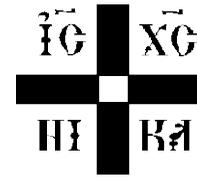
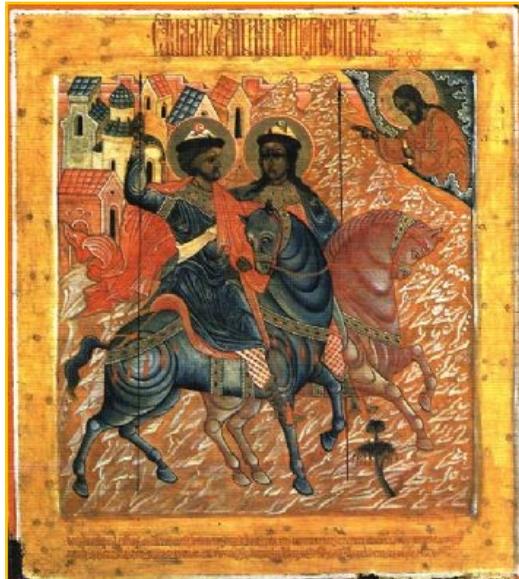


Weekly Schedule

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| Saturday | Great Vespers, 6:00 p.m. Confessions following Vespers |
| Sunday | Reading of Hours, 9:40 a.m. Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m. |

Saint Boris was one of the sons of St Vladimir (July 15), and was named Romanus at his Baptism. After their father's death the eldest son Sviatopolk planned to kill his brothers Boris, Gleb, and Yaroslav in order to seize power. He sent a message to Boris, pretending that he wished to live in peace with him, and to increase Boris's land holdings inherited from their father. Some of Vladimir's advisers told Boris that he should take the army and establish himself as ruler of Kiev. St Boris, however, said that he could never lift his hand against his own brother. Unfortunately, Sviatopolk was not so scrupulous. He came to the town of Vyshegorod to ask its leaders if they were loyal to him. They assured him that they were ready to die for him. Sviatopolk sent assassins to the Alta to kill Boris, who already knew that his brother wanted him dead. When they arrived they heard him chanting psalms and praying before an icon of Christ. He asked the Lord to strengthen him for the suffering he was about to endure. He also prayed for Sviatopolk, asking God not to count this against him as sin. Then he lay down upon his couch, and the assassins stabbed him with their lances, and also killed some of Boris's servants. Wrapping Boris in a cloth, they threw him onto a wagon and drove off with him. When Sviatopolk saw that he was still breathing, he sent some men to finish him off with swords. St Boris received the crown of martyrdom in 1015. He and his brother Gleb became known as Passion-Bearers, since they did not resist evil with violence.



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Troparion (Tone 5)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead// by His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion (Tone 2)

Righteous passion-bearers and true fulfillers of the Gospel of Christ, chaste Boris and guileless Gleb, You did not resist the attacks of your brother, the enemy, when he killed your bodies but could not touch your souls. Therefore, let the evil lover of power mourn while you rejoice with the Angels standing before the Holy Trinity. Pray that those who honor your memory may be pleasing to God, and that all Orthodox Christians may be saved!

Kontakion (Tone 5)

You descended into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. You have delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man, // and we cry to You: "O Lord, save us!"

July 24, 2011

**6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST —
Tone 5. Holy Martyrs and Passionbearers
Boris and Gleb, in Baptism Roman and
David (1015).**

Kontakion (Tone 3)

Today your most glorious memory shines forth, noble participants in the passion of Christ, holy Boris and Gleb, for you call us together to sing praises to Christ our God. Praying to Him before your sacred images, We receive the gift of healing by your prayers, for you are indeed divine healers.

Prayers for The Faithful and De- parted

Derek, Laura, Patterson family, parishioners, Emelie Albrecht, Kavalkovich family, Pellack family, Lena Robovitsky, Priest Sergius, McCartney family. **May God Grant Them Many Years!**

Peter Slivka, Jr., Ana Gulla, Mary Rachko. **May Their Memories Be Eternal!**

Epistle Reading

Romans 12:6-14

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil.

Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 9:1-8

So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you." And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!" But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins-then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." And he arose and departed to his house. Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

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.

Roof Leaking

As many of you know, time is nearing when we will have to complete repair work on our roof. Before many vesper services, parishioners need to vacuum the carpet because of the falling plaster. As this repair work will be a major project, I would ask that if you are able, to start contributing toward this task. **\$2720.00 has been collected so far for roof repairs. Estimated repair costs are as of now around \$12,000.00. Thank you.**

Orthodoxy 101

On Sunday, September 11, I will begin an Orthodoxy 101 course for parishioners and anyone in our neighborhood who might wish to learn the fundamentals of our faith. Please do stay tuned for a "course outline" and more details. Moreover, if those of you who would like to participate would prefer that we meet on a day other than Sunday, just let me know.

Parish Statistics for July 17, 2011

Attendance: 42(*good!*)

Income: \$1355.00

Expenses: \$3072.72

Deficit: \$1717.72