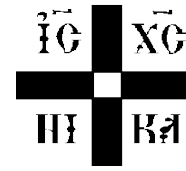


## Weekly Schedule

**Saturday** Great Vespers, 6:00 p.m.  
Confessions following Great Vespers

**Sunday** Reading of Hours, 9:40 a.m.  
Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.  
*Fellowship Hour following Divine Liturgy*

The Holy Martyr Aquilina, a native of the Phoenician city of Byblos, suffered under the emperor Diocletian (284-305). Her parents raised her in Christian piety. When the girl was only twelve years old, she persuaded a pagan friend to convert to Christ. One of the servants of the imperial governor Volusian accused her of teaching others not to follow the religion of their fathers. The girl firmly confessed her faith in Christ before the governor and said that she would not renounce Him. Volusian tried to influence the young confessor through persuasion and by flattery, but seeing her confidence, he ordered her to be tortured. They struck her upon the face, then they stripped her and beat her with whips. The torturer asked, "Where then is your God? Let Him come and take you out of my hands". The saint answered, "The Lord is here with me invisibly, and the more I suffer, the more strength and endurance will He give me." They drilled through the martyr's ears with heated metal rods. The holy virgin fell down as if dead. The torturer thought that the girl had actually died, and he gave orders to throw her body outside the city to be eaten by dogs. By night a holy angel appeared to St Aquilina, roused her and said, "Arise and be healed. Go and denounce Volusian, so that he and his plans may come to nothing." The martyr went to the court of the governor and stood before Volusian. Seeing St Aquilina, he called for his servants and ordered them to keep watch over her until morning. In the morning he sentenced St Aquilina to death, saying that she was a sorceress who did not obey the imperial decrees. When they led the saint to execution, she prayed and gave thanks to God for allowing her to suffer for His Holy Name. A voice was heard in answer to her prayer, summoning her to the heavenly Kingdom. Before the executioner could carry out the sentence, the martyr gave up her spirit to God (+ 293). The executioner feared to disobey the governor's orders, so he cut off her head although she was already dead. Christians piously buried the martyr's body. Later, her relics were taken to Constantinople and placed in a church named for her.



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Call to arrange sacraments, services, instruction, counseling, home visits, sick calls.

### Troparion (Tone 2)

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal, You destroyed hell with the splendor of Your Godhead. And when from the depths You raised the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out://“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!”

### Troparion (Tone 4)

You lamb Aquilina calls out to you, O Jesus, in a loud voice: “I love You, my Bridegroom and in seeking You, I endure suffering. In baptism I was crucified so that I might reign in You, and I died so that I might live in You. Accept me as a pure sacrifice, for I have offered myself in love!”//Though her prayers save our souls, since You are merciful!

### Troparion (Tone 4)

In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith, an image of humility and a teacher of abstinence; your humility exalted you; your poverty enriched you. Hierarch Father Triphyllius, entreat Christ our God//that our souls may be saved!

**June 13, 2010**

**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST —  
Tone 2. Martyr Aquilina of Byblos in Syria  
(293).**

### Kontakion (Tone 2)

You ascended to the heights through martyrdom, all-honorable Aquilina, having purified your soul through the virtues of your virginity. You were wounded with love for Christ your bridegroom, before Whom you stand rejoicing with the Angels;//together with them unceasingly pray for us all!

### Prayers for The Faithful and Departed

Zara, parishioners and Corba neighbors, Diane, Mackieicz family, McCartney family, Kavalkovich family and friends, clergy and families, Witiak family. **May God Grant Them Many Years!**

John, Deborah, Kavalkovich family and friends, John, Julia Mary, Al. **May Their Memories Be Eternal!**

### **Epistle Reading**

#### **Romans 5:1-10**

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

### **Gospel Reading**

#### **Matthew 6:22-33**

The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

### **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 should approach the Chalice and receive Holy Communion.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Food Collection**

Please bring any food you would like to donate to church. We, as a church, will offer food to one of the local food banks, Philabundance.

#### **Church Telephone Number**

Our church's telephone number is 215-468-3535. If there is inclement weather, do please call the number and wait for the answering machine. If church is canceled, it will be announced here.

#### **Month of Youth**

We've entered our "Month of Youth," here at Holy Assumption. I would ask that everyone of you keep our youth in your prayers this month.

#### **NYC or Bust**

Our youth are planning for a trip to NYC on June 26-27, which will include a visit to the American Museum of Natural History and to St. Vladimir's Seminary. We have fifteen people who have signed up to go.

#### **Reading Group**

Emily Petkas would like to introduce you to a wonderful book to read as we approach our "Month of Stewardship," in July. Its title is Freedom of Simplicity, written by Richard J. Foster. Emily will lead a discussion based on this book the first week of July. If you would like to read along and to discuss this book as part of a reading group, please see Emily so that we might order to correct amount of books. **Today is the last day to place your order. The cost for the book comes to ten dollars.**

There will be a **Panakhida** next week after the Divine Liturgy to remember the one year anniversary of the falling asleep of Mary Robovitsky.