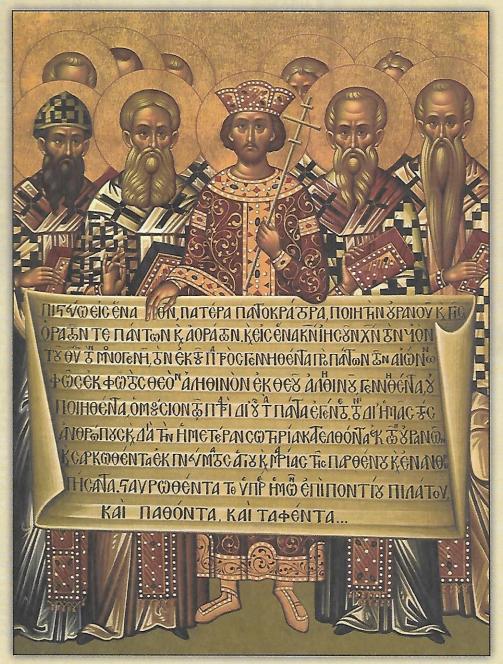
## SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST COUNCIL



Icon of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicea

## Knowledge of the True God Nurtures Us to Eternal Life

Are we saying that knowledge is eternal life? Are we saying that to know the one true and living God will suffice to give us complete security for the future without need of anything else? Then how is "faith apart from works dead?" When we speak of faith, we mean the true knowledge of God and nothing else, since knowledge comes by faith. The prophet Isaiah tells us this: "If you do not believe, neither shall you understand." But he is not talking about a knowledge that consists in barren speculations, which is entirely worthless. For one of the holy disciples said, "You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe and shudder." What then shall we say to this? How is it that Christ speaks the truth when He says that eternal life is the knowledge of God the Father, the one true God, and with Him of the Son? I think, indeed, we must answer that the saying of the Savior is completely true. For this knowledge is life, laboring as it were in birth of the whole meaning of the mystery and

granting to us participation in the mystery of the Eucharist, whereby we are joined to the living and life-giving Word. And for this reason, I think, Paul says that the Gentiles are made fellow members of the body and fellow partakers of Christ, inasmuch as they partake in His Blessed Body and Blood. And our members may in this sense be conceived of as being members of Christ. This knowledge, then, which also brings to us the Eucharist by the Spirit, is life. For it dwells in our hearts, reshaping those who receive it into son-ship with Him and molding them into incorruption and piety toward God through life, according to the Gospel. Our Lord Jesus Christ, then, knowing that the knowledge of the one true God brings to us and promotes our union with the blessings of which we have spoken, says that it is eternal life. It is the mother and nurse of eternal life, being in its power and nature pregnant with those things that cause life and lead to life. St. Cyril of Alexandria



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June 2, 2019
The Holy Fathers

WE HAD A WONDERFUL day of prayer on Memorial Day, both in Church and at the Cemetery, as we remembered all our parish deceased, especially our fallen soldiers, sailors and airmen. We thank the Catholic War Vets of Bridgeport for their patriotic ceremony of remembrance at our Cemetery, as well as Fr. Taras LOnchyna of Trenton, NJ for helping out with all the grave blessing. We are so very grateful to Matt Martyniuk for maintaining our Cemetery estate with lowing care.

BEAUTIFUL PHOTOGRAPHS of our Mothers' Day Solemn Communion Liturgy are now available for all the families. We thank Dan FRancis for taking these beautiful pictures for our dear Communicants. Be sure to see Fr. Pastor after Liturgy today to clain these great memories.

OUR NEW ARCHBISHOP BORYS will be solemnly enthroned on Tuesday at11m in our Philadelphia Cathedral on Franklin Street. All our Faithful are invited to attend this historic event. Go early and get a seat to witness a truly historical and memorable event in our Ukrainian Church. A complete schedule of all the week's events can be seen in the vestibule of our Church today for your convenience.

A GREAT BIG THANKYOU GOES OUT TODAY TO ALL THE GOOD FOLKS WHO REMEMBERED Father Pastor on his birthday and sacerdotal anniversary this past week. We thank you for all your cards, notes, kind words, prayers and gifts. May the Risen Lord bless all of you for your love and goodness for Father Ronald, your Pastor for some 47 years here in Bridgeport.

NEXT WEEKEND we will celebrate the great and obligatory feast of the Descent of the Holy Spirit. This holyday is known as Pentecost or Green Sunday ("Zeleny Sviato"), as well as the Birthday of the Church. We expect that all our people will attend this Great Holyday next weekend.

A FEW 2019 CHURCH CALENDARS, AS WELL AS ENVELOPE BOXES, can still be found in the church basement today. Please, Folks, be sure that you and all your family have these items in your possession as a sign of your membership in our vibrant Parish.

## SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, 6 pm +Oksana Hnydka (The Timbario and Francis Family)
Sunday, 9 am +The Maruszczak and Fonock Family (Bridget and Bill)
Thursday, 7 am +Barbara Martinick (The Plush-Martinick Family)
Friday, 7 am +Deceased in the Fedoryshyn Family (Oksana Fedoryshyn)
Saturday, 8 am +All Deceased Parishioners (The Maruszczak Family)
Saturday, 6 pm +Anna LOnchar (Helen Guman and Family)

Sunday, 9 am +Roman Kruk (The Parish Auxiliary)

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TODAY'S TROPAR: O Christ Our God, You are glorified for making the

holy Fathers and Saints the Light of the earth. It is through them that You have shown us the true Faith, O MOst Good One, Glory be to You.

GLORY TO THE FATHER AND THE...

TODAY'S KONTAK: The preaching of the Apostles and the decisions of the holy Fathers established the one Faith of the Church. She wears the garments of Truth made by the theology from on high, and She rightly goberns and glorifies the great mystery of our devotion.

TODAY'S PROKIMEN: Bless are You, O Lord, the God of our Fathers. Your Name is exalted from age to age, amen.

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