

## Week Schedule

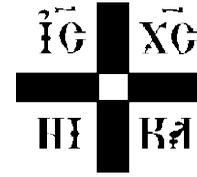
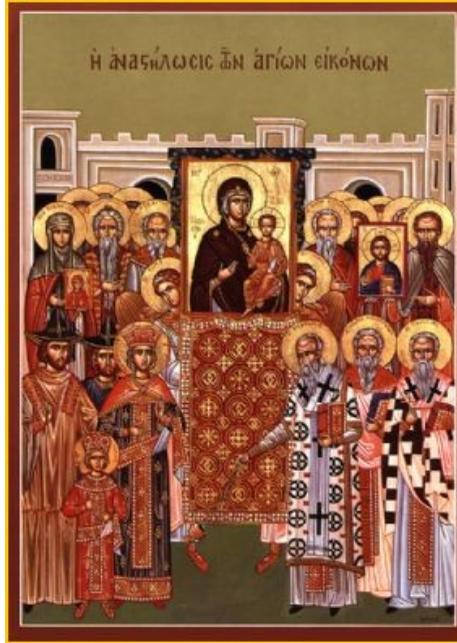
**Saturday** Great Vespers, 6:00 p.m.  
Confessions following Vespers

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

**\*\*See Lenten Calendar for daily services\*\***

Originally, the Prophets Moses, Aaron, and Samuel were commemorated on this Sunday. The Alleluia verses appointed for today's Liturgy reflect this older usage.

Today we commemorate the "Triumph of Orthodoxy," the restoration of the holy icons in the reign of the holy Empress Theodora (February 11).



## Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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

### **Troparion (Tone 1)**

When the stone had been sealed by  
the Jews, while the soldiers were  
guarding Your most pure ^body, You  
rose on the third day, O Savior, grant-  
ing life to the world. The powers of  
heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver  
of Life: "Glory to Your Resurrection, O  
Christ! Glory to Your Kingdom!//  
Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of  
mankind!"

### **Troparion (Tone 2)**

We venerate Your most pure image, O  
Good One; and ask forgiveness of our  
transgressions, O Christ our God. Of  
Your good will You were pleased to  
ascend the cross in the flesh and de-  
liver Your creatures from bondage to  
the Enemy. Therefore with thankful-  
ness we cry aloud to You: "You have  
filled all with joy, O our Savior,//  
for You alone have come to save the  
world."

**March 13, 2011**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 1.**  
**Sunday of Orthodoxy.**

### **Kontakion (Tone 8)**

No one could describe the Word of the  
Father; but when He took flesh from you,  
O Theotokos, He accepted to be de-  
scribed, and restored the fallen image to  
its former state by uniting it to divine  
beauty.//We confess and proclaim our  
salvation in words and images.

### **Prayers for The Faithful and Departed**

Dn. Peter Skoog, Lena Robovitsky, Al-  
bert and Catherine Kavalkovich, Ronnie  
Kavalkovich, Patricia Schmidt, Joseph  
Herbert, Corba family and friends, Judy  
Currie, . **May God Grant Them Many  
Years!**

Helen Spack, Anna Mackiewicz, William  
and Julia Brasko, Irene Kavcsak, Pellack  
family members, Vito, Anne, William,  
Bridget, Anne, John, Helen, Al, Vito  
Maturo. **May Their Memories Be Eter-  
nal!**

### **Epistle Reading**

#### **Hebrews 11:24-26,32-12:2**

By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented - of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

### **Gospel Reading**

#### **John 1:43-51**

The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote-Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!" Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

### **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**

#### **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 on the machine.

#### **Church Education**

Do remember that the last Sunday of the month is devoted to our church education. We'll continue to address suffering and Christ following the Divine Liturgy.

#### **Easter Flowers**

Debbie Kavalkovich has started collecting orders for Easter flowers. Please see her if you would like to place an order.

#### **Ladies' Auxiliary Meeting Today**

Any lady wishing to partake of the newly forming Ladies' Auxiliary, please meet downstairs after the Divine Liturgy for the first meeting.

#### **Sunday of Orthodoxy Service**

St. Stephen's Cathedral (OCA) in northeast Philadelphia is hosting this year's Sunday of Orthodoxy service, which begins at 4:00p.m. The church's address is **8598 Verree Rd, Philadelphia, PA 19111.**

#### **Parish Statistics for March 06, 2011**

Attendance: 36 (First Week of Lent Services: M:16; Tu: 14; W:16; Th:14; F:16)

Income: \$2340.58

Expenses: \$1357.06

**Surplus: \$983.52**