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#### TONE 3

#### JULY 14, 2019

#### **EOTHINON 4**

## SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE FOURTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

APOSTLE AQUILA OF THE SEVENTY JOSEPH THE CONFESSOR, ARCHBISHOP OF THESSALONICA • PETER, BISHOP OF CRETE VENERABLE ONESIMOS OF MAGNESIA AND NICODEMUS OF THE HOLY MOUNTAIN

On this Sunday, we commemorate the 630 holy and God-bearing Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council, which convened in Chalcedon in 451.

The Holy Fathers were, once again, concerned with the nature of Jesus Christ, as they sought to guard the Apostolic Faith from confusion that would violate the Scriptures and void the mechanism of our salvation.

The false teaching arose that Christ's human nature dissolved itself in His divine nature: like a cube of sugar in a parcel of water. The Fourth Ecumenical Council condemned the heresies of *both* Eutyches and Nestorius (depicted in the icon as being tried by the seated Fathers) and proclaimed that Christ is <u>one</u> <u>person</u> and that he has <u>two natures</u>, the divine and the human, as previous Councils maintained. The Fathers declared that the divine and human natures are united in Jesus Christ in a manner beyond human comprehension but that this union must be "without change, without confusion, without mixture and without separation" for salvation to 'work,' according to the Gospel.



# LITURGY VARIATIONS

#### 3<sup>RD</sup> ANTIPHON (TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION, TONE 3)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

#### **APOLYTIKIA AFTER THE ENTRANCE**

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**Confession:** 

Let the heavens rejoice ....

#### **Schedule of Regular Weekly Services**

Sundays: Matins, 8:50 AM Divine Liturgy, 10 AM

Wednesdays: Vespers, 6:30 PM

Saturdays: Great Vespers, 5 PM

See Calendar for Feast Days and Other Weekday Services Scheduled

## **Order for Holy Communion**

Members of the Orthodox Church age seven and above must prepare for Holy Communion with a recent confession, prayer, fasting from all food and drink from midnight (unless medical condition preclude it), being in church *before* the Epistle and Gospel readings, and being at peace with everyone.

As there are **NO CHURCH SCHOOL** classes today, children should sit with their parents and come to Communion with them. An usher will dismiss your row from the center aisle. Then return to your place by a side aisle for the prayers of thanksgiving and the final blessing and dismissal. Please let choir members pass when they come down for Communion. After Saturday Vespers During Sunday Matins Or by Appointment



A Warm Welcome to Our Guests

We are glad you are worshipping with us. Please note that participation in **Holy Communion is limited to members of the Orthodox Church** in good standing, who have prepared with prayer, fasting and confession.

For all others: though we cannot share Communion with you—since it is an expression of membership and full unity in faith—you are welcome to come forward after the dismissal, receive a blessing and partake of the blessed bread (from the large bowls). Please also sign our guest book, and introduce yourself to Fr. Nabil during the coffee hour. You may inquire with him how you can become a member.

#### **Troparion for the Holy Fathers (Tone 8)**

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith. O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

# Troparion for St. George (Byzantine Tone 4)Liberator of captives, Defender of the poor,<br/>the Physician of the sick and the Champion<br/>of kings, O Trophy-bearer, Great-martyrGeorge, intercede with Christ our God that<br/>our souls be saved.

# Kontakion of the Theotokos (Tone 2)

O undisputed intercessor of Christians, the Mediatrix who is unrejected by the Creator. Turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sinners. Come to us with aid in time, who cry unto thee in faith, for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos, who dost ever intercede for those who honor thee.

#### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

#### Prokeimenon (Tone 8; Psalm 31.11, 1 LXX)

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous. *Verse:* Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven!

#### Reading from St. Paul's Epistle to Titus (3.8-15; Holy Fathers)

TITUS, MY SON, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned.

When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful.

All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith.

Grace be with you all. Amen.

#### Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (5.14-19; Holy Fathers)

THE LORD SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father Who is in heaven.

Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to

abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

#### HOLY OBLATIONS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

- By George F. Freije, Brent and Elaine Eckhart, and William, Audrie and Marlowe Eckhart, for the health of cousins Mary Ann Bischoff, Phyllis Cooper and Kathleen Dean, and in memory of parents Ann (4 years) and Fred M. (31) Freije, William (10) and Charlene (3) Eckhart, great-neice Georgia FitzSimons (4), uncle John Kafoure (8), and grandparents George (68) and Agia (49) Freije and Frank (33) and Julia (29) Kafoure.
- By David George, for the health of his mother, Ruth George, on her 104<sup>th</sup> birthday, and for the repose of Robert Maria.
- By Carol and Elizabeth Gavriel, for the health of Ruth George on her 104<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- By Steven and Susanne Baranyk, for the health of David Chobany, Dr. Bassem Razzouk and Fr. Athanasius Wilson.

Please also see our current parish prayer list—those who are struggling with acute illness and those newly departed this *life—on the* back page of this bulletin. and include them in your daily prayers at home.

Do you pray with Faith? You're heard! Do you repent with Faith? You're granted mercy! Do you confess with Faith? You're forgiven! Are you patient with Faith? You're sanctified!

# Please Join Us for Fellowship after the Liturgy

Following the dismissal and verbal announcements, come forward for a blessing, then exit via the north (left side) doors, and join us in the fellowship hall for refreshments. The ushers will hand you the announcements bulletin as you exit.

# DOOR OPENING OF OUR DAUGHTER MISSION IN EVANSVILLE

#### ST. ANANIAS ORTHODOX MISSION 3407 BELLEMEADE AVENUE • EVANSVILLE, INDIANA 47714

https://www.stananiasorthodox.org/

You are cordially invited to share in the official Door Opening of Saint Ananias Orthodox Mission, Saturday, August 24, at 1PM CDT with His Grace Bishop ANTHONY of Toledo and the Midwest. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

For those able to spend the entire weekend with us, His Grace will also preside over a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy Sunday, August 25, at 10AM with Orthros preceding at 9AM. After this a Benefit Luncheon will be held at noon at Acropolis Restaurant, 501 N Green River Road, Evansville, for the Bishop's Chancery in Toledo.

We have pre-purchased rooms at the new Double Tree by Hilton, 601 Walnut Street, Evansville, at \$124.00 per night for Friday and/or Saturday night (includes parking and breakfast), some with a king size bed, others with two double beds.

Don't call the hotel directly; please book through St. Ananias by Wednesday, July 24: email to <u>stananiasorthodox@live.com</u>, and then send a check made out to "St. Ananias Orthodox Church" for \$124.00 per night to St. Ananias Church, 3407 Bellemeade Ave., Evansville, IN 47714. Please

specify which night or nights it is for. We will handle it from there.

Fr. Daniel Hackney





#### WORDS OF WISDOM

Fr. Sophrony urged us: 'Do not come to the service without warming your hearts with prayer. Before coming to the service, pray for at least ten minutes. Come ready to stand in the presence of God, for the invocation of the Name! Those of you who have the strength, do it for one or two hours, but you should do it for at least ten minutes. Do not neglect it, otherwise you will dry up!'

The Hidden Man of the Heart, by Archimandrite Zacharias of Essex



We choose our joys and sorrows Long before we experience them.

Kahlil Gibran

Do not be ashamed to enter the church. Be ashamed when you sin but not when you repent.

St. John Chrysostom

If your entire life has passed smoothly and without cares, then weep for yourself. For the Gospel and human experience assert with one accord that, without great pain and suffering, no one has left behind any great or beneficial work on earth or been glorified in the heavens. If, however, your earthly sojourn has been completely bathed with sweat and tears—to attain justice and truth—rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for your reward will be truly great in the heavens.

Never succumb to the insane thought that God has abandoned you. God knows exactly how much each one can endure and measures the sufferings and pains of each accordingly. St. Nilus of Sora says: "When even men know how much weight a horse can carry, how much a donkey, and how much a camel, and thus load them according to their strength; and when a potter knows how long to leave the clay in the kiln, so that it will neither be shattered nor over-baked—how could God not know how much temptation a soul can bear to make it ready and fit for the Kingdom of Heaven?"

From The Prologue from Ochrid, by St. Nikolai Melivirovich

# A TABLE IN THE PRESENCE RETREAT FOR ORTHODOX COMBAT VETERANS

Orthodox Christian combat veterans of OEF and OIF:

The dust remains on your boots and in your rucksacks.

Your fallen brothers remain in your hearts and minds.

Combat is a threshold that cannot be uncrossed.

Your stories are not easy to tell. Who can bear them?

BUT GOD KNOWS THEM ALL. AND HIS LOVE FOR YOU ENDURES FOREVER.

Your Orthodox Military Chaplains

and some veteran clergy have planned a retreat.

No cost – just get to us, if you can. We'll take care of the rest.

WE GATHER TO TALK. WE GATHER TO PRAY. TO STAND SHOULDER TO SHOULDER AND TO FACE GOD.

Columbus Day Weekend 2019 at the Antiochian Village

Funding provided by the Order of Saint Ignatius of Antioch To register, contact Barli Ross at barli@antiochianvillage.org

#### PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please include in your daily prayers the following those struggling with acute illness and those newly departed this life—from our parishioners and those for whom they have requested our prayers. (Names are kept for 40 days, the date indicated after the name, and may be renewed upon request.)

#### LIVING

#### Metropolitan Paul and Archbishop John

- Hana Musleh, St. Vincent Hosp. 86<sup>th</sup> St., 7/4 Adam Lickliter, 8/10
- Vasily Chilat, Ludmila Woodward's father, 8/22
- Abdelmasih Dahdah, Norma Nahas' father, 8/18
- Najah Moamar, aunt of Oussama, Samer and Amer Nahas, 8/20
- Ioana Florea, Madalina's mother, 8/19
- Charles Watkins, 8/13
- Michelle Yeager, Paula Najjar's daughter, 8/10
- Alice Capshaw, Chris' mother, 8/10
- Brandon, fiancé of Fr. Nabil's niece, 7/31
- All those suffering from illness, violence or want throughout the world

#### DEPARTED

Joseph Malola, 8/16 Argyro Lillian Sturgis, Kh. Elaine's aunt, 8/16 Eric, friend of Riyad Banourah, 8/9 Robert Maria, cousin of Ruth George, 8/8

The victims of violence throughout the world

# ST. GEORGE PARISH CALENDAR

**July 2019** 

Sun. 14	<ul> <li>Matins, 8:50 am</li> <li>Choir practice, 9 am</li> <li>Divine Liturgy, 10 am</li> <li>Parish Dinner in honor of Ruth George's 104<sup>th</sup> birthday</li> </ul>		
Tue. 16	Parish Council, 7 pm		
Wed. 17	Vespers, 6:30 pm		
Thu. 18	<ul> <li>Men's Fellowship Prayer breakfast, 6:30 am at Sunrise Café</li> <li>St. George Day at Chick-Fil-A, Carmel/Westfield and Noblesville</li> </ul>		
Sat. 20	<ul> <li>Church School Celebration: Duckpin Bowling and Pizza Party, 11 am at 1105 Prospect St., Indianapolis</li> <li>Great Vespers, 5 pm</li> <li>Confessions heard</li> <li>Parish Family Movie Night</li> </ul>		
Sun. 21	Matins, 8:50 am Choir practice, 9 am Divine Liturgy, 10 am • Charity Ministry team meeting		
Mon. 22 – Sun. 28	Archdiocese Convention, Grand Rapids, Michigan		
Wed. 24	Vespers, 6:30 pm		
Thu. 25	Men's Fellowship Prayer breakfast, 6:30 am at Sunrise Café		
Sat. 27	Great Vespers, 5 pm		
Sun. 28	Matins, 8:50 am Choir practice, 9 am Divine Liturgy, 10 am		