



Feast Days Commemoration Divine Liturgy and Luncheon On Sunday, June 29, 2025 we will be having a combined Divine Liturgy celebration together at Holy Spirit at 10:00am and we will have a luncheon to follow. All parishioners from both Ss. Peter & Paul and Holy Spirit are invited. There will be a sign-up sheet in both churches in the coming week. Please place this important date in your calendars! We look forward to celebrating both feast days of Holy Spirit and SS. Peter and Paul on this day.

Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council – June 1st

The seventh Sunday after the Feast of Holy Pascha is observed by the Orthodox Church as the Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council. This day commemorates the 318 God-bearing Fathers who gathered in Nicaea in 325 at the request of the Emperor, Saint Constantine the Great, to address the heresy of Arianism together with other issues that concerned the unity of the Church.

Commemoration of The Great and Holy Feast of Pascha
Arius was a protopresbyter of the Church of Alexandria, and in 315, he began to blaspheme against the Son of God saying that He was not the true God, consubstantial with the Father, but rather a work or creation of God and different from the essence and glory of the Father. He also taught that the Son of God had a beginning. These teachings shook the faithful at Alexandria. The Bishop of Alexandria, Alexander, attempted to correct Arius through admonitions, cut him off from communion, and finally deposed him in 321 through a local council. Arius continued with his heretical teachings, creating controversy and division in the churches of other cities, which led to a theological and ecclesiastical crisis throughout the Christian Church.

Moved with divine zeal and concern for unity, the Emperor Constantine the Great, equal to the Apostles, summoned the First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea, a city of Bithynia. It was in this place that the bishops of the Church gathered in 325. All of them, with one mouth and one voice, declared that the Son and Word of God is one in essence with the Father, true God of true God. The Fathers composed the holy symbol of Faith, the Nicene Creed:

"We believe in one God. The Father Almighty. Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the only begotten, begotten of the Father before all ages. Light of Light; true God of true God; begotten not made; of one essence with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man. And He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered, and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead; whose Kingdom shall have no end."

The Fathers also anathematized Arius for his heretical beliefs and teachings, cutting him off from the Church.

Recognizing the divine Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council as heralds of the Faith after the divine Apostles, the Church of Christ has appointed this present Sunday for their annual commemoration, in thanksgiving and unto the glory of God, unto their praise and honor, and unto the strengthening of the true Faith.

Icon of the Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council
The icon of the Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council depicts Saint Constantine together with the God-bearing Fathers and Saints of the Church who attended the Council and affirmed the unity of the Faith through the Nicene Creed. The Fathers are shown holding the text of the Creed, also referred to as the Symbol of Faith.

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June 1, 2025

Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

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On-Line Giving: Please use the link below for on-line donations for Ss. Peter & Paul **OR** for Holy Spirit Church:
<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZA77/home>

You can also scan the QR code with your phone or you can visit the Parish website for a link !



Thank you for your support of your Churches!



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Liturgies for the Week of 5/31 – 6/8

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SAT	May 31	The Holy Apostle Hermes, The Holy Martyr Hermeas (c. 160)		
--- No Divine Services ---				
SUN	Jun 01	Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council		
(Festal Tone)	9:00 am	Holy Spirit — † Donald Turock by Jean Turock & Family		Apostol: Acts 20: 16-18 & 28-36
	11:00 am	Ss. Peter & Paul — Living and Deceased Members of Holy Spirit and Ss. Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Churches		Gospel: Jn 17: 1-13
MON	Jun 02	Our Venerable Father Nicephor the Confessor (771)		
--- No Divine Services ---				
TUES	Jun 03	The Holy Martyr Lucillian and his Companions (273)		
	9:30 am	Ss. Peter & Paul — Deceased Clergy and Monastics of the Eparchy of Passaic and the Family & Friends of the Parishioners of Holy Spirit and Ss. Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Churches		
WED	Jun 04	The Holy Myrrh-bearers Martha and Mary, Metrophane, Patriarch of Constantinople (325)		
--- No Divine Services ---				
THU	Jun 05	Holy Martyr Dorotheus, Bishop of Tyre, Holy Martyr Cosmas		
--- No Divine Services ---				
FRI	Jun 06	Venerable Father Bessarion the Wonder-worker, Venerable Father Hilary the Younger		
--- No Divine Services ---				
				
SAT	Jun 07	Fifth All Souls Saturday		
--- No Divine Services ---				
SUN	Jun 08	Pentecost Sunday		
(Festal Tone)	9:00 am	Holy Spirit — Living and Deceased Members of Holy Spirit and Ss. Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Churches		Apostol: Acts 2: 1-11
		Chrismation of Zachary Allen		Gospel: Jn 7: 37-52 & 8: 12
		Panachida and Reading of the Names for All Souls		
	11:00 am	Ss. Peter & Paul — † William Swan by Bob and Mary Ann Swan		
		Panachida and Reading of the Names for All Souls		



Candle Intentions: Please see the sheet posted in the Church vestibule for the Candle Intentions and Sponsors for the Month of *June*. †



Happy Birthday: We'd like to wish a very Happy Birthday to:
Janet Kumpon who will celebrate her Birthday this Sunday, *June 1st*,
Jean Hrehor who will celebrate her Birthday this Friday, *June 6th* !
May Our Lord and God bless them and grant them long life, good health, peace and happiness for
Many Happy and Blessed Years! - Na Mnohaja i Blahaja Lita!



Congratulations! We would like to express our best wishes to:
Charles & Dianne Joslyn who will Celebrate their *49th Wedding Anniversary*, Thursday, *June 5th*
May Our Lord and God bless them and grant them long life, good health, peace, and happiness for
Many Happy and Blessed Years! - Na Mnohaja i Blahaja Lita! †



Memorial Donation Received: We wish to express our thanks for the \$250 cemetery donation made to our Ss. Peter & Paul Cemetery in Loving Memory of ✙ *Elwin Dean* ✙ by *Tommy Klimkosky*
May our Lord grant to his departed servant ✙ Elwin , Eternal Memory! - Vicnaja Jemu Pamjat



Stephen Dean, the cantor from Ss. Peter and Paul Church, is **hosting classes** to help anyone who is interested in learning more about singing the melodies of the Divine Liturgy in the Green Book, including the eight tones, Troparions, Kontikons, and even the Prokeimenon and Alleluias. Reading of music is not required and everyone is welcomed.
The classes will be every Thursday beginning on **June 5, 2025** from **4:00 pm to 5:30 pm** at Ss. Peter and Paul. The first class will be going over the *Prokeimenons* and *Alleluias* and then moving to the *Troparions* and Kontokions.



Father's Day Intention Reminder: Don't forget to submit your Father's Day Intentions for the Living & Deceased Fathers you would like to honor this *Father's Day Sunday, June 15th*. It has been reported that the **Ss. Peter & Paul envelope sets** do not have a Father's Day envelope. The names of the Fathers can be written on the backside of an envelope if you don't have a regular church envelope. *Please annotate whether the intention is for a Living or Deceased Father. Thank You !*



We will be blessing graves for All Saints on Sunday on *June 15, 2025*. Fr. Steven will bless the cemetery at **Ss. Peter and Paul** after the **11:00am Divine Liturgy** and then go to **Holy Spirit** to **bless the cemetery there at around 1:15 - 1:30 pm**. In preparation for the blessing of the cemeteries, please remember to make sure that each of our family's grave sites that we care for, are following the cemetery rules. We appreciate your understanding in this matter. As a reminder here are the following Cemetery Rules for Grave Sites:

1. Artificial Decorations are permitted from November 1 to April 1
2. Due to Safety Concerns a grave site may not have any glass, stone shells or wood chips.
3. There is to be no curbing, fencing, hedging or borders of any kind.
4. No urns are allowed above ground.
5. Live flowers are permitted only in front of the head stone.
6. There are no shrubs, bushes, or trees allowed of any type.