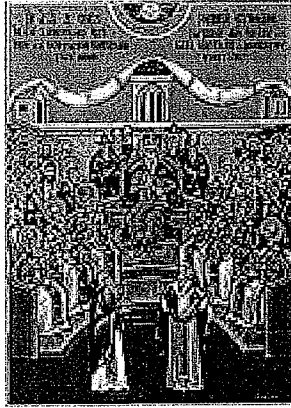


The Olive Shoots  
St. Symeon Orthodox Church  
July 14, 2013

✝ Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils ✝



“Love the poor and co-suffer with them, so that God  
may have mercy on you also!”

- Elder Justin (Parvu)

Saturday-Vespers at 6:00 PM

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Troparion Tone 8

**Most glorious art Thou, 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 merciful One, glory to Thee!**

Kontakion Tone 8

**The Apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrines  
have established one faith for the Church!  
Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly  
theology,  
It defines and glorifies the great mystery of Orthodoxy!**

**"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and  
his righteousness; and all these things  
shall be added unto you."**

**Matthew 6:33**

## **The Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils**

The Orthodox Church remembers Six Holy Ecumenical Councils today:

The First Ecumenical Council is remembered May 29, and also on seventh Sunday after Pascha. It was formed in the year 325 under St. Constantine the Great.

The Second Council is remembered May 22 and was made in the year 381 by the emperor Theodosius the Great.

The Third Council, celebrated on September 9, was created in the year 431 by the emperor Theodosius the Younger.

The Fourth Council, celebrated July 16, was founded in the year 451 under the emperor Marcian.

The Fifth Council, which is commemorated July 25, was formed in the year 553, under the emperor Justinian the Great.

The Sixth Ecumenical Council, on January 23, met during the years 680-681 under the emperor Constantine Pogonatos.

The feast of The Fathers of the First Six (out of seven) Ecumenical Councils is held on any Sunday between July 13 and July 19. This year it is on Sunday the 14. The first six councils have established one faith for the Church, meaning they set up the Orthodox Faith, based on the preaching of the Apostles. Thank God for holy Orthodox people strong enough to stand up for the Church!

Ἡ ἀγία Δ' ΟΙΚΟΣ  
Ἡ ἐν Χαλκηδῶνι ἐπι  
ὑπὸ καὶ θεοφύρου πατέρων  
τῶν μονο-

ΜΕΝΙΚῆ ΣΥΝΟΔΟΣ  
ΜΑΡΚΙΟΥ ΒΙΣ ΕΠΙ ΕΤΕΙ ΟΥΑ  
ΚΑΤΑ ΕΥΤΥΧῆΣ ΚΑΙ ΔΙΟΣΚΟΡΟΥ  
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