

### *Authority of the Council - Authority of the Church*

The authority of the Councils is based also on their ecclesiological grounding. A council is not an independent, autonomous body, additional, coming from outside, acting unilaterally. It is not the product of accidental circumstances in history and imposed afterwards. It is closely, or rather organically, related with the very essence of the Church. This body of Christ is a living organism, destined to grow, to face difficulties during this process, to be implanted in other regions of the world needing inculturation and a certain adaptation. Such embodiment and multifaceted ministry creates problems, tensions, even divisions and in spite of the good will of the local bishop and pastors, the convocation of as a major

assembly is considered as a natural instrument, salutary and indispensable. The official voice of the catholicity and the *koinonia* of all the other sister churches, in harmony and guided by the Spirit, would only provide the new assessments, possible remedies and solutions. The functioning of such a council was such that the opinions and requests at issue found expression from the very womb of the Church. Once the decision was made, the people had a part in receiving it and publicizing it (Acts 15:22) as is seen in the first assembly of Jerusalem.

*Metropolitan Emilianos*

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## SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS



*Icon of the First Six Ecumenical Councils*



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### July 16, 2023 - Sunday of the Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Councils Schedule of Services

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>16</b>	<b><u>Sunday of the Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Councils</u></b> 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>20</b>	<b><u>Feast of the Great Prophet St. Elijah</u></b> 7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Morgan Gasior by Joseph Schudt <i>Immediately following Divine Liturgy there will be the blessing of vehicles</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>22</b>	8:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Judith Feltner by Connie Purcell 5:00 PM Vespers
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>23</b>	<b><u>8th Sunday after Pentecost</u></b> 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners

#### **We pray for the sick and homebound of our parish, especially:**

Kim Hughes	Ken Hrusosky	Jean Rusnak
Dot Wochok	Mary Ann Baran	Mary Ann Horne
Francis Hughes	Gloria Paulson	John Oreluk
Fr. Bernard Danber	Frank Miko	Joel Super
Steve Bieniek		

### **Annunciation of the Mother of God Byzantine Catholic Parish**

*In all decisions regarding parish membership and Sacramental life, the pastor exercises the final decision and the confidentiality of the persons involved must be respected.*

**Parish Membership** is determined by three things:

1. Being registered in the parish for a sufficient amount of time
2. Faithful and consistent participation in the liturgical life of the parish especially on Sundays and Holy days.
3. Regular financial support of the parish. Use of offertory envelopes by parish members is required for weekly donations

**The Sacred Mysteries of Baptism, Chrismation and Matrimony** are available only to those persons who comply with the above requirements of parish membership.

**A Biblically based stewardship** is part of the vision of Annunciation parish. Parishioners are encouraged to practicing tithing and also to consider Annunciation parish in planned giving such as trust funds, etc.

**Couples who are planning to be married** at Annunciation parish must be free to be married in the Church and must contact the pastor at least six months prior to their proposed wedding date. Persons applying for annulments of a previous marriage should not set a Church wedding date unless their annulment has been granted.

**Couples who are cohabitating or involved in same sex civil unions or so-called same sex "marriages,"** as well as couples who are contracepting are asked to seek the pastor's help in understanding the Church's teaching and in conforming their lives to the moral teaching of the Church. Such persons **cannot receive Holy Communion** until their lives are reconciled with the Church.

**Parish members entering the hospital or who are home-bound** should contact the pastor or parish business office.

**Prior to undergoing surgery or going under anesthesia** parish members should contact the pastor.

**No eulogies** or public addresses by laity are permitted during funeral services.

**Cremation is permitted but not encouraged.** Ashes are not permitted in the church. Funeral services with the body of the deceased in the church must take place prior to cremation. Ashes are to be buried according to the burial rite of the Church. Ashes cannot be scattered or kept in homes.

**Appropriate behavior and dress** are required for all liturgical services. No audible conversations, or waving across the church. Electronic devices must be turned off. No food, candy, or gum chewing. Dress code is formal and modest for all services.

**Abstinence from meat is to be observed every Friday.** If this is not possible an equivalent penitential practice is to be observed.

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**Where:**

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## Sunday of the Fathers at the Six Ecumenical Councils

The Ecumenical Councils are the greatest  
duels between orthodoxy and the heretics.  
Today, the Church commemorates the first  
six Councils together:

The First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea in  
325, at which 318 fathers were present. It  
is commemorated on May 29th and on the  
7th Sunday after Easter. This Council  
refuted the Arian heresy against God the  
Son.

The Second Council in Constantinople in  
381, was attended by 150 fathers. It is  
commemorated on May 22nd. This  
Council refuted the heresy of Macedonius against God and the Holy Spirit.

The Third Council was in Ephesus in 431, with 200 fathers. It is  
commemorated on September 9th. This Council refuted the Nestorian  
heresy against the Mother of God.

The Fourth Council was in Chalcedon in 451, with 630 fathers present. It is  
commemorated on July 16th. This Council refuted the Monophysite heresy.

The Fifth Council was in Constantinople in 553, with 160 fathers, and is  
commemorated on July 25th. This Council refuted the heresy of Origen.  
The Sixth Council was in Constantinople in 681, with 170 fathers. It is  
commemorated on January 23rd. This Council refuted the Monothelite  
heresy.

The Seventh Ecumenical Council, held in 787 with 367 fathers present, is  
not commemorated on this occasion, but on its own on October 11th. This  
Council refuted the iconoclast heresy.

At these Councils, by the guidance of the Holy Spirit, all heresies were  
condemned and the orthodox faith defined and confirmed for all time.



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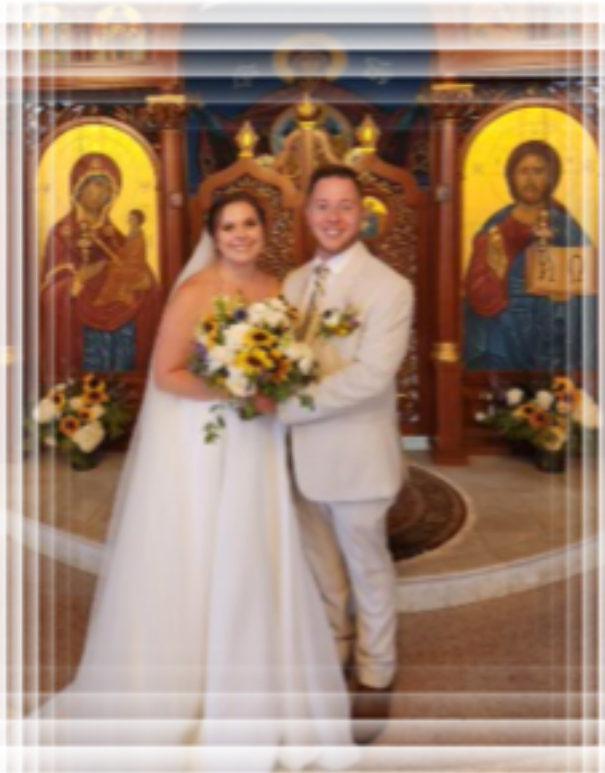
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