



The Olive Shoots
St. Symeon Orthodox Church
July 13, 2014

✙ 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)

Wednesday- Vespers for the Royal Martyrs at 6:30
PM
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!**

“For I have given to them the words which You have given
Me; and they have received them, and have known surely
that I came forth from You; and they have believed that
You sent Me.”

-John 17:8

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 13. 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!

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