

# Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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Call to arrange sacraments, service, 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,  
granting 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)

Through faith You justified the  
Forefathers,  
betrothing through them the Church of  
the gentiles.  
These saints exult in glory,  
for from their seed came forth a glorious  
fruit:  
she who bore You without seed.///  
So by their prayers, O Christ God, have  
mercy on us!  
O greatly compassionate One, glory to  
You!

## Kontakion (Tone 6)

You did not worship the graven image,  
O thrice-blessed ones,  
but armed with the immaterial Essence  
of God,  
you were glorified in a trial by fire.  
From the midst of unbearable flames  
you called on God, crying:  
“Hasten, O compassionate One!  
Speedily come to our aid,///  
for You are merciful and able to do as  
You will!”

**December 11, 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,  
Veronika McCafferty, Reader Leonard  
Macalush, Samantha Houranhan, Hilda  
Berezniak, June Gerasimoff, Patricia  
Gerasimoff, McCartney family, Charles,  
June, Patricia, Patricia, Hilda, John,  
Dilha, LeRoy family and friends, Rabik  
family and friends, Andrews family and  
friends, Witiak family. **May God  
Grant Then Many Years!**

**Departed:** Peter Zuzulock, John, Sr.,  
Charles McMullet. **May Their  
Memories Be Eternal!**

## Upcoming Services

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| Saturday | Great Vespers, 6:00 p.m.  |
| Sunday   | Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.<br><i>Fellowship and coffee hour<br/>follow the Divine Liturgy</i> |

### **Colossians 3:4-11**

When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you, sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

### **Luke 14:16-24**

Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many: And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready. And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind. And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room. And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say unto you. That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.

### **Announcements**

#### Nativity Flowers

Ana Kavalkovich is taking orders for Nativity flowers.

#### 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 today, 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.

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### **Weekly Financial Statement (12.04.11)**

Attendance: 35

Income: \$1221.00

Expenditures: \$7111.38

Net Total: -\$5890.38

The feast day of your birth resembles You,  
Lord  
Because it brings joy to all humanity.  
Old people and infants alike enjoy your day.  
Your day is celebrated  
from generation to generation.  
Kings and emperors may pass away,  
And the festivals to commemorate them soon  
lapse.  
But your festival  
will be remembered until the end of time.  
Your day is a means and a pledge of peace.  
At Your birth heaven and earth were  
reconciled,  
Since you came from heaven to earth on that  
day  
You forgave our sins and wiped away our  
guilt.  
You gave us so many gifts on the day of your  
birth:  
A treasure chest of spiritual medicines for the  
sick;  
Spiritual light for the blind;  
The cup of salvation for the thirsty;  
The bread of life for the hungry.  
In the winter when trees are bare,  
You give us the most succulent spiritual fruit.  
In the frost when the earth is barren,  
You bring new hope to our souls.  
In December when seeds are hidden in the  
soil,  
The staff of life springs forth from the virgin  
womb.

St. Ephraim the Syrian (AD 306-373)