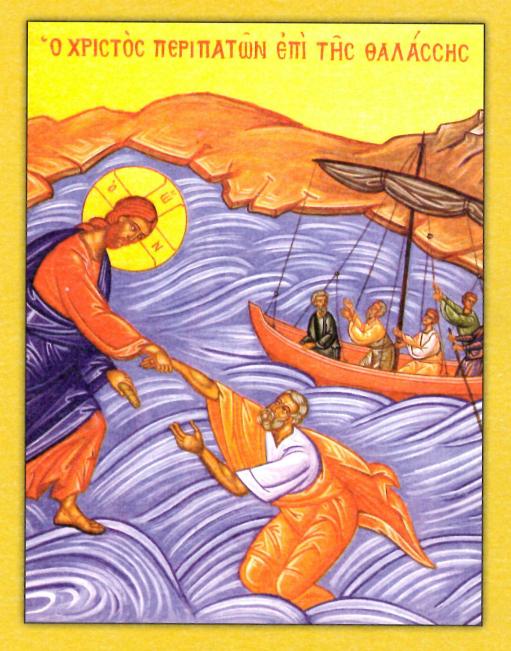
to have their removal near, at the very doors.

So did Christ at that time also, and did not discover Himself before they cried out. For the more intense their alarm, the more did they welcome His coming. Afterward when they had exclaimed, it is said,

"Straightway Jesus spoke unto them, saying, Be of good cheer, it is I; be not afraid."

This word removed their fear, and caused them to take confidence. For as they knew Him not by sight, because of His marvellous kind of motion, and because of the time, He makes Himself manifest by His voice.

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Jesus walking on water (Matthew 14:22-34)