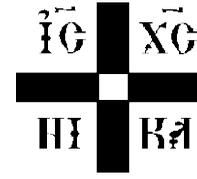
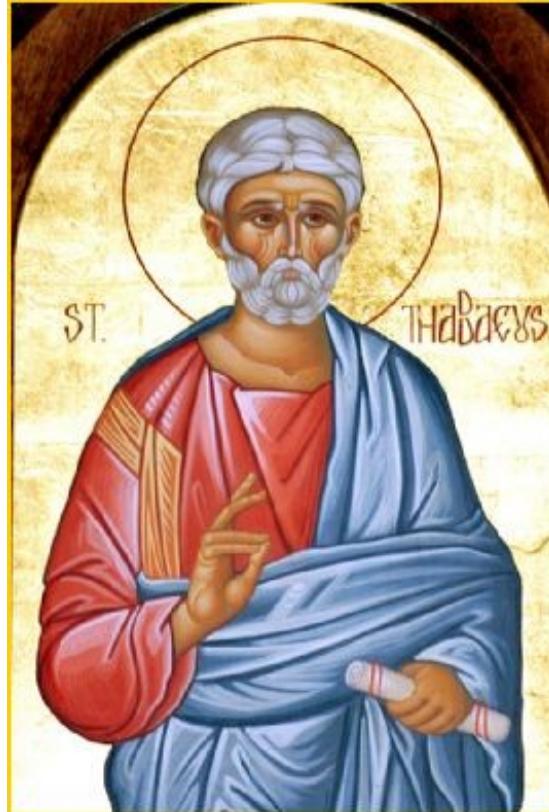


Weekly Schedule

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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. <i>Coffee hour following Liturgy</i> |

Saint Thaddeus, Apostle of the Seventy, was by descent a Hebrew, and he was born in the Syrian city of Edessa. The holy Apostle Thaddeus of the Seventy must be distinguished from St Jude, also called Thaddeus or Levi (June 19), who was one of the Twelve Apostles. When he came to Jerusalem for a feastday, he heard the preaching of John the Forerunner. After being baptized by him in the Jordan, he remained in Palestine. He saw the Savior, and became His follower. He was chosen by the Lord to be one of the Seventy Disciples, whom He sent by twos to preach in the cities and places where He intended to visit (Luke. 10: 1). After the Ascension of the Savior to Heaven, St Thaddeus preached the good news in Syria and Mesopotamia. He came preaching the Gospel to Edessa and he converted King Abgar, the people and the pagan priests to Christ. He backed up his preaching with many miracles (about which Abgar wrote to the Assyrian emperor Nerses). He established priests there and built up the Edessa Church. Prince Abgar wanted to reward St Thaddeus with rich gifts, but he refused and went preaching to other cities, converting many pagans to the Christian Faith. He went to the city of Beirut to preach, and he founded a church there. It was in this city that he peacefully died in the year 44. (The place of his death is indicated as Beirut in the Slavonic MENAION, but according to other sources he died in Edessa. According to an ancient Armenian tradition, St Thaddeus, after various tortures, was beheaded by the sword on December 21 in the Artaz region in the year 50).



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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 3)

Holy Apostle Thaddeus, entreat the
merciful God to grant our souls for-
giveness of transgressions.

Kontakion (Tone 1)

As God, You rose from the tomb in
glory, raising the world with Yourself.
Human nature praises You as God, for
death has vanished. Adam exults, O
Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed
from bondage and cries to You: //"You
are the Giver of Resurrection to all, O
Christ!"

August 21, 2011

10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST —
Tone 1. Afterfeast of the Dormition. Apostle
Thaddeus of the Seventy (ca. 44).

Kontakion (Tone 4)

The Church sees you as a shining star,
Apostle Thaddeus, and is enlightened by
your wonders. Save those who honor
your memory in faith!

Prayers for The Faithful and De- parted

Priest Leonid (Derek), Laura, Albrecht
family, Susan Freell, Dave, Emelie, Pat-
terson family, Nina, Nina, Fred, Witiak
family, McCartney family, Lena, Cantrell
family. **May God Grant Them Many
Years!**

John, Barbara, Ella Drozdak, Mary
Slivka, MaryAnn Sivak, John, Julia,
Leroy family members, Matushka Karen
Macafrey, Anna Homa, Stephen, Marga-
ret.. **May Their Memories Be Eter-
nal!**

Epistle Reading

I Corinthians 4:9-16

For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored! To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless. And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now. I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you. For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Therefore I urge you, imitate me.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 17:14-23

And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him. Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me." And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting. Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up. And they were exceedingly sorrowful.

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.

Lecture

On September 7, at the University of Pennsylvania at 7:00 p.m., Dr. Tristram Engelhardt, will offer a lecture titled, "Western Culture after Christendom." Please see the announcement downstairs for more information. This promises to be a very pertinent lecture for all parishioners and I would encourage you to attend.

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. **\$7940.00 has been collected so far for roof repairs. Estimated repair costs are as of now around \$8,000.00 for the church roof and \$12,000.00 for the club's roof.**

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 Meeting on August 28

I am calling a general parish meeting on August 28, in order to discuss roof repairs.

Parish Statistics for August 07, 2011

Attendance: 29

Income: \$1940.00

Expenses: \$15.17.18

Surplus: \$422.82