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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.

OCTOBER 6, 2024

16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TONE 6

Glorification of St. Innocent, Apostle
to the Americas

Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas

Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical
Council

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

Today the Church remembers the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council under the holy Patriarch Tarasius (February 25).

The Synod of 787, the second to meet at Nicea, refuted the Iconoclast heresy during the reign of Empress Irene and her son Constantine VI.

The Council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype (the person depicted). It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because “no man has seen God at any time” (John 1:18).

In Greek practice, the holy God-bearing Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council are commemorated on October 11 (if it is a Sunday), or on the Sunday which follows October 11. According to the Slavic menaion, however, if the eleventh falls on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, the service is moved to the preceding Sunday.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

REQUESTING PRAYERS: Archpriest Matthew, Matushka Cindy, the McCarthy family, Jerry, Davide

DEPARTED: Tatiana

CATECHUMEN: Brooke, Sarah, Levi

MISSIONARIES: The Brandow family serving in Guatemala

BIRTHDAYS: Elizabeth (Libby) Garber

ANNIVERSARIES: Andy & Christine Garber

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH MUSICIANS SUNDAY: The Holy Synod of Bishop has designated today, October 6, as Church Musicians Sunday. Today we honor all those who serve in musical ministries: choir directors, singers, chanters, readers, composers, arrangers, bell-ringers, hymnologists, translators, and hymnographers!

PARISH FALL NIGHT: Come and join us for fellowship and food after Vespers on Saturday, October 12. Please bring food and/or drinks if you want, and enjoy a relaxed fall evening with your fellow parishioners. A SighUp has been shared via email.

YOUTH CHOIR: The Archdiocesan Choir is inviting singers between the ages of 8 and 16 to join us for our concert on November 9. The youth choir will join the Archdiocesan Choir for our finale, *The Angel Cried*, and a second song, *Oh How Sweet is Thy Voice*. Alice Hughes will be teaching both during Sunday school in the coming weeks. If you are interested in having your singer participate in the concert, they will need to be available for the concert (November 10 at Ss. Peter and Paul in Potomac), the dress rehearsal (November 2 from 12:30-1:30 at Ss. Peter and Paul in Potomac) and the youth rehearsal (October 26 from 9:15-10:15 at St. Mark.) They will be able to officially sign up in October. Reach out to Alice or Juliana with any questions.

WOMEN'S GROUP: The women of the parish are cordially invited to join together at the home of Marijanna Barr on October 20 at 5 PM. Weather permitting, we will gather around her fire pit for fellowship and a meal. Please bring a food item to share and your favorite fall beverage.

Address: 9210 Setter Place, Springfield VA 22153. RSVP to Marijana or Lisa by Friday, October 18.

ADULT EDUCATION: Adult Education takes place on Wednesday night at 7:00p via Zoom. We are reading and discussing St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans. All parishioners are welcome. If you want to invite other guests, please let Fr. Alessandro know ahead of time. The Zoom link is provided via email.

PARISH RETREAT: On Saturday afternoon, December 7, our parish will host a retreat with Dr. Sarah Byrne-Martelli, author of "Memory Eternal: Living with Grief as Orthodox Christians." The retreat is open to everyone and more information will be shared as we get closer. You can find out more about Sarah at byrnemartelli.com. Please mark your calendar!

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

Oct 6, Sun 8:45 AM 9:30 AM	Church School Divine Liturgy
Oct 9, Wed 7:00 PM	Adult Education
Oct 11, Sat 5:00 PM	Great Vespers
Oct 12, Sun 8:45 AM 9:30 AM	Church School Divine Liturgy

MINISTRY ROTATIONS

	Oct 6	Oct 12
<i>Coffee Hour:</i>	Garber	Class
<i>Reader:</i>	Easton	Mykyta
<i>Cleaning:</i>	Garber	Class
<i>Communion Cloth:</i>	Easton&Terezi	Class&Schmitt

Priest available for Confession after Vespers or by appointment