



ALL SAINTS OF AMERICA

Orthodox Church
in America

orthodoxalexandria.org

3130 Franconia Rd
Alexandria, VA 22310

Father Alessandro
Margheritino
(703) 828-5068
fatheralessandro@gmail.com

Welcome to our parish!

Thank you for choosing to worship with us on the Lord's Day. We are grateful for your prayers and participation!

Please join us for coffee hour after the service. Our priest, Father Alessandro, would love to greet and welcome you.

Holy Eucharist requires full communion of faith, so if you are not an Orthodox Christian, please do not approach the Chalice. If you are an Orthodox Christian, please note that communion must be preceded by fasting, recent Confession, and reconciliation with all people.

JULY 16, 2023

6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Tone 5

Fathers of the 1st Six Ecumenical
Councils

Hieromartyr Athenogenes, Bishop of
Heracleopolis

HOLY FATHERS OF THE FIRST SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS

The Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils. In the Ninth Article of the Nicea-Constantinople Symbol of Faith proclaimed by the holy Fathers of the First and Second Ecumenical Councils, we confess our faith in “One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.” By virtue of the catholic nature of the Church, an Ecumenical Council is the Church’s supreme authority, and possesses the competence to resolve major questions of church life. An Ecumenical Council is comprised of archpastors and pastors of the Church, and representatives of all the local Churches, from every land of the “oikumene” (i.e. from all the whole inhabited world).

The Orthodox Church acknowledges Seven Holy Ecumenical Councils:

The First Ecumenical Council (Nicea I) (May 29, and also on seventh Sunday after Pascha) was convened in the year 325 against the heresy of Arius, in the city of Nicea in Bithynia under Saint Constantine the Great, Equal of the Apostles.

The Second Ecumenical Council (Constantinople I) (May 22) was convened in the year 381 against the heresy of Macedonias, by the emperor Theodosius the Great.

The Third Ecumenical Council (Ephesus) (September 9) was convened in the year 431 against the heresy of Nestorius, in the city of Ephesus by the emperor Theodosius the Younger.

The Fourth Ecumenical Council (Chalcedon) (July 16) was convened in the year 451, against the Monophysite heresy, in the city of Chalcedon under the emperor Marcian.

The Fifth Ecumenical Council (Constantinople II) (July 25) “Concerning the Three Chapters,” was convened in the year 553, under the emperor Justinian the Great.

The Sixth Ecumenical Council (Constantinople III) (January 23) met during the years 680-681, to fight the Monothelite heresy, under the emperor Constantine Pogonatos.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

REQUESTING PRAYERS: Archpriest Daniel, Priest Silouan, Dovie, Daniel, Brian, Bobbi, Yuri

NEWBORN: Felix Bomadevar

NAMEDAYS: Elizabeth Woodill, Mazie Elizabeth Rusinko, Ezekiel Shoffner

DEPARTED: Bernard, Barbara

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FR. ALESSANDRO'S SCHEDULE: Please note that Fr. Alessandro will be away starting July 24 and for the first two weeks of August. We are grateful to Fr. Joseph Woodill who will be serving in his place. For any emergency, Fr. Alessandro will be available via email and phone.

CONFESSION: If you plan to come to Confession before the Dormition fast, please reach out to Fr. A. as soon as possible and schedule a time for next week.

Based on a couple of questions received, Fr. Alessandro wants to clarify that we all should go to one confessor, and that confessor—unless there are specific reasons with the blessing of the rector—should be the parish priest. Please speak to Fr. Alessandro if you have any questions.

CHOIR REHEARSALS: Choirs members, please note the dates of the choir rehearsals over the next few months: August 12, September 16, and October 14.

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

July 16, Sun 9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
July 22, Sat 5:00 PM	Great Vespers
July 23, Sun 9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy

MINISTRY ROTATIONS

Coffee Hour - Mikhalevsky

Reader – Weaver

Assisting the Treasurer – Childs & Class

Fr. Alessandro is available for Confession on Saturday after Vespers or by appointment