

# Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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counseling, home visits, sick calls

## **Troparion (Tone 8)**

You descended from on high, O Merciful One.

You accepted the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings.//

O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

## **Troparion (Tone 8)**

Let us honor the holy Martyr Barbara, for, as a bird, she escaped the snares of the Enemy,//

and destroyed them through the help and defense of the Cross!

## **Kontakion (Tone 8)**

By rising from the tomb, You raised the dead and resurrected Adam.

Eve exults in Your Resurrection, and the world celebrates Your rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

## **Kontakion (Tone 4)**

Let us sing praises to John, worthy of great honor,  
the composer of hymns, the star and teacher of the Church,  
the defender of her doctrines:  
through the might of the Lord's Cross he overcame heretical error,//  
and as a fervent intercessor before God he entreats that forgiveness of sins

**December 4, 2011**

25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8

(11<sup>th</sup> of Luke). Greatmartyr Barbara and Martyr Juliana, at Heliopolis in Syria (ca. 306).

## **Prayers for the Faithful and Departed**

**Living:** Lena, Bobby, David, Nina, Brenden Herbert, Neil and Sandra Hourahan, Benjamin Macalush, Tammy, Pellack family, Mary McKinney, Kavalkovich family and friends, Ana, Julia, Marc, John, Dwanda, Ken, David, Jason, Hilda, Katherine, Rabik family. **May God Grant Then Many Years!**

**Departed:** Alex Mackiewicz, John Pellack, William Brasko, Donald Lyster, Anna Bondira. **May Their Memories Be Eternal!**

## **Upcoming Services**

Saturday Great Vespers, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.  
*Fellowship and coffee hour follow the Divine Liturgy*

### **Ephesians 4:1-6**

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

### **Luke 17:12-19**

Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner? And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

### **Announcements**

#### Nativity Flowers

Ana Kavalkovich is taking orders for Nativity flowers.

#### Church Council

The Council will meet today.

#### Bake Sale

There will be a bake sale on December 18. If you would like to assist Debbie with this, please see her promptly.

#### Tree Decorating and Church Cleaning

On December 17, Debbie is organizing a church clean-up. Please assist her with this in preparation for the Christmas tree decorating on December 18.

#### St. Herman's Lecture

From Fr. Victor at St. Stephen's Cathedral in Philadelphia: Our deanery will host annual St. Herman's Lecture on Sun. Dec. 11 at 5 PM. This year Dr. Albert Rossi, a faculty member at St. Vladimir's Seminary, will deliver the lecture. The topic of the lecture is "Purity of Heart: helping parents and pastors with Christian upbringing of our youth". I hope that you and your parishioners will be able to attend this lecture and discuss this very important topic for all of us today.

#### Cantrell's Away

Fr. Matthew, Matushka, Jennifer, and Theodore will be away from December 6 until December 9. If an emergency were to arise, please call Fr. Victor at 215-745-3232.

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### **Weekly Financial Statement (11.27.11)**

Income: *unreported*

Expenditures: *unreported*

Net Total: *unreported*

Everyone capable of thanksgiving is capable of salvation and eternal joy.

Thank You, O Lord, for having accepted this Eucharist, which we offered to the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and which filled our hearts with the joy, peace and righteousness of the Holy Spirit.

Thank You, O Lord, for having revealed Yourself unto us and given us the foretaste of Your Kingdom.

Thank You, O Lord, for having united us to one another in serving You and Your Holy Church.

Thank You, O Lord, for having helped us to overcome all difficulties, tensions, passions, temptations and restored peace, mutual love and joy in sharing the communion of the Holy Spirit.

Thank You, O Lord, for the sufferings You bestowed upon us, for they are purifying us from selfishness and reminding us of the "one thing needed;" Your eternal Kingdom.

Thank You, O Lord, for having given us this country where we are free to Worship You.

Thank You, O Lord, for this school, where the name of God is proclaimed.

Thank You, O Lord, for our families: husbands, wives and, especially, children who teach us how to celebrate Your holy Name in joy, movement and holy noise.

Thank You, O Lord, for everyone and everything.

Great are You, O Lord, and marvelous are Your deeds, and no word is sufficient to celebrate Your miracles.

Lord, it is good to be here! Amen. (*Fr. Schmemmann*)