

## Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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### Sunday, September 4, 2016 | 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 2 – Hieromartyr Babylas (Vavilla), Bishop of Antioch (251)

Holy Prophet and Eye-witness of God Moses (16<sup>th</sup> c. B.C.)

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### Weekly Schedule

Wednesday: September 7 – Vespertal Liturgy at 6:30pm  
Eve of the Nativity of Our Most-Holy Lady  
Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary (September 8)

Friday to Sunday September 9 to 11 – St Nicholas 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Russian  
Day Festival – Bethlehem, PA.

Saturday: September 10 – Great Vespers at 5:00pm

Sunday: September 11 – Sunday Before the Elevation of the Cross  
Afterfeast of the Nativity of Holy Theotokos  
Reading of Hours – 9:30am  
Divine Liturgy – 10:00am  
*Fellowship & coffee hour to follow the Divine Liturgy*

Sunday: September 11 - Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy  
in the church school room

## **Texts for the Liturgical Service**

### **Troparion (Tone 2)**

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, / Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. / And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, / all the powers of heaven cried out: // “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

### **Troparion (Tone 4 – Hieromartyr Babylas)**

By sharing in the ways of the Apostles, / thou didst become a successor to their throne. / Through the practice of virtue, thou didst find the way to divine contemplation, O inspired one of God; / by teaching the word of truth without error, thou didst defend the Faith, even to the shedding of thy blood. // Hieromartyr Babylas, entreat Christ god to save our souls!

### **Troparion (Tone 2 – Holy Prophet Moses)**

Thou didst ascend to the heights of the virtues, O Prophet Moses; / therefore, thou wast deemed worthy to see the glory of God. / Having received the grace-filled tablets of the Law, / and bearing the grace of the writing within thyself, / Thou wast the honorable praise of prophets, / and a great mystery of piety.

### **Kontakion (Tone 2)**

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, / seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! / The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, // and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

### **Kontakion (Tone 4 – Hieromartyr Babylas)**

Thou didst guard the mighty works of faith in thy heart, / therefore, thou didst not fear the tyrant; // preserve us as well, Hieromartyr Babylas, good servant of Christ!

### **Kontakion (Tone 2 – Holy Prophet Moses)**

The choir of prophets rejoices with Moses and Aaron today, / for the fulfillment of their prophecy is in our midst. / The Cross, by which Thou hast saved us, shines forth today. // By their prayers, O Christ God, have mercy on us!

### **Prokeimenon (Tone 2)**

The Lord is my strength and my song; / He has become my salvation.  
v. The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.

### **Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:2-12**

If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. My defense to those who examine me is this: Do we have no right to eat and drink? Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working? Who ever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock? Do I say these things as a mere man? Or does not the law say the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses, “You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain.” Is it oxen God is concerned about? Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things? If others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ. Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 2)



- v. May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect thee! Alleluia (3x's)
- v. Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call! Alleluia (3x's)

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:23-35**

Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses.

**Communion Hymn:**

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise him in the highest! Alleluia (3x's)

**Announcements**

**A Warm Welcome to all of our visitors & guest** who worshiped with us today and who have joined us in celebrating the Divine Liturgy. Please join us in the church basement for our Fellowship and Coffee Hour.

## **Announcements** (cont.)

**The parish has been asked by certain members from the surrounding area if there are any Tate Family members that belong to our parish.**

Do you know how many members of the Tate Family belong to our church?

Well, there is old man Richard (Dick) Tate, who wants to run everything. There is Uncle Ro Tate who tries to change everything. There is their sister Agi Tate who stirs up plenty of trouble with the assistance of her husband Iri Tate. Whenever new projects are suggested, Hesi Tate and his wife Vege Tate want to wait until next year. Then there is Aunt Imi Tate who wants our church to be just like all the other churches. And let's not forget Devas Tate who provides the voice of doom while Poten Tate wants to be the parish head honcho.

Luckily, not all of the Tate Family members are this bad. Let's consider Brother Facili Tate who is quite helpful in church matters. And a delightful, happy member of the family is Miss Felici Tate. Cousins Cogi Tate and Medi Tate are always thinking things over and lending helpful, steady hands.

Unfortunately, there is the black sheep of the family, Ampu Tate, who has just completely cut himself off from the church all together.

So, which member(s) of the Tate family do you know?

### **Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church 2016 Pierogie Sale!**

Call in orders **ONLY!!!** Orders taken Monday or Tuesday from 9AM to 11AM and pick up on Friday from 1PM-2PM. September order date: September 12 & 13. Pick Up Date: September 16.

Phone number: 302.798.4588. Church location: 1406 Philadelphia Pike – Wilmington, DE.

Cost: Potato = \$8/dozen      Sauerkraut = \$8/dozen      Cheese = \$12/dozen

### **St. Michael Russian Orthodox Church 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Russian Festival – October 7 to October 9 2016.**

The parish's popular and festive event will be held the first full weekend of October (this year from Friday, October 7 to Sunday, October 9). The weekend will feature a range of Russian food delights for lunch through dinner, live accordion music, the Sunday School's Russian Dancers, and specialty shops from Russian made artifacts, books of interest, handmade decorations, drawing opportunities, and a variety of collectibles and treasures for ones enjoyment.



## Announcements (cont.)

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

#### **Health for the Living:**

Family and parishioners offered by Nina Patterson  
Family and friends offered by David Pellack

**May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!**

#### **Memory for the Departed:**

**May Their Memories Be Eternal**

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**Please remember in your prayers:** Cantrell Family; Grace Corba; Robert Corba; Dolores Helms (Fr. Mark's Mother); Ronald Kavalkovich (on his recovery from surgery); Mat. Jan Kozcak; Julia Makara; Helen Riley; Helen Wanenchak; Annamae Witiak; John Sidoriak; Father Vincent Saverino; Father John Bohush and the parishioners of Saint Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church in Philadelphia; and all those who are serving in our Armed Forces!

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Matushka Jan would like to thank all of the parishioners for your prayers and thoughtful gestures (cards and gifts) while she recovered. All of you are in her prayers. May God grant you all of you many happy, healthy years!

Also, anyone wishing to send Julia Makara a card or note at the Rehab center where she is located may send it to the following address:

Crestview Center  
Attn: Julia Makara – Room 301b  
262 Tollgate Road  
Langhorne, PA 19047

#### **2016 PARISH CALENDAR:**

A computer printout version of the 2016 church calendar for the months of September and October is located on the back pew in the church. We will continue to generate the remaining months for 2016.

Also, for those who have access to the Internet, the calendar for September and October will be posted in color on the parish website for your convenience under the "Service Schedule" tab section. Thank you!

**Please ensure that your Mobile Phone is set to Silent (or at least set on vibrate) during the Divine Liturgy! Thank You!!!**

## Announcements (cont.)

**Sign up sheets for Coffee Hour, Cleaning and Epistle & Hours Reading.** Sign up sheets for the above items are posted on the bulletin board in the church basement. Please be considerate and volunteer to assist with some of the parish responsibilities. Your time is very much appreciated!

**Special weekly collections taken after Gospel or Sermon.** In addition to our general collection, the parish takes a special collection each week to fund certain parish projects. Please be generous with your offering. Every little bit counts. The special collections are as follows:

- First Sunday of every month – Kitchen Fund Project
- Second Sunday of every month – Icon Fund (2016)
- Third Sunday of every month - Restoration/Maintenance Fund
- Fourth Sunday of every month – Charity Giving

**Note:** if there is a Fifth Sunday during a month, the special collection is earmarked for the Kitchen Fund Project, unless otherwise noted and stated by the Parish Council.

### Cash Flow Activity (August)

	<u>Week of August 22 to August 28</u>	<u>August Month-to-Date</u>
Attendance:	25	32 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 1,549.00	\$ 4,961.00
Funds Out:	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,755.34
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 1,549.00	(\$ 794.34)

Thank you all for your continuous offerings to maintain the parish!

**Shop Rite Gift Cards:** If you need to purchase Shop Rite Gift Cards, please see David Pellack to secure them. Your purchase of a Shop Rite Gift Card is an additional fundraising project that helps support the church at no additional expense to the purchaser.



## Calendar of Events

### **Vesperal Liturgy Services - September 2016 - All Services at 6:30PM:**

Wednesday, September 7 – Eve of The Nativity of Our Most-Holy Lady The Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary

Tuesday, September 13 – Eve of The Universal Exaltation (Elevation) of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross

**Sunday, September 11 - Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy in the Church School Room!** All property committee members are asked to attend the meeting. Continued discussions on the status of the Church Hall along with the other properties will be on the agenda.

### **Tuesday, September ~~13~~ 20 – Bible Study at 6:30pm in church basement.**

The Bible Study Group will gather together at this time and begin reading and studying the next book in the Bible...Exodus. Yes, they have completed Genesis, so be prepared to begin leaning about God's rescue of his people from Egypt, their journey to Sinai, and the covenant between them. **NOTE CHANGE OF DATE!!!!**

### **St. Nicholas Orthodox Church - Bethlehem, PA - 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Russian Day Festival – September 9 to September 11 2016.**

The parish's annual festive event will be held this upcoming weekend from Friday, September 9 to Sunday, September 11. The festival will feature a range of Russian food delights throughout each day, live Polka music, the Russian Tea Room and home baked goods, and specialty shops with Treasurers of Russian.

Information Flyer is posted on our parish bulletin boards!

### **Coffee with Sister Vassa – October 2016 Speaking Tour:**

Sister Dr. Vassa Larin will be making a series of presentations around the Diocese of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania beginning on October 17, 2016. The closet her speaking schedule brings her to the Philadelphia area will be on Thursday, October 20 at 7:00pm at St. Stephen Orthodox Cathedral (Northeast Philadelphia)

8598 Verree Rd – Philadelphia, PA 19111. Phone: 215.342.0866

Her Topic: *Keeping Christ in Orthodoxy*

To learn more about Sister Vassa, please visit her website at:  
[www.coffeewithsistervassa.com](http://www.coffeewithsistervassa.com)

You can also view her presentations on the Internet website YouTube.com and use the search: Coffee with Sr Vassa. Each of her video presentations are about 10 to 20 minutes in length.

Information and Flyer are posted on our parish bulletin boards!



## Holy Prophet and God-seer Moses [Sep 4<sup>th</sup>]

The Holy Prophet and God-Seer Moses was of the tribe of Levi, the son of Abram and Jochabed (Exodus 6:20). His life is described in the Bible (Exodus 2 through Deuteronomy 34:12).

Moses was born in Egypt around 1689 B.C. When Pharaoh ordered all male children of the Hebrew slaves to be killed (Exodus 1:22), Moses' mother placed him in a basket of papyrus coated with pitch, and set him adrift on the Nile. Pharaoh's daughter found him and raised him as her own son.

At the age of eighty, Moses fled to Midian, where he spoke to God in the Burning Bush on Mt. Horeb (Exodus 3:2). God chose Moses to lead His people from the slavery of Egypt. They crossed the Red Sea as if it were dry land, and for forty years they wandered in the desert.

Arriving in the land of Moab, Moses went to the top of Mt. Nabau, or Nebo (Deuteronomy 32:49), which is called Phasga (Deut. 34:1). There, according to the will of God, he died in 1569 B.C. at the age of 120 without entering the Promised Land.

The first two Biblical Odes are attributed to Moses: "Let us sing to the Lord..." (Exodus 15:1-9), which was sung on the shores of the Red Sea after the Hebrews had crossed it. "Attend, O heaven..." (Deut. 32:1-43) was sung in the land of Moab, a few days before Moses' death. He is also regarded as the author of the Pentateuch (the first five books of the Old Testament).

The holy Prophet Moses performed many miracles during his lifetime, and also after his death. He appeared on Tabor with the Prophet Elias at the Transfiguration of the Lord (August 6).

On the day that St John of the Ladder (March 30) was installed as abbot of Mt. Sinai, the Prophet Moses was seen going around and giving orders to the cooks, stewards, and servants. When the guests had gone and the monks were sitting at table, they wondered what had become of the stranger who had been giving orders. St John said, "Our Lord Moses does nothing strange by serving in the place which belongs to him."