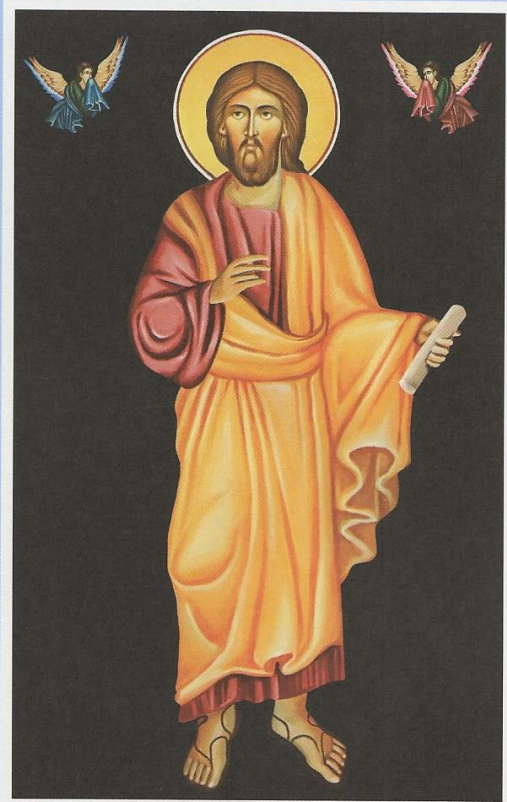
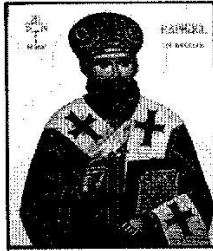


HE IS A COUNSELOR



Prophets throughout the ages have foreseen many things. The ancient Prophet Isaiah announced the birth of Jesus centuries before the actual event. As written in Isaiah 9:6, he also revealed the many NAMES our Lord would be referred to as: The Prince of Peace, Everlasting Father, The Mighty God and also as Counselor. Today, we explore the many ways Christ qualifies as our BEST COUNSELOR.

To begin, Christ became AVAILABLE. This speaks to His wisdom. We all find it worthless when knowledge is either not available or not applicable to real life. Our Lord came down from Heaven in the shape of a man. Jesus walked amongst us,



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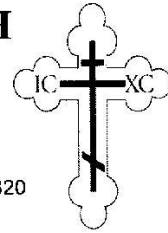
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SUNDAY, JULY 18, 2021 - 4th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 3.
Fathers of the 1st Six Ecumenical Councils.

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK	<i>Please join us after Divine Liturgy for a Coffee Fellowship in the Library. Confessions - Ask Fr. Sergious for a time</i>	DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS
Sat: Great Vespers 4:00 PM		Mon: Solomon 3:1-9; 4:7-15; 5:15-6:3, Matthew 11:27-30; 12:9-13, Galatians 5:22-6:2, Luke 6:17-23, Romans 12:4-5; 15-21
Sun: Reading of The Hours 9:45 AM Divine Liturgy Holy Fathers 10:00 AM		Tue: 3[1]Kings 17:1-23; 18; 19; 20; 21; 4[2]Kings 2:1; 6-14, Luke 4:22-30, James 5:10-20, Romans 14:9-18, Matthew 12:14-16; 22-30
Thu.: Akathist to St. Herman 4:00 PM		Wed: Romans 15:7-16, Matthew 12:38-45 Thu: Romans 15:17-29, Matthew 12:46-13:3 Fri: Romans 16:1-16, Matthew 13:4-9 Sat: Isaiah 43:9-14, Solomon 3:1-9; 4:7-15, Luke 21:12-19, Romans 8:14-21; 28- 39, John 15:17-16:2, Matthew 9:9-13

+EPISTLE+ (Romans 6:18-23) Brethren: And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

+GOSPEL+ (Matthew 8:5-13) Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.

Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

THE GIFTS -JULY 11

Attendance 32
Regular Offerings 340
Candles 159
Myrrhbearer Hall
Improvements 100

Choir Practice Sunday at 9 AM

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VIGIL CANDLES - JULY 11

Susanna Bane - 40 day Memorial for Mother.
Fr. Sergious - Prayers for Health and Healing
for Joel and Theresa Miller.
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for Barbara and Robert Aldunate.
Nancy Kinley - Health of Bill, Julianna & Family,
Andrew & Family, Mary Ann H., Patricia, Patty,
Joel, Pat & Nick, Judith, Barbara, Joan.
Nick Borick - Eva, Olga, Martin, Margaret, Pat &
Nick.
Dolores Lichatz - Health of Stephen, Nadean &
Jack. Memory of Paul, Nina.
Olga DeMay - In loving memory of sister Helen
Pirniak.
Steve Pereny - Health of Joan Pereny.



experiencing exactly what you and I go through on a daily basis. He was accessible to all: rich and poor, children and adults, and especially to sinners in need of His help.

Christ came to us with ANSWERS. During his childhood, He sat in the temple in the midst of Church teachers. As stated in Luke 2:46, Jesus both listened and answered questions. After cleansing the temple of money-changers (John 2:18-19), He was asked by His critics, "What sign do you show us . . ." He answered "Destroy this temple and in 3 days I will raise it up", foreshadowing His death and resurrection. Christ answered questions on the promise of Heaven (John 14:1-6) and the perils of Hell (Luke 16:19-31).

Our Counselor came with ASSURANCES, especially for the hopeless sinner. Jesus brought a message of love, as witnessed by many; among them the Samaritan woman, the tax-collector Zacchaeus and finally the dying thief on the cross. He brought a message of hope to those who had no hope.

How refreshing it is to celebrate our Saviour today. His answers are relevant to every need of every age. Bring your burdens to Him. Christ, the Counselor, will guide you through them all.

