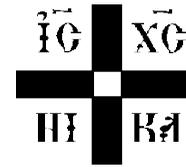
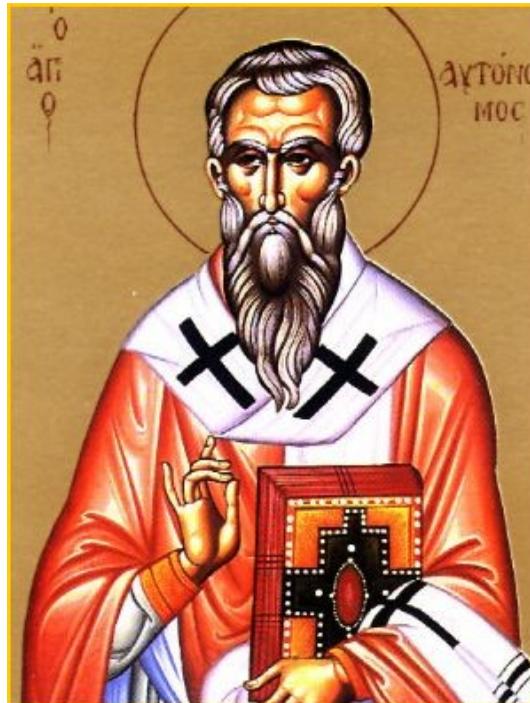


Weekly Schedule

Monday	Great Vespers, 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Festal Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.
Saturday	Great Vespers, 6:00 p.m. Confessions following Vigil
Sunday	Reading of Hours, 9:40 a.m. Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m. <i>Fellowship Hour following Divine Liturgy</i>

The Hieromartyr Autonomus was a bishop in Italy. During the time of the persecution against Christians under the emperor Diocletian (284-305), St Autonomus left his own country and resettled in Bithynia, in the locality of Soreus with a man named Cornelius. St Autonomus did his apostolic duty with zeal and converted to Christ so many pagans, that a large Church was formed, for which he consecrated a temple in the name of the Archangel Michael. For this church, the saint at first ordained Cornelius as deacon, and then presbyter. Preaching about Christ, St Autonomus visited also Lykaonia and Isauria. The emperor Diocletian gave orders to arrest St Autonomus, but the saint withdrew to Claudiopolis on the Black Sea. In returning to Soreus, he had the priest Cornelius ordained bishop. St Autonomus then went to Asia, and when he had returned from there, he began to preach in the vicinity of Limna, near Soreus. Once, the newly-converted destroyed a pagan temple. The pagans decided to take revenge on the Christians. Seizing their chance, the pagans rushed upon the church of the Archangel Michael when St Autonomus was serving Divine Liturgy there. After torturing St Autonomus they killed him, reddening the altar of the church with his martyr's blood. The deaconess Maria removed the body of the holy martyr from beneath a pile of stones and buried it. During the reign of St Constantine the Great, a church was built over the tomb of the saint. In the year 430, a certain priest had the old church pulled down. Not realizing that the martyr's body had been buried beneath the church, he rebuilt the church in a new spot. But after another 60 years the relics of the saint were found incorrupt, and a church was then built in the name of the Hieromartyr Autonomus.



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Troparion (Tone 7)

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

Troparion (Tone 4)

Your nativity, O Virgin,
has proclaimed joy to the whole uni-
verse! The Sun of righteousness,
Christ our God, has shone from you, O
Theotokos. By annulling the curse,
He bestowed a blessing.//By destroy-
ing death, He has granted us eternal
life.

Kontakion (Tone 7)

The dominion of death can no longer
hold mankind captive, for Christ de-
scended, 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!"

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**16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST —
Tone 7. Leavetaking of the Nativity of the
Theotokos. Sunday Before the Elevation of
the Cross.**

Kontakion (Tone 4)

By your nativity, most pure Virgin,
Joachim and Anna are freed from barren-
ness, Adam and Eve -- from the corrup-
tion of death. And we, your people, freed
from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing
to you: // "The barren woman gives birth to
the Theotokos, the nourisher of our Life."

Prayers for The Faithful and Departed

Diane, Anastasia, Kavalkovich family,
McCartney family. **May God Grant
Them Many Years!**

Mary, Michael, Barbara, John, John,
Josh, Anna, Helen, Andrew, Marie, John,
John, Julia, Frank, William, Julia, Wil-
liam, Michael, Michael, Mary, Julia, and
John. **May Their Memories Be Eter-
nal!**

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

Matthew 25:14-30

For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. 'And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.' But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. 'So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. 'Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. 'For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. 'And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

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.

Bulletin Board

Please do check the bulletin board for announcements.

Community Picnic

The council and I have decided that it would be good to have a community picnic on Saturday, October 9. I would need help in planning and running this event, especially as it relates to community outreach. If you could help plan the event, please see me.

Church Education

During the coffee hour on the last Sunday of each month Fr. Matthew will lead a discussion on Church theology. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate. This month's topic will be Christ's question to St. Peter, "Who do you say that I am?"