

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE
FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL



Icon of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council



May 17, 2015

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE
1ST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL;
THE HOLY APOSTLE ANDRONICUS AND HIS COMPANIONS
SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 18 – MAY 24

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

✙ Joseph Bankston; Req: The Bankston Family

THURSDAY, MAY 21

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Special Intention

FRIDAY, MAY 22

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Health and Blessings for Fr. James

SATURDAY, MAY 23

Please Note: No Vespers this evening

SUNDAY, MAY 24 – SUNDAY OF PENTECOST; OUR VENERABLE FATHER SYMEON OF THE WONDROUS MOUNTAIN

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

For All Parishioners

*If you are reading the bulletin during the Liturgy (including the homily),
please **stop** and be attentive – *будьмо уважні!**

Аκσιος! Axios! Αξιος!

We rejoice in the priestly ordination this past Thursday of Fr. Frank Avant. It was a wonderful occasion in Chicago. There is an excellent video recording of the event that was upload to YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_4pWaONoR3I&feature=youtu.be

Glory to God in all things!

Celebratory Luncheon

Today, following the Divine Liturgy we will celebrate Fr. Frank's ordination to the priesthood with a luncheon in his honor. Please attend!

***God Grant Her
Many Blessed Years!***

Congratulations to Susan Avant on her reception into the Catholic Church through the Holy Mystery of Chrismation

Parish Meeting

A date of June 28 has been set for a general meeting of the parish. This meeting will run from 12:00 noon until 1:30 PM and will have two main agenda items:

1. Parish Finances
2. Parking Lot
3. Parish Needs (roof, etc...)
4. Stewardship

Please plan to attend this important meeting. Fr. James and Fr. Deacon Frank will be meeting with Bishop Richard this week so look for a confirmation of the date in next week's bulletin.

There will be an opportunity for individuals to speak. Those wishing to be added to the list of speaker must inform Fr. James by June 21st.

Share 2015

Jesus asks us to commit ourselves to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, to share our time, our talent and our treasure as an outward sign of the love and gratitude we have for Him. Please be a good steward of your gifts and share them by participating in **Share 2015 – Annual Eparchial Appeal.**

Христос попросив нас бути добрими провідниками дарів, довірених нам, ділитися часом, талантом, скарбами, як видимий знак любові і вдячності до Нього. Будь ласка, лудтьє добрими провідниками своїх дарів, і поділітья ними, приймаючи угасть в **Share 2015 – Єпархіаний Заклик.**

Sunday offering for May 3

Amount	Number
\$4.00	1
\$10.00	1
\$15.00	3
\$25.00	1
\$40.00	2
\$50.00	2
\$58.00	1 (loose)
\$75.00	2
\$80.00	1
\$100.00	4
\$200.00	1
\$300.00	1
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\$1452.00	

Parishioner Total: \$1448.00
 Visitor Total: \$4.00

Average / parish household (42): \$17.88
 Weekly Stewardship Goal: \$2200.00

Deficit: (\$677.00)
Year-to-date deficit: \$18,277.00

Sunday offering for May 10

Amount	Number
\$5.00	1 (loose)
\$15.00	2
\$20.00	1
\$40.00	2
\$50.00	4
\$75.00	1
\$300.00	1
\$400.00	1
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\$1110.00	

Parishioner Total: \$1110.00

Average / parish household (42): \$13.70
 Weekly Stewardship Goal: \$2200.00

Deficit: (\$1015.00)
Year-to-date deficit: \$19,292.00

Roof Campaign



The hall roof is in dire need of repair. There are at least six separate leaks. Numerous patch jobs have failed to solve the problems. The current drought has minimized the problem but we

continue to pray for rain anyway. There is good news and bad news: The good news is - we have the money; the bad news is - it's still in your pockets. We will be soliciting quotes for repairs soon. Know a roofer you would recommend?

Roof Repair Challenge

An anonymous donor has given \$1000.00 towards the repair of the hall roof. The donor has challenged the rest of the parish to contribute to this cause so that the roof can be fully repaired rather than patched.

Roof Challenge Response: \$1550.00

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Love One Another

"I give you a new commandment," said Jesus, "love one another." ... He showed the newness of His command and how far the love He enjoined surpassed the old conception of mutual love by going on immediately to add: "Love one another as I have loved you." To understand the full force of these words, we have to consider how Christ loved us. Then it will be easy to see what is new and different in the commandment we are now given.

Do you not see what is new in Christ's love for us? The law commanded people to love their brothers and sisters as they love themselves, but our Lord Jesus Christ loved us more than Himself. He who was one in nature with God the Father and His equal would not have descended to our lowly estate, nor endured in His flesh such a bitter death for us, nor submitted to the blows given Him by His enemies, to the shame, the derision, and all the other sufferings that could not possibly be enumerated. Nor, being rich, would He have become poor, had He not loved us far

more than Himself. It was indeed something new for love to go as far as that!

Christ commands us to love as He did, putting neither reputation, nor wealth, nor anything whatever before love of our brothers and sisters. If need be we must even be prepared to face death for our neighbor's salvation as did our Savior's blessed disciples and those who followed in their footsteps. To them the salvation of others mattered more than their own lives, and they were ready to do anything or to suffer anything to save souls that were perishing.

The Savior urged us to practice this love that transcends the law as the foundation of true devotion to God. He knew that only in this way could we become pleasing in God's eyes, and that it was by seeking the beauty of the love implanted in us by Himself that we should attain to the highest blessings.

St. Cyril of Alexandria

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