

Fathers of the 7th 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.

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Readings

Epistle Galatians 1:11-19; Hebrews 13:7-16
Gospel Luke 8: 5-15; John 17:1-13

Tone 3 Troparion (Resurrection)

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world// great mercy.

Tone 8 Troparion (Fathers)

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God! Thou hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth. Through them Thou hast guided us to the true Faith.// O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

Tone 3 Kontakion (Resurrection)

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the Prophets and Patriarchs// they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

Tone 6 Kontakion (Fathers)

The Son who shone forth from the Father was ineffably born, two-fold in nature, of a woman. Having beheld Him, we do not deny the image of His form, but depict it piously and revere it faithfully. Thus, keeping the True Faith,//



This Week at St. Herman's

Sunday, October 14th - Father of the 7th Ecumenical Council

- 9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy
- Children's and Teenager's class after Liturgy
- Coffee Hour in the parish hall

Wednesday, October 17th - Prophet Hosea

- 6:45 AM - Coffee and Books
- 7:00 PM - Great Vespers for Holy Apostle Luke

Thursday, October 18th - Holy Apostle Luke

- 6:00 PM - NT Greek Class in PT

Saturday, October 20th - Greatmartyr Artemius

- 6:30 PM - Jesus Prayer
- 7:00 PM - Great Vespers