



Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council

Titus 3:8-15

Luke 8:5-15

Upcoming Services and Scheduling Communion or Confession

- The following services will be prayed with clergy, servers, and chanters, with limited availability for parishioners to attend (up to 25 parishioners):
 - Wednesday 10/7 – Paraklesis, 6pm
 - Saturday 10/10 – Vespers, 5pm
 - Sunday 10/11 – Orthros and Liturgy, 9:30am
 - Tuesday 10/13 – Akathist, 7pm (online – please email Dn. Joseph for the link: dnjosephclark@gmail.com)
- The above services will be livestreamed via St. George's [website](#) and [official Facebook page](#). In addition, links to the texts will be included on the home page of the parish website above the livestream video for those who would like to follow along.
- If you would like to attend one of the services listed above, please sign up via Sign Up Genius [_\(October services\)](#), reserving the number of slots for family members attending so we can ensure we do not exceed capacity for social distancing purposes. (For example, if there are 3 household members attending, reserve 3 slots.) Please remember that those who are elderly, have pre-existing conditions, or currently are not feeling well are asked to remain home. Additionally, those children who are too young to keep a mask on are asked to remain home.
- Communion will offered by appointment after each service. To set up a time to receive communion, please sign up via the [Sign Up Genius](#). Please reserve only one slot per household unit. Your time will be confirmed via email from the church office. Prior to arriving at the church for communion, please say the [Morning Prayers](#) and the [Prayers of Preparation before Communion](#).
- Confession is also being scheduled by appointment. To set up an appointment, please email the church office and provide a few dates/times you are available. The office will email you to confirm your appointment time.
- If you are able to still tithe / contribute to the church during this time, please consider giving online [via PayPal on the church's website](#).

Troparion of St. George

O liberator and deliverer of captives, helper of the poor and needy, a healing physician of the sick, a contender for kings, O great among Martyrs, the victory-clad George; intercede with Christ our God for the salvation of our souls.

If you attend a service, you must wear a mask/face covering out of care for ourselves, our brothers and sisters in Christ, and our neighbors.

Based on recent Archdiocese guidelines, we will begin increasing the limit of people who are able to attend services in person in mid-October. Please stay tuned for additional information.

Church History

This week we continue a series on the Essentials of Faith. The hope is that we can all learn and be edified, and come to a “knowledge of the Truth” (1 Tim. 2:4), and to witness to the things of faith that were “delivered to the saints” (Jud. 1:3) in the Church, which is the “pillar and ground of Truth”. (1 Tim. 3:15) May God bless the labor. These lessons are taken from Fr. Thomas Hopko’s series The Orthodox Faith.

Metropolitan Platon of Moscow

The leading Russian hierarch of the century was Metropolitan Platon (Levshin) of Moscow (1737–1812). He was an especially eloquent preacher; his collected works include about 500 of his sermons. He wrote a catechism for use by the clergy, and another one for children. More tolerant of the Old Believers than most of his contemporaries, he was the first to allow them to have their own chapels in Moscow, and he formalized the arrangement known as the Yedinoverie (one faith) whereby the Old Believers, upon reconciliation with the Church of Russia, were allowed to continue to worship according to their old rites—though very few of them accepted this offer. He was also the first to write a history of the Russian Church.

Wisdom of the Holy Fathers

When you sit down to eat, pray. When you eat bread, do so thanking Him for being so generous to you. If you drink wine, be mindful of Him who has given it to you for your pleasure and as a relief in sickness. When you dress, thank Him for His kindness in providing you with clothes. When you look at the sky and the beauty of the stars, throw yourself at God’s feet and adore Him who in His wisdom has arranged things in this way. Similarly, when the sun goes down and when it rises, when you are asleep or awake, give thanks to God, who created and arranged all things for your benefit, to have you know, love and praise their Creator.

+ St. Basil the Great

We Want to Hear from You!

We are preparing to place the order for 2021 offering envelopes. Please complete this brief, two question survey to help us place an accurate order for envelopes:

<https://forms.gle/GFtcMcqyj6Ldo2PFA>.

Upcoming Meetings

- Parish Council - Sunday 10/11, 1pm
Church office will send link
- Orthodoxy on Tap - Tuesday 10/13, 7pm
Contact [church office](#) for link
- Bible study - Wednesday 10/14, 6:30pm
[Zoom link](#)
Mtg ID #751 7145 2841
Password: 0zbpui
- Choir Practice - Tuesday 10/20 at 7pm
Contact [Matt Gordon](#) for link

Philly OCF

- Bible study - Tuesday 10/13, 11am
[Zoom link](#)
Mtg ID #880 5713 0161
Password: Scripture
- Regular Meeting - Monday 10/19, 8pm
[Zoom link](#)
Mtg ID #835 2215 9264
Password: Fellowship

Upcoming (Virtual) Events

The 27th Annual Fellowship of St. Moses the Black Conference will be held virtually on October 9-10, 2020. For more information and to register, [visit the Conference webpage](#).

IOCC Philadelphia Virtual Event – October 25, 4pm – [Sign up for this free event on the IOCC website](#).