

## The Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council (July 13)

In 451, Emperor Marcian and Empress Pulcheria convened the Fourth Ecumenical Council in Chalcedon, near Constantinople. This was the largest of the seven Ecumenical Councils, with 630 bishops gathered to resolve growing theological tensions within the Church while remaining faithful to the Nicene Creed.



The Council affirmed the teaching of Saint Cyril of Alexandria on the hypostatic union—the union of Christ’s divine and human natures in one person—first proclaimed at the Council of Ephesus in 431. It also acknowledged the Antiochian emphasis on Christ’s full humanity, as expressed in the Formulary of Peace, and the Roman emphasis on the distinction between the divine and human natures of Christ, as taught in Leo’s Tome. When Leo’s Tome was read aloud, the bishops exclaimed, “Peter has spoken through Leo!” Yet even this was not accepted uncritically; the council fathers carefully examined it and included selected parts in their final doctrinal statement.

The resulting Chalcedonian Definition proclaimed that Jesus Christ is truly the eternal Logos incarnate, “begotten of the Father before all ages,” as stated in the Nicene Creed. The Council reaffirmed that the Virgin Mary is truly Theotokos, for the child born of her in Bethlehem is none other than the uncreated, divine Son of God, one of the Holy Trinity. In His incarnation, the Word assumed complete human nature, becoming fully man—yet without sin.

Thus, the Council declared that Jesus Christ is one person (hypostasis) in two natures, human and divine, united “without confusion, without change, without division, without separation.” He is fully divine and fully human—perfect God and perfect man. As God, He is homoousios (of one essence) with the Father and the Holy Spirit. As man, He is homoousios with us.

This mystery is called the hypostatic union: in the one divine person of Christ, both natures are perfectly united without altering or mixing either. Jesus Christ is one and the same divine Person—the Son of God and the Son of Mary.

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**July 13, 2025**

## SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FOURTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

### COMMEMORATIONS:

SYNAXIS OF ARCHANGEL GABRIEL, STEPHEN OF  
MAR SABBAS MONASTERY, HOLY MARTYR  
GOLINDUC, MARCIAN THE MARTYR OF ICONIUM,  
SERAPION THE MARTYR

**Tone 4 - Eothion 5**

**Orthros Gospel: St. Luke 24:12-35**

**Epistle: St. Titus 3:8-15**

**Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 5:14-19**

**TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION - Tone 4 -** Having learned the joyful message of the resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation, and proudly broke the news to the disciples saying, Death hath been spoiled. Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!

**APOLYTIKION OF THE HOLY FATHERS - Tone 8 -** Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

**TODAY:** **ORTHROS, 8:15 a.m.**  
*Liturgy at Fort Washington Mission, 9 a.m.*  
**Divine LITURGY, 9:30 a.m.**  
Crowning (Henninger), 11:00 a.m  
Coffee Hour, 11:30 a.m.

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Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. Please contact them directly or call the church office.

## Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (July 20):
COFFEE HOUR:	Potluck	Potluck
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Gabriela & Macrina	John Child
ALTAR CANDLES:	Gamble-Jordan's Birthday	<i>Sign Up on the Bulletin board!</i>
USHERS:	Steve K. & Bill H.	Nick M. & Radu C.
CLEANING TEAM:	Teens	Nick T., Gabi T., Dave & Darby
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Mike L., Dave & Darby, Steven M.	Kendra M., Mark, Mary

### Mark Your Calendar:

**VCS 2025**  
*July 28-Aug 1*

**Dormition Fast Begins**  
*August 1*

**Holy Transfiguration**  
*August 6*

**Dormition of the Theotokos**  
*August 15*

**Beheading of the Forerunner**  
Strict Fast Day  
*August 29*

**Ecclesiastical New Year**  
*September 1*

**International Food Festival**  
*September 19-20*

**MARCH OUTREACH**  
**COLLECTION:**  
Oral Care Products

### Pray For:

Living	Departed
Our Patriarch John and Faithful of Syria and all the holy land	+ Jaroslav
Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine	+ Gehrman
Fathers of St Catherine Monastery on Mt Sinai	+ Olga
Survivors of the Damascus Church Attack	+ Edgar
	+ Rene
	+ Maxim
	+ Martyred in Damascus (July Parish Diptychs)
Archpriest Joel	+Asma
Nun Sergeia	+Albert
Child Timothy-Gabriel	+Dorothy
John	+Dorothea
Doris	+Irene
James	+Stavros
Steven	+Ressom
Paraskevi	+Iwan
Elizabeth	+Theresa
Michaela	+Fuad
Elias	+Helen
Mary	+Christine
Alexander	+John

### Catechumens

Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, Mary, Michael, Xenia, & all Missionaries	Ryan
Dn Nathan, John, Samuel & all seminarians	Kassandra
	Jasper
	Matthew
	Mary
	Martin
	Photini
Those searching for housing, jobs and spouses	John
Engaged Couples	Steven
Families trying to conceive	Robert
Expectant mothers	Liara
New mothers and their babies	Asher
	Sarah
	Andrew
	Carolyn
	Martin
	James
Those in mourning	Anthony
	Slavek
The people of our land, and for their repentance, healing & unity	Gabriella
	Nevada
	Josiah
	Casie
	Ray

**Sunday School will resume on September 7th!**

### This Week:

<b>Mon, July 14:</b>	- - -
<b>Tues, July 15:</b>	Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1:00 p.m.
<b>Wed, July 16:</b>	Little Compline, 6:30 p.m. Patristic Reading, 7:00 p.m. FOCUS Philadelphia (Norristown), 7:00 pm
<b>Thurs, July 17:</b>	FOCUS Philadelphia (Aviator), 8:00 p.m.
<b>Fri, July 18:</b>	Confessions, 6:00 p.m. Paraklesis, 6:30 p.m. Confessions, 7:30 p.m.
<b>Sat, July 19:</b>	Q&A w/ Fr. Noah, 5:00 p.m. GREAT VESPERS, 6:00 p.m. Confessions, 7:00 p.m.
<b>Sun, July 20:</b>	ORTHROS, 8:15 a.m. Ft. Washington Mission Chapel, 9:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY, 9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour, 11:15 a.m.

**PROSPHORA BAKING CLASS** — Mark your calendar!

**When:** August 2 between 9:30 am - 1:30 pm

**Where:** Great room and kitchen.

**Who:** Anyone interested in joining the Prospora baking team, please ask for Fr Noah's blessing and then contact Gabi or Catalin Tinjala for details: [ctinjala@yahoo.com](mailto:ctinjala@yahoo.com)

ATTENDANCE: Vespers 7/5: ~100

Liturgy 7/6 : 227

Mission Chapel 6/8: 31 , 6/15: 39, 6/22: 51

OFFERINGS 7/6: Candles, \$217.37. Collections, \$422. Book Shelf Ministry, \$72. Mission Chapel, \$540. Building Fund, \$50. Pastoral Discretion, \$318.55. Seminarian Fund, \$25. Stewardship, \$5,226.60. Total received, \$6,331.52. Cemetery, \$100.

**THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**