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Holy Days Liturgy: 9:00 am or Previous Day at 7:00 pm

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CHURCH BULLETIN – ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК

May 13, 2018 / Травень 13, 2018

DIVINE LITURGIES SCHEDULE:

May 13, 2018, Sunday of the Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical

Council. *The Holy Martyr Glyceria.*

Civil holiday: Mothers' Day

Tone 6: Epistle: Acts 20:16–18 & 28-38. / Gospel: John 17:1 – 13.

9:00 a.m. – Pro Populo – English

10:15 am – (God's Blessing upon all Living Mothers –
Special Intention) - Ukrainian.

Note: This week Sanctuary Candle Light will be in Memory of
✠ Dannyk Shafranski, req. Mychailo Shafranski & Family

Monday, May 14, 2018. *The Holy Martyr Isidore.*

7:00 p.m. – ✠ Dannyk Shafranski, req. Stefania Shvets - David

8:00 p.m. – Devotion to the Mother of God (Moleben)
- (it's held every day except Sunday's during the month of May at 8:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, May 15, 2018. *Our Venerable Father Pachomius the Great.*

6:00 p.m. – (Special Intention) - God's Blessing upon All members of
the Rosary Society, req. Members of the Rosary Society

Wednesday, May 16, 2018. *Our Venerable Father Theodore the Sanctified.*

9:00 a.m. – Special Intention, req. Mendyuk Family

6:00 p.m. – God's Blessing upon Saienko Family, req. Khrobak Family
(Divine Liturgy for Thursday)

8:15 p.m. - Bible Study (Reading, Explanation, etc) – Ukr.

Thursday, May 17, 2018. *The Holy Apostles Andronicus and others with him.*

9:00 a.m. – Pro Populo - Ukrainian

Friday, May 18, 2018. Apodosis of Ascension. *The Holy Martyr Theodotus of
Ancyra.*

7:00 p.m. – God's Blessing upon All (Special Intention),
req. by Mothers in Prayer

5th All Souls Saturday, May 19, 2018. *The Holy Priest – Martyr Patrick.*

8:00 a.m. – *Panakhya for All Deceased – Memorial Services (Ending Sorokousty)*

2:45 p.m. - The Holy Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism,
Chrismation and Holy Eucharist) for Alexander Filyk

6:00 p.m. – Vespers (Вечірня)

7:00 p.m. – ✠ All Deceased Members (Special Intention),
req. by Mothers in Prayer

May 20, 2018, Pentecost Sunday. *The Holy Martyr Thaleleus.*

9:00 a.m. – Pro Populo – English

10:15 am – (God's Blessing upon Ivan Zakharyuk & Family, req.
Zakharyuk Family) - Ukrainian.

Confessions: Can be heard by appointment daily and on Sundays before or after the
Divine Liturgy.

Baptism and Chrismation: By appointment. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics.

Marriage: Please contact the Pastor at least six (6) months in advance.

Attendance at pre - Cana is required.

Ukrainian Culture School will be held Every Saturday from 9:15 am until 1:35 p.m.

For more information please call the Rectory or contact the Director, Mr. Roman Vaskiv
at (631) 225 -1203 or visit our Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/HFUkrainianSchool>.

Ukrainian Cultural Dances for children ages 5 to 12 are provided by

Mr. Gregory Momot and Khrystyna Momot of Paramus, NJ, every Saturday, by groups:
ages (5 – 9) 1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.; ages (8 – 11) 2:15 p.m. –
3:55p.m.; ages (10 – 14) 3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Religious Education: Classes for religious education will resume on
September 18, 2017 and will be held every Monday from 5:00 p.m. until 5:55 p.m./6:00
p.m. – 6:55 p.m. Please contact the rectory for further information.

Ministry to the Sick: Father Popovici will make visits to the sick on the first Friday of the
month. It is the responsibility of an immediate family member to kindly notify Rev.
Popovici at the Rectory office about any sick or aged individual who is hospitalized or
confined at home or in a nursing home, and he will gladly visit and administer the
sacraments. In case of emergencies please call any time.

Pray the Rosary: The Apostleship of Prayer requests members and parishioners pray
the Rosary on the **First Sunday** of each month, beginning 20 minutes before Divine
Liturgy. The Rosary Society requests members and parishioners pray the Rosary on the
Third Sunday of the Month beginning at 10:00 a.m. before Ukrainian Divine Liturgy.

Mothers in Prayer: Next prayer group will be held on **June 1, 2018 at 8:15 p.m.**

St. Joseph's Men's Prayer: group will be held every Thursday at 8:00 p.m.

Rectory Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; Saturday: 10:00 am –
2:00 pm; Evenings by appointment. **Attention: Monday** is a free day for the priest. In
case of an emergency, please call at any time.

Divine Liturgy: Dear Parishioners! Remember your faith; please come every Sunday
and Holy Days to Church.

Divine Liturgy for Children: Special Divine Liturgy (English/Ukrainian language) for
family/children will be held on **Sunday, June 3, 2018 at 12:00 Noon. (Also children
from our Parish will receive Holy Solemn Communion during this Liturgy).** All
parents are requested to bring their children to church to celebrate the Holy Divine
Liturgy.

Sunday Bulletin Deadline: Notices should be phoned in or brought to the Parish Office
NO LATER than 12:00 noon on the Friday prior to the Sunday of publication.

Bequests: In making out your will, kindly remember your church. Holy Family Ukrainian
Catholic Church of Lindenhurst, N.Y. is our legal title.

New Parishioners: Welcome to Holy Family Church! To all who are tired and need rest,
to all who mourn and need comfort, to all who are friendless and need friendship, to all
who are discouraged and need hope, to all who are hopeless and need sheltering love,
to all who sin and need a Savior, this Church opens wide its doors in the name of the
Lord Jesus Christ. Please stop by the Rectory to introduce yourselves and register. We
look forward to meeting you.

Change in address or telephone? Parishioners, kindly provide the rectory with your
new address and telephone numbers as soon as possible.

**Parishioners and guests: after each Divine Liturgy, coffee, rolls, & cakes are
served in the Parish Center for a donation of \$3.00 per person.**

Sunday Collection – May 6, 2018. Mother's Day - \$265.00

"Give to the Most High as He has given to you, generously, for the Lord is one who always repays, and He will give back to you sevenfold." (Sir. 35: 9 – 10).

Candles: \$285, Tetrapod: \$24, Pyrohy: \$20, Ascension: \$95, Liability Ins.: \$375, Coffee: \$175,

Pledge: \$720.00, Sunday Offering: \$1,280.00, Total - \$3,239.00.

Dear Parishioners: Sincere thanks for the offerings made on Sunday', May 6th, 2018. May God bless you all for your generosity.

Our Prayer: Please remember all those parishioners who are ill or elderly within your families. They are part of our parish and need to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacraments of Confession and Communion. To schedule a visit by the priest, please call the rectory for an appointment.

Attention: To all who celebrate their birthday during the month of May our best wishes and many happy healthy years! Mnohaya Lita and God's Blessing.

Our Church News:

1. To all Mothers of our parish we wish to express a "Happy Mother's Day!!" **May God Bless you all!**

2. **Congratulations were extended to Kristina Nicole Zavyalov**, daughter of Volodymyr Zavyalov & Iryna Ivashko, who received the Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation and First Holy Eucharist on Sunday, May 6, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

3. **We will prepare kapusta for our Festival on Tuesday, May 15th, 2018** starting at **6:30 pm**. Parishioners, please make every effort to come help us!

4. **Reminder:** The Month of May is devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. Moleben or Akatistos is celebrated every evening (except Sunday's) at 8:00 p.m. Please make a special effort to attend and participate in this Moleben (Devotional) service.

5. **Mother's Day plant and flower sale**, sponsored by the Apostleship of Prayer, continue to sell plants today after Divine Liturgy for Mother's Day. We depend on your generosity for this fundraiser. Please consider purchasing plants/flowers for your mother, etc.

6. Upcoming events:

A. Dear Parishioners: On May 27th our Eparch Bishop Paul Chomnycky will offer the Divine Liturgy at 10:30 am in Thanksgiving to God for the 20th anniversary of the priestly ordination of Fr. Olvian Nicolae Popovici. Bishop Paul will also bless our ten, new icons recently brought from Ukraine.

B. May collections: Regular church cleaning: The next second collection will be collected on Sunday, May 20th, 2018.

C. On June 9th and 10th, 2018 – our Parish will hold our second Ukrainian Cultural Dance Festival. Mark the dates on your calendar.

D. Stewardship Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 15th at 7:15pm. Please attend if you'd like to participate in decisions which affect our parish. All parishioners are welcome.

E. Please note that you will soon receive information by mail, about the annual Bishop's Appeal campaign, which will begin on May 15, 2018.

7. We wish to express our sincere thanks to:

a. twenty – two parishioners who donated their time and energy to make an assortment of pyrohy on Monday, May 7th in preparation for our Festival as well as for sale.

b. Mr. Thomas Laraia who performed needed work for our Parish fundraiser events this past week. **May God bless all those who volunteered or made donations and may He reward you with His choicest Blessings.**

8. We have for sale pyrohy with potatoes, meat, cheese or kapusta - \$6.00 per dozen/package. All proceeds go to our Church. This is a fund raiser.

9. Dear Parishioners: If you have any unopened and unused merchandise (**with tags and in new condition**) that you don't need,

consider donating it for our "Chinese Auction" scheduled for November.

10. Dear Parishioners, if anyone desires to have Rev. Popovici *visit the grave sites of your loved ones for Panakhyda*, please call the Rectory for an appointment. This may be done until May 29, 2018.

11. Dear Parishioners! Join us for our next Pilgrimage: "Steps of the Saints" – Italy (Rome, Padua, Asisi, etc). Save the dates: September 16 – 28, 2018. More information is attached to our Church Bulletin.

The Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Stamford organize Eparchial Conference on Lityurgy and Prayer: "On Earth it is in Heaven" on Saturday May, 19, 2018. Everyone from our Parish is invited for this Conference. More information is attached to our Church Bulletin.

HOMILY ON ST. IGNATIUS THE GOD-BEARER

St. John Chrysostom. ...continued from previous Bulletin....

2. And if you will, let us come first to the praise of his episcopate. Does this seem to be one crown alone? Come, then, let us unfold it in speech, and you will see both two, and three, and more produced from it. For I do not wonder at the man alone that he seemed to be worthy of so great an office, but that he obtained this office from those saints, and that the hands of the blessed apostles touched his sacred head. For not even is this a slight thing to be said in his praise, nor because he won greater grace from above, nor only because they caused more abundant energy of the Spirit to come upon him, but because they bore witness that every virtue possessed by man was in him. Now how this is, I tell you. Paul writing to Titus once on a time— and when I say Paul, I do not speak of him alone, but also of Peter and James and John, and the whole band of them; for as in one lyre, the strings are different strings, but the harmony is one, so also in the band of the apostles the persons are different, but the teaching is one, since the artificer is one, I mean the Holy Spirit, who moves their souls, and Paul showing this said, Whether therefore they, or I, so we preach (1 Cor. 15:11). This man, then, writing to Titus, and showing what kind of man the bishop ought to be, says, For the bishop must be blameless as God's steward; not self-willed, not soon angry, no brawler, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but given to hospitality, a lover of good, sober-minded, just, holy, temperate, holding to the faithful word, which is according to the teaching, that he may be able both to exhort in the sound doctrine, and to convict the gainsayers (Titus 1:7-9); and to Timothy again, when writing upon this subject, he says somewhat like this: If a man seeks the office of a bishop, he desires a good work. The bishop, therefore, must be without reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, orderly, given to hospitality, apt to teach, no brawler, no striker, but gentle, not contentious, no lover of money. Do you see what strictness of virtue he demands from the bishop? For as some most excellent painter from life, having mixed many colors, if he be about to furnish an original likeness of the royal form, works with all accuracy, so that all who are copying it, and painting from it, may have a likeness accurately drawn, so accordingly the blessed Paul, as though painting some royal likeness, and furnishing an original sketch of it, having mixed the different colors of virtue, has painted in the features of the office of bishop complete, in order that each of those who mount to that dignity, looking thereupon, may administer their own affairs with just such strictness. Boldly, therefore, would I say that Ignatius took an accurate impression of the whole of this, in his own soul; and was blameless and without reproach, and neither self-willed, nor soon angry, nor given to wine, nor a striker, but gentle, not contentious, no lover of money, just, holy, temperate, holding to the faithful word which is according to the teaching, sober, sober-minded, orderly, and all the rest which Paul demanded. And what is the proof of this? says one. They who said these things ordained him, and they who suggest to others with so great strictness to make proof of those who are about to mount to the throne of this office, would not themselves have done this negligently. But had they not seen all this virtue planted in the soul of this martyr would not have entrusted him with this office. For they knew accurately how great danger besets those who bring about such ordinations, carelessly and haphazard....to be continued...

Questions about the Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First ecumenical council I

When is the Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council celebrated?

The Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First ecumenical council is celebrated the Sunday before Pentecost, following Ascension Thursday. When Christ ascended, He reiterated His promise of the Holy Spirit to the apostles. The Holy Spirit guided the church, and this guidance is magnificently made manifest in the ecumenical councils, when dogmas were confirmed and heretics were put to shame. As we await the celebration of the Descent of the Holy Spirit, it is appropriate to think of the ways in which He guides the church. Through the Holy Spirit, who guided the Holy Fathers in the councils and confirmed their pronouncements in the mind of the Church, the Orthodox Faith, which is nothing less than the only correct and saving faith in the true God, was preserved.

What is an ecumenical council? How many have there been? Why in general were they called? How do the Eastern view the pronouncements of the Ecumenical councils? What was the primary reason for the 1st Ecumenical Council? When and where was it called?

The principle that hierarchs can meet and formulate doctrinal and disciplinary statements and resolutions that are the will of God and accepted by the entire church was established in the apostolic period, with the first RECORDED council, which was reported by St. Luke in his Acts, with the famous statement which has become an anthem of sorts for the Eastern Christian: "For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us" (Acts 15:28). *There have been seven ecumenical councils, which were always convened when there was some heresy that was endangering the purity of the faith.* The First Ecumenical council was held in 325 AD in Nicea. It was called primarily to combat the heresy of Arianism. Ye have become exact keepers of the apostolic traditions, / O Holy Fathers; / for in setting forth in council the dogma / of the consubstantiality of the Holy Trinity in Orthodox fashion, / ye cast down the blasphemy of Arius. / Then, after censuring Macedonius, the enemy of the Holy Spirit, / ye condemned Nestorius, Eutyches, Dioscorus, / Sabellius, and Severus the headless. / Wherefore, make ye entreaty / that we be delivered from their error, // and that our life be preserved blameless in the Faith, we pray. (Vespers for the Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First ecumenical council, The Litya Glory)

Today the brilliant city of the Niceans / hath called together to herself from the whole world / three hundred eighteen hierarchs against Arius, / him that uttered blasphemy and made little account of the One of the Trinity, / the true Son and Divine Rod; / and having thus deposed this man from pow'r, // the Fathers mightily strengthened the Holy Faith. (Matins for the Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First ecumenical council, Sessional hymn after the 3rd Ode of the canon, Glory)

What major church document was produced in part by the 1st Ecumenical Council? Why?

The Symbol of Faith, the Nicean Creed, was authored in part in Nicea (the first seven articles were written). *This was the first written expression of the unwritten belief* regarding the nature of God, and the internal relationship of the Father to the Son. It was the first

document *accepted universally defining what Christianity was.* It was the first universal mean: it was the measure by which one could delineate Orthodoxy from Heresy. *To vary from it meant that was had ceased to be Christian.* Therefore, to this day, it is impossible for one to be a Christian if this symbol, which dogmatizes Divine Truth about God and His economy, is not believed.

"O ye assemblies of the Orthodox, / let us celebrate today with faith and piety / the annual memorial of the God-bearing Fathers / who, in the illustrious city of Nicaea, / came together from the whole inhabited world. / For with pious mind / they refuted the godless dogma of the grievous Arius, / and by synodal decree banished him from the Catholic Church. / And they instructed all to openly confess / the consubstantial and co-eternal Son of God, / Who existed before the ages. / This, in exactness and piety, / did they set forth in the Symbol of Faith. / Wherefore, following their divine doctrines / and believing with assurance, / we worship, in One Godhead, / the Father, Son, and All-holy Spirit, // the Trinity one in essence." (Vespers for the Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First ecumenical council, the Aposticha, Glory). "The first gathering of Thy priests, O Savior, piously proclaimed Thee to be begotten and consubstantial with the beginningless Father and Creator of all. (Matins for the Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First ecumenical council, The Canon of the Fathers, Ode 3). Having brought together all knowledge of things of the spirit / and made careful inquiry by the divine Spirit's grace, / lo, like godly scribes / the august Fathers wrote the celestial Symbol, / the august Creed of our holy Faith, / wherein they clearly teach that, like God the Father, / the Word of God is also unoriginate / and is consubstantial with Him in truth. / Thus did these all-blest and renowned and godly-minded ones / indeed follow in manifest manner // in that which the Apostles taught. (Praises for the Sunday of the Holy Fathers.)

Describe the pernicious heresy combated by the council. Are there any recognizable groups outside the church that still hold to this heresy?

In essence, the heresy of Arianism, named after it's chief architect the former Protopresbyter Arius of Carthage, held that Christ was created, and not perfectly God. It set the model of a number of future heresies, all of which would in some way seek to either elevate the manhood of Christ at the expense of his Divinity, or elevate the Divinity of Christ at the expense of his manhood. The opposite extreme of this heresy was the Monophysite heresy, which states that Jesus Christ had only one nature, since His human nature was "swallowed up" into His divine nature. The Eastern believes and confesses that Jesus Christ is of one essence "homoousios" with God the Father, and that was never a time when He was not God, and there was a time when He became incarnate, and assumed human nature as well, and His divinity and humanity (two natures) coexist in one person, without confusion or intermingling. This dogma is not just a war of words, or semantics. If Jesus Christ did not assume our full human nature, unmingled with the divinity (as our nature is, since we are mortal creatures), His resurrection would not be effectual for humanity, because He would not have resurrected the human nature we possess. "Ere the morning star from the womb wast Thou born / from the Father motherless ere the ages, / though Arius held Thou wast created and thus not God, / boldly and

mindlessly identifying Thee, the Creator, / with things created, / thus storing up fuel for the eternal fire. / But the Council gathered in Nicaea / proclaimed that Thou, O Lord, art truly the Son of God, // one with the Father and the Spirit in rank." "O My Savior, who hath thus rent Thy raiment? / Thou didst say: It was Arius / who sundered the Trinity's headship, / which is one in rank and honor. / That Thou art One of the Most Holy Trinity he disputed: / and he taught Nestorius the godless not to say Theotokos. / But the Council gathered in Nicaea / proclaimed that Thou, O Lord, art truly the Son of God, // one with the Father and the Spirit in rank." (Vespers for the Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First ecumenical council, Lord I have cried, Stichera 7 and 8)

Continued holders of the Arian heresy are the Mormons, Unitarian Pentecostals, Jehovahs Witnesses, and the Seventh Day Adventists.

What Gospel is read for the Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First ecumenical council? Why?

The gospel read on for the Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First ecumenical council is from St. John (Jn 17:1-13), and consists of the words the Lord told His disciples just before His arrest on Holy Thursday. His words shown below powerfully refute the heresy of Arius, as they show Him to be equal to the Father.

"These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee." (John 17:1)

A reciprocal relationship is seen where each person has the capacity to equally glorify the other.

Christ's own words here: *"And now, O Father, glorify thou me with Thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was."* (John 17:5) directly refute the blasphemous idea, first proposed by Arius, that Jesus Christ was created.

The words of the prayer of Christ are also magnificently realized in the Holy Fathers, the successors to the apostles.

What is the definition of eternal life that Jesus gives in the Gospel for the Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First ecumenical council?

Our Lord defined eternal life in His High-Priestly prayer to the Father: *"And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent."* (John 17:3)

Who were some of the Holy Fathers at the First ecumenical council? Which one struck an arch heretic? What happened? How many holy fathers were at the council? Where else does this number appear in the Holy Scriptures?

There were 318 Holy Fathers at the First Ecumenical council in Nicea, a number which also prophetically appeared in the Old Testament: *"And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained servants, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them unto Dan."* (Genesis: 14,14) This refers to the incident where Abram (later, renamed by God "Abraham") rescued Lot.

The First Council was particularly rich with Holy and God-bearing Fathers, among them being:

St. Nicholas the Wonderworker

St. Basil the Great

St. Spyridon

St. Athanasius the Great (at that time, an Archdeacon)

St. Paphnutius

"Today the brilliant city of the Niceans / hath called together to herself from the whole world / three hundred eighteen hierarchs

against Arius, / him that uttered blasphemy and made little account of the One of the Trinity, / the true Son and Divine Rod; / and having thus deposed this man from pow'r, // the Fathers mightly strengthened the Holy Faith." Sessional Hymn, Matins for the Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council)

The Holy Fathers descended with ferocity against the horrible heresy of Arius, because they understood it's implications, and the services faithfully capture the essence of this holy and violent battle:

"Mindless, foolish Arius / once divided the All-holy Trinity's one dominion / and made thus three essences dissimilar and foreign. / Hence, the God-bearing Fathers gathered together in their fervor, / burning with zeal like to Elias the Thesbite, / and they cut down with the sharp sword of the Holy Spirit / the vile blasphemer, / who taught doctrines of shamefulness. // Thus did the Spirit reveal to them."

(Vespers, Lord I have Cried.)

The battle with Arius became so intense that Nicholas the Wonderworker, filled with divine zeal, struck the blasphemer on the cheek in order to silence his torrent of filthy doctrines.

What decision was made about Pascha at the First ecumenical council? Is this decision observed to this day by all the Orthodox?

The formula for the celebration of Pascha was decided in the First council. This formula is somewhat complex, but in general, it assures these things: Pascha is never celebrated before or at the same time as the Jewish feast of Passover.

Pascha is never celebrated in May.

What 3 commemorations are observed in the services for the Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First ecumenical council?

The Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical falls within the festal period of the Ascension. Therefore, three things are spoken of in the services:

The Resurrection (as always on a Sunday)

The Ascension

The Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

Explain what being "guided by the Holy Spirit" means for an Christian and contrast this with others who express belief in Christ who are not Christian.

The church is guided by the Holy Spirit, and the members of her are also guided by this same spirit. Since the Holy Spirit never contradicts Himself, the individual must agree with the corporate consensus of the One Holy and Catholic Church. The mistake that sectarians make is that they have lost the consciousness of this consensus, and depend unwisely on their own private interpretations. *"The Holy Spirit provideth all things; He gusheth forth prophecy; He perfecteth the priesthood; He hath taught wisdom to the illiterate. He hath shown forth the fishermen as theologians. He holdeth together the whole institution of the Church. Wherefore, O Comforter, one in essence and throne with the Father and the Son, glory be to Thee."* (Lord I have Cried, Vespers of Pentecost)

A Prayer for Priests by St John of Kronstadt

O Lord, let Thy priests be clothed with righteousness; Let them always remember the greatness of their calling; Let them not be entangled in the snares of the world and the devil; Let them be saved from the cares of the world, the delight in riches, and the desire for other things entering into their hearts. Give to them Thy Holy Spirit, who intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words. Amen.
