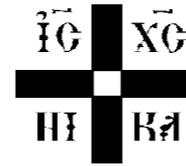


## Weekly Schedule

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Great Vespers, 6:00 p.m.</b> The Protection of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Festal Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.</b> The Protection of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary
<b>Friday</b>	Acathisto de Maria, 6:00 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	Great Vespers, 6:00 p.m. Confessions following Great Vespers
<b>Sunday</b>	Reading of Hours, 9:40 a.m. Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m. <i>Fellowship Hour following Divine Liturgy</i>

These holy martyrs suffered at Carthage with **St Callistratus** at the beginning of the fourth century. St Callistratus was miraculously saved after his tormentors had tied him up in a sack and cast him into the sea. By God's mercy, however, the sack struck a sharp rock and was torn open. St Callistratus came to dry land unharmed, carried by dolphins. Viewing such a miracle, forty-nine soldiers came to believe in Christ. Then the military commander threw St Callistratus and the believing soldiers into prison. Before this, all of them were subjected to innumerable floggings. In jail St Callistratus continued to preach the Word of God to the soldiers and he bolstered their spirits for martyrdom. Summoned again before the military commander, the sufferers firmly confessed their faith in Christ, after which they were bound hand and foot and thrown into a dam. But there their bonds broke, and with bright faces the holy martyrs stood in the water, rejoicing in their Baptism, which coincided with the act of martyrdom. Beautiful bright crowns appeared over their heads, and all heard a voice: "Be brave, Callistratus, with your company, and come rest in the eternal habitations." At the same time, the earth shuddered and an idol standing nearby fell down and smashed. Seeing this, another 135 soldiers also believed in the Lord Jesus Christ. The military commander, fearing a mutiny in the army, did not put them on trial, but again imprisoned St Callistratus with the others, where they fervently prayed and gave thanks to the Creator for giving them power to endure such sufferings. At night the martyrs were cut to pieces with swords by order of the military commander. Their holy relics were buried by the 135 soldiers who remained alive. Later, a church was built on the spot of their sufferings, as St Callistratus had foretold.



## Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

2101 South 28th St  
Philadelphia, PA 19145  
Phone: (215) 94-7713 (Home)

**Rev. Matthew Cantrell, Acting Rector**  
**Rev. Sergius Willis, Associate Pastor**  
Call to arrange sacraments, services, instruction, counseling, home visits, sick calls.

**September 27, 2009**  
**16th Sunday after Penecost**  
**Tone 7**  
Martyrs Callistratus and his company (49 Martyrs—ca. 304).

### Troparion (Tone 7) (Resurrection)

By Your Cross You destroyed death. To the thief You opened Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy. And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that You are risen./granting the world great mercy.

### Troparion (Tone 3) (Saint)

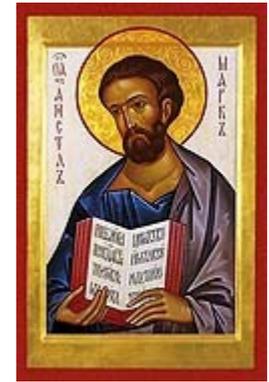
In contest you were strengthened by the Holy Spirit, Martyr Callistratus, and were glorious in casting down the Enemy. You offered a noble army of athletes as sweet-smelling incense to Christ./With them pray for us who praise you with hymns!

### Kontakion (Tone 7) (Resurrection)

The dominion of death can no longer hold mankind captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: "The Savior has come to those in faith./enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!"

### Kontakion (Tone 4) (Saint)

Like stars you have shone upon the world, shedding the light of your contests and miracles upon all who cry to you: "Rejoice, Martyr Callistratus and fellow company of martyrs!" the Life, and the God of all.



### Prayers for The Faithful and Departed

McCartney family. **May God Grant Them Many Years!**

Julia, John, Olga, Walter, Leonard, Mary, Albert. **May Their Memories Be Eternal!**

### **Epistle Reading**

#### **2 Corinthians 6:1-10**

We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

### **Gospel Reading**

#### **Luke 5:1-11**

So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

### **Welcome to our Visitors!!**

A warm welcome to all our visitors and guests who have joined us in celebrating the Divine Liturgy. Please join us for our Fellowship Hour in the Church Hall . **Please note: Only those Orthodox Christians that have properly prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and confession of sins may approach the Chalice and receive Holy Communion.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Fr. Moses Berry**

Fr. Moses Berry will speak at our parish tomorrow, Monday, September 28, at 7:00pm, about Orthodox Christian outreach to the African-American community. All are welcome to attend. Please do invite any of your friends to attend as well.

#### **Ladies' Lunch**

Our new Women's Ministry will be holding a lunch/social/silent auction on Saturday, November 14. All women of our parish and any of their lady friends and relatives are most welcome to attend. Please see our President, Debbie, for more details.

#### **Cleaning and Coffee Hour Ministry**

Thank you to all who have volunteered their time and talents to clean our church and to feed our parish community. Sign-up sheets for the next weeks are downstairs.

#### **Recycling**

Please remember that we are to recycle at Holy Assumption. Please see the posters downstairs for more information.

#### **Church Education**

Starting Sunday, October 4, our parish will begin its Church Education program for our youth *after* the Divine Liturgy. I hope to expand our education offerings to include the adults as well.

#### **Council Meeting Today**

The council will meet today. As always, any parishioners in good standing are welcome to attend.