

### 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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## SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL



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**Sunday – May 21, 2023**

**Glory to Jesus Christ – Glory to Him Forever + Слава Ісусу Христу – Слава на віки**

**All Services will be Live Streamed at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM**

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<b>Sunday May 21</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday of Fathers of First Ecumenical Council</b> (For the Parish) (+Odile Marynowych from Family)
<b>Wednesday May 24</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	(+Roman and +Alexandra Lucyk from Family)
<b>Thursday May 25</b> <b>9:00 p.m.</b>	(Blessings for Eileen Pulvirati from AM Gogniat)
<b>Friday May 26</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	(Living and Deceased of the Nagurney-Medwid Family from Irene)
<b>Sunday May 28</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Pentecost</b> (For the Parish) (+Blessings for Mack and Beyers Family from Anna)

**MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND BLESSING OF GRAVES AT CEDAR HILL CEMETERY SUNDAY MAY 28**

We will gather at the Main Cross on Sunday May 28 at 2:15 p.m. for the celebration of Panakhyda. This will be followed by the blessing of the individual family graves of those attending the ceremony at Cedar Hill Cemetery 4111 Pennsylvania Avenue Suitland, MD 20746. Rain or Shine.

**Prayer List**

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Valarie Balthis, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Terry Boyle, Taisia Bullard, Robert Matthew C., Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lindsey Fedyk, Lilian Garland, Alice Gogniat, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Daniel Horeczko, Nila Iwaskiw, Kateryna Jurach, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Michael Joseph Little, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Anna Hladun Lloyd, Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Gina Plisiewicz, Alexandra Pohorecka, Patricia Pylypec, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Michael Sharr, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Helen Lefcheck Torre, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Anne Woroniak, Rose Wilson, Jennifer Wilson, Paul Yarrish.** If you know of someone who should be on this list, please email or call with the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and the aged is truly helpful and comforting. In your Christian Charity, kindly remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and perhaps a card or note.

**God With Us Catechism**

This Sunday is the Sunday of the Fathers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Council of Nicea. Obviously, the “fathers” of the council refers to the 318 Bishops that traveled from all over the world to join together to give voice to the Orthodox Catholic Faith as it was established and received from the Apostles. Primarily, the fathers of the council focused their attention on the Arian heresy and proclaimed with one voice that Jesus is truly God and truly man, an Eternal Divine Person with two distinct natures. One of the bishops that joined the council was the great Saint Athanasios, bishop of Alexandria. It was Saint Athanasios who, in his debates with the arch-heretic Arius, uttered the famous statement “God became man that man might become god.” This truth, so central to our Christian faith, restates the foundational Christian belief that the purpose of the Incarnation, the reason why God became a man in the womb of Holy Theotokos, was so that he might reclaim his creation from the dominion of the devil and reunite us with Him. Through our baptism, we are joined to Christ in a real way so that we are able to say with Saint Paul, “it is no longer I who lives, but Christ who lives in me.”