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News & Announcements
October 13, 2024

Sunday of the Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council
Κυριακή των Αγίων Πατέρων της 7ης Οικουμενικής Συνόδου



Carpus, Papyrus, Agathodorus, & Agathonica, the Martyrs of Pergamus 10/13/2024

Benjamin the Deacon 10/13/2024

Chryssi the New Martyr of Greece 10/13/2024

Meletios of Pegas, Patriarch of Alexandria 10/13/2024

Florentios the Martyr of Thessaloniki 10/13/2024

Hieromartyr Jacob of Hamatoura 10/13/2024

Morning Matins 9:00 am

Morning Great Doxology starts at 9:45 am

Morning Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

The Sunday Epistle Reading

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers.

Verse: For you are just in all you have done.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to Titus 3:8-15

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 greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Κύριε, ὁ Θεὸς τῶν Πατέρων ἡμῶν.

Στίχ. Ὅτι δίκαιος εἶ ἐπὶ πᾶσιν, οἷς ἐποίησας ἡμῖν.

Πρὸς Τίτον 3:8-15 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Τέκνον Τίτε, πιστὸς ὁ λόγος, καὶ περὶ τούτων βούλομαί σε διαβεβαιοῦσθαι, ἵνα φροντίζωσιν καλῶν ἔργων προϊστασθαι οἱ πεπιστευκότες θεῷ. ταῦτά ἐστιν καλὰ καὶ ὠφέλιμα τοῖς ἀνθρώποις · μωρὰς δὲ ζητήσεις καὶ γενεαλογίας καὶ ἔριν καὶ μάχας νομικὰς περιίστασο, εἰσὶν γὰρ ἀνωφελεῖς καὶ μάταιοι. αἰρέτικὸν ἄνθρωπον μετὰ μίαν καὶ δευτέραν νουθεσίαν παραιτοῦ, εἰδὼς ὅτι ἐξέστραπται ὁ τοιοῦτος καὶ ἁμαρτάνει, ὣν αὐτοκατάκριτος. Ὅταν πέμψω Ἀρτεμᾶν πρὸς σὲ ἢ Τυχικόν, σπούδασον ἐλθεῖν πρὸς με εἰς Νικόπολιν, ἐκεῖ γὰρ κέκρικα παραχειμάσαι. Ζηναῖον τὸν νομικὸν καὶ Ἀπολλῶν σπουδαίως πρόπεμψον, ἵνα μηδὲν αὐτοῖς λείπη. μαθανέτωσαν δὲ καὶ οἱ ἡμέτεροι καλῶν ἔργων προϊστασθαι εἰς τὰς ἀναγκαίας χρείας, ἵνα μὴ ὦσιν ἄκαρποι. Ἀσπάζονται σε οἱ μετ' ἐμοῦ πάντες. Ἀσπασαί τοὺς φιλοῦντας ἡμᾶς ἐν πίστει. ἡ χάρις μετὰ πάντων ὑμῶν.

The Sunday Gospel Reading

The Gospel According to Luke 8:5-15

The Lord said this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As he said these things, he cried out "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 8:5-15 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἐξῆλθεν ὁ σπείρων τοῦ σπεῖραι τὸν σπόρον αὐτοῦ. καὶ ἐν τῷ σπεῖρειν αὐτὸν ὃ μὲν ἔπεσε παρὰ τὴν ὁδόν, καὶ κατεπατήθη, καὶ τὰ πετεινὰ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ κατέφαγεν αὐτό· καὶ ἕτερον ἔπεσεν ἐπὶ τὴν πέτραν, καὶ φυὲν ἐξηράνθη διὰ τὸ μὴ ἔχειν ἰκμάδα· καὶ ἕτερον ἔπεσεν ἐν μέσῳ τῶν ἀκανθῶν, καὶ συμφυεῖσαι αἱ ἄκανθαι ἀπέπνιξαν αὐτό. καὶ ἕτερον ἔπεσεν εἰς τὴν γῆν τὴν ἀγαθὴν, καὶ φυὲν ἐποίησε καρπὸν κατονταπλασίονα. ταῦτα λέγων ἐφώνει· ὁ ἔχων ὦτα ἀκούειν ἀκουέτω. Ἐπηρώτων δὲ αὐτὸν οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ λέγοντες· τίς εἷη ἡ παραβολὴ αὕτη; ὁ δὲ εἶπεν· ὑμῖν δέδοται γινῶναι τὰ μυστήρια τῆς βασιλείας τοῦ Θεοῦ, τοῖς δὲ λοιποῖς ἐν παραβολαῖς, ἵνα βλέποντες μὴ βλέπωσι καὶ ἀκούοντες μὴ συνιῶσιν. Ἔστι δὲ αὕτη ἡ παραβολή· ὁ σπόρος ἐστὶν ὁ λόγος τοῦ Θεοῦ· οἱ δὲ παρὰ τὴν ὁδὸν εἰσιν οἱ ἀκούσαντες, εἴτα ἔρχεται ὁ διάβολος καὶ αἶρει τὸν λόγον ἀπὸ τῆς καρδίας αὐτῶν, ἵνα μὴ πιστεύσαντες σωθῶσιν. οἱ δὲ ἐπὶ τῆς πέτρας οἱ ὅταν ἀκούσωσι, μετὰ χαρᾶς δέχονται τὸν λόγον, καὶ οὗτοι ρίζαν οὐκ ἔχουσιν, οἱ πρὸς καιρὸν πιστεύουσι καὶ ἐν καιρῷ πειρασμοῦ ἀφίστανται. τὸ δὲ εἰς τὰς ἀκάνθας πεσόν, οὗτοί εἰσιν οἱ ἀκούσαντες, καὶ ὑπὸ μεριμνῶν καὶ πλοῦτου καὶ ἡδονῶν τοῦ βίου πορευόμενοι συμπνίγονται καὶ οὐ τελεσφοροῦσι. τὸ δὲ ἐν τῇ καλῇ γῇ, οὗτοί εἰσιν οἵτινες ἐν καρδίᾳ καλῇ καὶ ἀγαθῇ ἀκούσαντες τὸν λόγον κατέχουσι καὶ καρποφοροῦσιν ἐν ὑπομονῇ. ταῦτα λέγων ἐφώνει· ὁ ἔχων ὦτα ἀκούειν ἀκουέτω.



Today's Scheduled Coffee Hour 10/13

Philoptochos

Today's Scheduled Narthex Greeters for 10/13

Kerri Zaferatos

George Dellas

Our Volunteer Chantors

Nicholas Georgiou

Pete Marinos

Our Volunteer Choir Directors

Panos Messis

Costa Constantinou

Our Volunteer Organist

Eleni Christakos

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St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church

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Religious Services for the Month of October

- 13 – Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council – 9:00 am
20 – 6th Sunday of Luke – 9:00 am
26 – Saturday – Feast of St. Demetrius – 9:00 am
27 – 7th Sunday of Luke – 9:00 am
28 – Monday - Holy Protection of the Theotokos – 9:00 am

Religious Services for the Month of November

- 1-Friday – Saints Cosmas and Damianos – 9:00 am
2 – Saturday – Saint Elpidophoros – 9:00 am
3 – 5th Sunday of Luke – 9:00 am
8 – Friday – Synaxis of the Archangels – 9:00 am
9 – Saturday – St. Nectarios the Wonderworker – 9:00 am
10 – 8th Sunday of Luke – 9:00 am
13 – Wednesday – St. John Chrysostom – 9:00 am

The Seventh Ecumenical Council



The Seventh Ecumenical Council was convened in 787 A.D., in the city of Nicea, under the Empress Irene, widow of the Emperor Leo IV, and was composed of 367 fathers.

The Council was convened against the iconoclastic heresy, which had been raging for sixty years before the Council, under the Greek Emperor Leo III, who, wishing to convert the Mohammedans to Christianity, considered it necessary to do away with the

revelation of icons. This heresy continued under his son, Constantine V Copronymus, and his grandson, Leo IV.

The Council condemned and repudiated the iconoclastic heresy and determined to provide and to put in the holy churches, together with the likeness of the honored and Life-giving Cross of the Lord, holy icons, to honor and render homage to them, elevating the soul and heart to the Lord God, the Mother of God and the Saints, who are represented in these icons. After the Seventh Ecumenical Council, persecution of the holy icons arose anew under the Emperors Leo V, of Armenian origin, Michael II, and Theophilus, and for twenty-five years disturbed the Church.

Veneration of the holy icons was finally restored and affirmed by the local synod of Constantinople in 843 A.D., under the Empress Theodora.

At this council, in thanksgiving to the Lord God for having given the Church victory over the iconoclasts and all heretics, the celebration of the Triumph of Orthodoxy was established on the first Sunday of Great Lent, which is celebrated by the Orthodox Church throughout the world.

Note: The Roman Catholic Church, in addition to these seven Councils, recognizes more than 20 "ecumenical" councils. Incorrectly included in this number were councils in the Western Church, held after the separation of the Western Church. Protestants, in spite of the example of the Apostles and acknowledgment of the entire Christian Church, do not recognize a single one of the Ecumenical Councils.



**UNC-OCF FELLOWSHIP & MEETING
MONDAY OCTOBER 14TH
AT 7:00 PM**

**Panera Bread
213 Franklin Street
Chapel Hill, NC 27516
1-919-929-9189**

O U R W H Y

OCF offers college students rich community in Christ, inspiring a life-long love of God and neighbor.

O U R M I S S I O N

OCF transforms the lives of college students by guiding them along the path to Jesus Christ through His Church, cultivating a campus community of worship, witness, service, fellowship, and education.

O U R V I S I O N

- to be the loving presence of Christ and the Orthodox Christian Church on college campuses
- to be an integral part of students’ spiritual formation by challenging them to explore the Faith
- to inspire students to commit to living an Orthodox Christian way of life daily

Connecting College Students to their Faith

Our goal is to *actualize* the Orthodox Christian life in the hearts, minds, and souls of college students by facilitating unified campus ministry efforts—reaching Orthodox college students on campuses throughout North America. OCF’s programs and partnerships offer an environment for students interested in deeper spiritual experiences. Most importantly, OCF continues to provide a home for students on college campuses across the continent



ADULT ORTHODOX DISCUSSION NIGHTS
THURSDAY OCTOBER 17TH AT 6:30 PM

From Protestant to Orthodox
Q & A with Preston & Catherine Wilson

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We are incredibly grateful to God for you and your loving service to the Church and the community. We want you to know that your work has not gone unnoticed. God bless you for your generosity, and thank you for being a blessing to others.

From Fr. Stavroforos & the Parish Council
Save the Date: Appreciation Luncheon Oct. 20th



Youth Pumpkin Patch Day

Sunday October 20th after the Appreciation Luncheon

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Saturday October 26, 2024

11:30 am to 4:00 pm

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Hi everyone! I know we're all still recovering from the Taste of Greece this past weekend, but there's never a dull moment here at St Barbara's, and we're right back at it preparing for the Philoptochos' annual Holiday Pastry Sale happening November 22nd & 23rd.

We will be assembling smaller 8x8 pans of spanakopita for the pastry sale on **Saturday, October 19th** starting at about 10am at the church hall. I know everyone's schedules are busy, and your time is valuable, but even if you can only spare an hour or two, please join us!

If you do come, we ask that you bring your own apron, a small bowl or saucepan to hold melted butter, and a pastry brush. This helps ensure we have enough equipment for all the workers.

Finally, if you can please let either Evelyn Panos (mamapan@aol.com), Theky Pappas (tedthekey@aol.com), or me (cindy.paliouras@gmail.com) know if you're able to come, so we'll have some idea of how many helpers to expect, that would be much appreciated. But even if you won't know until the last minute, please drop in... we're flexible, and we'll definitely put you to work!

Hope to see you on **Saturday, October 19th**

Many thanks,

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Evelyn Panos mamapan@aol.com

Theky Pappas tedthekey@aol.com

What constitutes one's eligibility to run for the Parish Council and to have voting privileges?

- **Stewardship Eligibility**

- A candidate for the Parish Council must be a parishioner in good standing of the Parish for at least one (1) year immediately preceding the date of the election and must live his or her life in accordance with the Faith and Canons of the Church. The Priest determines whether the Parishioners are in good standing with the church and the financial good standing is determined by either the treasurer or stewardship chairman of our church. (UPR Article 25 Section 2)

- **Ecclesiastical Eligibility:**

1. Every person who is baptized and chrismated in the Orthodox faith is considered an active parishioner in the Church.
2. All those considering to be on the parish council should be married in the Church, or if civilly married they need to arrange to have their marriage blessed in the Church.
3. If a person has received a civil divorce after receiving the Orthodox Sacrament of marriage, then they should also have their ecclesiastical divorce in order. If you need your church divorce, please make the effort to speak with Fr. Stavroforos in order to be able to seek his advice and counsel as how to procure it from the Church. This is your means to be in good standing with the Church. (Archdiocese Pastoral Guidelines)
4. Those candidates running for the parish council are requirement for to attend a regional seminar that has been specifically designed at a designated location and time set by the metropolis.
5. All those wishing to place their names in for the parish council have up to the close of this year's fall **General Assembly** be put into nomination.
6. The date of the **Elections** will be held on a separate date to be determined by the parish.
7. Additionally, all current and potential future Parish Council Members are required to pass the background check set by the Archdioceses. For information please go to the **Atlanta Metropolis Youth Safety and Parish Council Background website section**.

+ *Father Stoavroforos*

ST. BARBARA EVENTS CALENDAR

October

- 13 – Philoptochos Coffee Hour – GROUP B
- 14 (Mon.) – Parish Council Meeting @ 6:30 PM
- 17 (Thurs.) – Koulourakia making @ 9:00 AM; Adult Bible study @ 6:30 PM
- 19 (Sat.) – Spanakopita small pans @ 10:00 AM
- 20 – PC thank you lunch for ToG volunteers; pumpkin patch visit
- 22 (Tues.) – Kourambiethes making @ 9:00 AM
- 24 (Thurs.) – Adult Orthodox study @ 6:30 PM
- 26 (Sat.) – Safety Training (CPR; First Aid Red Cross Training) 11:30 – 4:00 sponsored by AHEPA
- 27 – Youth Coffee Hour (Halloween themed); Philoptochos General Meeting
- 31 (Thurs.) – Adult Orthodox study @ 6:30 PM

November

- 3 – Parish Council Coffee Hour; donuts and cider
- 7 (Thurs.) – Adult Orthodox study @ 6:30 PM
- 10 – Philoptochos Coffee Hour – GROUP C
- 11 (Mon.) - Parish Council Meeting @ 6:30 PM
- 14 (Thurs.) – Adult Orthodox study @ 6:30 PM
- 17 – AHEPA Coffee Hour & AHEPA Meeting
- 21 (Thurs.) – Adult Orthodox study @ 6:30 PM
- 22 (Fri.) and 23 (Sat.) – Holiday Pastry Sale
- 24 – Youth Coffee Hour (Thanksgiving themed) & Philoptochos Meeting
- 28 (Thurs.) – THANKSGIVING

December

- 1 – AHEPA Coffee Hour
- 8 – St. Barbara Day Luncheon (Parish Council)
- 9 – Parish Council Meeting @ 6:30 PM
- 15 – St. Barbara Philoptochos Coffee Hour – GROUP D; Youth Christmas Pageant
- 22 – Youth Coffee Hour
- 29 – Choir Coffee Hour

Saint Barbara General Meeting Schedule

Philoptochos General Meetings

4th Sunday of Month after Church in the Conference Room

Philoptochos Board Meetings

Sunday prior to the Last Sunday of the Month after Church
at a TBA offsite location

Parish Council General Meetings

Second Monday of the Month by Zoom
or in the Conference Room 6:30 pm

UNC-OCF

Monday Nights

7:00 pm – Panera Bread in Chapel Hill

Adult Religious Discussion Nights

Thursday Nights in the Conference Room 6:30 pm

AHEPA Chapter # 277

General Meetings Third Sunday of the Month after Church
in the Conference Room

Greek School & Greek Dance

Saturdays – Classrooms at Church