

ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Weekly Bulletin for Week of July 17-23, 2017

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

EPISTLE: Brethren: Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. (*Romans 12:6-14*)

Brethren: Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them.

We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. (*Hebrews 13:7-16, Holy Fathers*)

GOSPEL: At that time: Jesus got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you." And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!" But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'?"

"But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" – then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." And he arose and departed to his house. Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men. (*Matthew 9:1-8*)

At that time: Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

TODAY: 6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 5. Fathers of the 1st Six Ecumenical Councils. Hieromartyr Athenogenes, Bishop of Heracleopolis, and his ten disciples. Martyrs Paul and two sisters, Chionia (Thea) and Alevtina (Valentina), at Caesarea in Palestine. Martyr Antiochus, Physician, of Sebaste. Virgin Martyr Julia of Carthage.

Hours: Bitsko

Greeters: Demko/Osburn

Epistle: Brooks

Coffee: Morozova

Post-Communion: Jarlson

THURSDAY, July 20: Eritrean Service, 8:00 AM; Coffee Chat, 10:00 AM

SATURDAY, July 22: Great Vespers, 5:00 PM; CONFESSIONS

SUNDAY, July 23: Divine Liturgy, 9:00 AM; 7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 6. Martyrs Trophimus, Theophilus, and 13 others in Lycia. Hieromartyr Apollinaris, Bishop of Ravenna. Commemoration of the Miraculous Appearance of the POCHAEV Icon of the Mother of God, which saved the Monastery from the assault of the Tatars and Turks. Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos, "THE JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW" (with coins) in St. Petersburg.

Hours: Brooks

Greeters: McAuley/Murphy

Epistle: Halliday

Coffee: Teberh & Azieb

Post-Communion: W. Demko

YOUTH SWIM PARTY, Dresko Residence

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have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.

"Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them.

"Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves." (*John 17:1-13, Holy Fathers*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAREWELL

We are sad to note that *Joe and Caryn Wheeler* will be leaving us this week. They will be moving to the Pacific Northwest to live near their son's family. They have been an integral part of our parish life since their entrance into the Church more than six years ago. May God bless them with Many Years!

SWIM PARTY

The annual **Youth Swim Party** will be held next Sunday, July 23, at the Dresko residence. All young people (you can decide if you qualify!) are welcome — please let Father John or Matushka Liz know if you are coming so we can plan for food.

SUMMERTIME BLUES

We need volunteers to help with cleaning up the church after liturgy on Sundays. If you can offer 15-20 minutes, just stay. Our cleaning angels will help direct you.

We also need volunteers for greeting at the doors of the church. This is a vital job, ensuring a little bit of order during divine worship. It also is a great way to meet and get to know others in our parish. If we get enough volunteers, you would only be scheduled every 5-6 weeks. Father John will be having a little orientation meeting with all greeters in August, date to be announced.

Our Coffee Hour sign-up list has some vacancies in August. The new sign-up list for next Church Year (beginning September 1) is also on the bulletin board in the hall. Please volunteer for hosting one of our fellowship hours. It does not

have to be extravagant - bagels and coffee are adequate.

CHURCH SCHOOL

Father John and Amy are planning for the 2017-2018 church school year. Due to the changes in our parish with a number of teachers moving away, **we have a very clear need for teachers** - both "firsts" and "seconds." If you can help, please see Amy or Father John.

REMEMBER, O LORD...those in need of prayer

Archpriest Paul (Lazor)	Michael (Geralt)
Archpriest John (Bruchok)	Alla (Jascolt)
Matushka Mary (Perez)	Robert (Kuhn)
Michelle (Chong)	Stacy (Kim)
Laura (Draskovic)	Kathryn (Kessler)
Anita (Maresca)	Micah (Demko)
Sophie & Natasha (Zonitch)	Ann (Prochko)
Marteen (Moore)	Monique (Miller)
Christine (Sechrist)	John (Edwards)
David (Poe)	Infant Zoe (Osburn)
Peter (Jolevski)	

The newly-departed Protodeacon Gregory

HOLY FATHERS OF THE FIRST SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS

The fact that the Seventh Ecumenical Council (Nicaea II) is not commemorated today testifies to the antiquity of today's celebration. The Seventh Council, commemorated on the Sunday nearest to October 11, was convened at Nicaea in the year 787 against the Iconoclast heresy, under the emperor Constantine and his mother Irene.

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 Orthodox Church's conciliar definitions of dogma have the highest authority, and such definitions always begin with the Apostolic formula: "It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us..." (Acts 15: 28). (oca.org)

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

July 17: 1 Corinthians 5:9-6:11	Matthew 13:54-58
July 18: 1 Corinthians 6:20-7:12	Matthew 14:1-13
July 19: 1 Corinthians 7:12-24	Matthew 14:35-15:11
July 20: 1 Corinthians 7:24-35	Matthew 15:12-21
July 21: 1 Corinthians 7:35-8:7	Matthew 15:29-31
July 22: Romans 12:1-3	Matthew 10:37-11:1

STEWARDSHIP 2017

Stewardship 7/9:	\$ 4,190.66
Total Income 7/9:	\$ 4,567.66
Weekly income needed:	\$ 4,995.27
2017 INC GOAL (29 wks):	\$ 144,862.83
2017 INC ACTUAL:	\$ 171,342.69
Percentage of Budgeted Income:	118.3%