



## Catechumens

Many of you will be preparing for Holy Baptism on Lazarus Saturday this year, and are in the process of completing the list of items to complete before baptism.

**In two weeks, all Catechumens will meet with Fr. John and set the date for their individual receptions into the Church.**

Be sure to:

- Fill out all of the required forms and return them to the priest (return the Personal Information form right away. The others as they are completed). The Prayer Rule should be filled out as soon as possible and approved by Fr. John so that this Orthodox practice can be formed as part of preparation for being received.
- Prepare and make a Life confession to establish a regular confession practice.
- Visit at least two (2) other Orthodox Churches during catechumenate and confirm this information to the Priest.
- You will need to find a Godparent/Sponsor. You must discuss your choice with the Priest prior to asking the potential sponsor. The sponsor will need to be approved to be your sponsor by the Priest. If you have not done so, accomplish this in the next two weeks.

# SYNOÏKON

OF THE HOLY AND ECUMENICAL  
SEVENTH COUNCIL FOR ORTHODOXY

As the Prophets beheld,  
as the Apostles have taught,  
as the Church has received,  
as the Teachers have set forth in dogmas,  
as the Universe has agreed,  
as Grace has shone forth,  
as Truth has revealed,  
as falsehood was dissolved,  
as Wisdom has presented,  
as Christ has awarded;

thus do we believe, thus we speak, thus we preach  
Christ our true God and His saints, honoring them in  
words, in writings, in thoughts, in sacrifices, in temples,  
and in icons, worshipping and respecting the One as  
God and Master, and honoring the others, and appor-  
tioning veneration to them, because of our common  
Master for they are His genuine servants,

THIS IS THE FAITH OF THE APOSTLES,

THIS IS THE FAITH OF THE FATHERS,

THIS IS THE FAITH OF THE ORTHODOX,

THIS FAITH HAS ESTABLISHED THE UNIVERSE.



**Resurrection Troparion – Tone 5**

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,  
Coeternal with the Father and the Spirit,  
Born for our salvation from the Virgin.  
For He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,  
To endure death,  
And to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

**1st Sunday of Lent- Orthodoxy Sunday Troparion - Tone 2**

We venerate Thy most pure image, O Good One!  
And ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ God!  
Of Thy good will Thou wast pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh,  
And deliver Thy creatures from bondage to the enemy.  
Therefore with thankfulness we cry aloud to Thee:  
Thou hast filled all with joy, O our Savior,  
For Thou didst come to save the world!

*Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;*

**Troparion of All Saints of North America - Special Tone**

We offer unto Thee, our Father in heaven,  
The first fruits of sanctity sown in this new land,  
And all Thy saints, known and unknown, who have shone forth in America.  
Fill Thy Church with heavenly joy, grant peace to Thy land and to Thy Holy Church,  
And sanctify all those who worship Thee,  
Through the intercessions of the Theotokos and of all Thy saints, O most merciful One!

*Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Orthodoxy Sunday Kontakion - Tone 2**

No one could describe the Word of the Father;  
But when He took flesh from you, O Theotokos,  
He accepted to be described,  
And restored the fallen image to its former state  
By uniting it to Divine beauty.  
We confess and proclaim our salvation in word and images.

THIS IS THE SUNDAY OF THE  
**TRIUMPH OF ORTHODOXY**



The Procession of Icons will take place  
at the end of Divine Liturgy.

**GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!  
GLORY FOREVER!**