

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 5. Sunday
of Orthodoxy.

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)

We venerate Thy most pure image, O Good One; and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ our God. Of Thy good will Thou wast pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh and deliver Thy creatures from bondage to the Enemy. Therefore with thankfulness we cry aloud to Thee: Thou hast filled all with joy, O our Savior,//for Thou alone hast come to save the world.

Kontakion (Tone 8)

No one could describe the Word of the Father; but when He took flesh from thee, O Theotokos, He accepted to be described, 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

Living: Peggy Walker, Margaret Pellack, David Pellack, Emelie Albrecht, Ted Herbert, Alex Hourahan, Justin Drimak, Rose Taninatz, Alex Lourido, Helen Sameruck, Patterson family and parishioners, Luis Helwig, Julia Makara. **May God Grant Them Many Years!**

Departed: Frank Slivka, William Brasko, Onufrey Spack, Julia Shuda, Helen Herbert, Mary Spack, Anna Korin, Katherine Doyle, Bill Clayton, Elaine Hemshoot. **May Their Memories Be Eternal!**

Upcoming Services

Wednesday Presanctified Liturgy, 6:00 p.m.

Friday Akathist, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday Memorial Saturday Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.
Great Vespers CANCELLED

Sunday Reading of the Hours, 9:40 a.m.
Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship and coffee hour follow the Divine Liturgy.

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.

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."

Weekly Financial Statement (02/22/15)

Attendance: 0

Money In: not reported

Money Out: not reported

Net Total: not reported

Announcements**Theology Course**

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 24, at church at 6:00 p.m. We'll read closely St. Gregory of Nyssa's *The Life of Moses*.

Bible Study

The next Bible Study is March 17, at church at 6:00 p.m. We'll read the nativity narratives in the Gospels of St. Matthew and St. Luke.

Work Day

Thank you to all who contributed to our work day in the parish hall.