

## Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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### **Sunday, October 8, 2023 | 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

Tone 1 – Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council  
Venerable Pelagia the Penitent (457) | Venerable Thaïs (Taisia) of Egypt (4<sup>th</sup> c.)  
Virgin-Martyr Pelagia of Antioch (303)

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### **Weekly Schedule**

- Monday: October 9 - Glorification of St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, Enlightener of North America. Also, Holy Apostle James.
- Tuesday: October 10 – Bible Study - 6:30PM on ZOOM platform!
- Saturday: October 14 – Great Vespers at **4:00PM**
- Sunday: October 15 – Ven. Euthymius the New, of Thessalonica  
Reading of Hours – 9:30am  
Divine Liturgy – **10:00am**  
*Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Readers Service*

## Texts for the Liturgical Service

### **Troparion (Tone 1)**

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, / while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, / Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, / granting life to the world. / The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: / “Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! / Glory to Thy Kingdom! // Glory to Thy dispensation, O thou who lovest of mankind!”

### **Troparion (Tone 8 – The Fathers)**

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God, / Who hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth. / Through them Thou hast guided us to the True Faith. // O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

### **Kontakion (Tone 1)**

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, / raising the world with Thyself. / Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. / Adam exults, O Master! / Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee: // “Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

### **Kontakion (Tone 6 – The Fathers)**

The Son Who shone forth from the Father / was ineffably born, two-fold in nature, of a woman. / Having beheld Him, we do not deny the image of His form, / but depict it piously and revere it faithfully. / Thus, keeping the True Faith, // the Church venerates the icon of Christ Incarnate.

### **Prokeimenon (Tone 1)**

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on Thee!  
v. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the upright!

### **Another Prokeimenon (Tone 4 – Song of the Three Holy Children)**

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, / and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever!

### **Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11**

But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: “He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.” Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 1)



- v. God gives vengeance to me, and subdues people under me! Alleluia (3x's)
- v. He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever. Alleluia (3x's)
- v. The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting! Alleluia (3x's) [TONE 1]

**Gospel Reading: Luke 7:11-16**

Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."

**Communion Hymn:**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest!  
Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the upright! Alleluia (3x's)

*[Note: Today's readings for the Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council are on page four of this bulletin and are as follows: Epistle – Hebrews 13:7-16 and Gospel – John 17:1-13]*

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**2024 Saint Tikhon's Monastery Calendar - Taking orders now:**

The parish will once again be ordering 2024 calendars from Saint Tikhon's Monastery. As a result from a generous benefactor, a donation was made to the church to cover the cost of one calendar per household for parishioners of the church.

If you wish to order additional calendars besides the one that will be ordered for your household, there is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board downstairs to do so.

The cost of the 2024 St Tikhon's calendars is \$8 per calendar. The deadline for ordering these calendars will be: **Sunday, November 5, 2023!**

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**Announcements**

**A Warm Welcome to all of our visitors & guests** 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

### Upcoming Local Area Church Fall Festivals in November 2023

#### Annual Ethnic Food Festival – St Stephens Orthodox Cathedral

8598 Verree Road – Philadelphia, PA      Website: [www.ststephenscathedral.org](http://www.ststephenscathedral.org)  
Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> – 11AM to 5PM, and Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> – Noon to 2PM

#### Annual Pierogi Festival – St Nicholas Patriarchal Orthodox Cathedral

817 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street – Philadelphia, PA      Website: [www.stnicholaseoc.org](http://www.stnicholaseoc.org)  
Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> – Noon to 9PM, and Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> – Noon to 5PM

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#### Epistle Reading: Hebrews 13:7-16

Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

#### Gospel Reading: John 17:1-13

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.



**Announcements** (cont.)

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

**Health for the Living:**

Jane Holefelder, Cheryl Homa offered by Nina Patterson  
Emily Gerasimoff, Sharon Orr, Cheryl Homa offered by Catherine Kavalkovich  
Emily Gerasimoff offered by David Pellack  
Patricia, Catherine, James, Jude, Levi, Elton, Gabriel, Luke, Scarlett, Family and Friends, William, Christina offered by M/M K Kavalkovich

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

**Memory for the Departed:**

Vito, Albert, Marc Sr, Marc Jr, Ronald, Margaret, John, Anne Marie, Dennis, Denise, Anne offered by M/M K Kavalkovich  
William and Julia Brasko, John Libak Sr. offered by Nancy Brasko Rabik  
William Brasko Jr., Marie Fortner offered by Nancy Brasko Rabik

**May Their Memories Be Eternal!**

**Vigil Cross Candles – 10/1/23**

Two Small Vigil Crosses – Health of Emily Gerasimoff  
offered by Anonymous

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**Please remember in your prayers:**

**May God Grant Many Years to Father Mark on the celebration of his eight-year anniversary (October 4, 2015) serving our parish as our priest!**

Emily Gerasimoff; Jane Kelly; Anne (Homa) Killoran; Sheba Patton; Joseph Rabik; Peter Witiak; and all those who are serving in our Armed Forces!

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## Announcements (cont.)

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

**\*\*\*\*\*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. By the action taken at the Fall General Parish Meeting held back on Sunday, October 10, 2021, the parish body approved that the special collection for the first three Sundays of the month be earmarked towards the repairing/fixing/replacing of the roofs of both houses that the parish owns (now known as the Row House Fund).

The fourth Sunday (and fifth, when it occurs) the special collection will be earmarked towards Charity.

This new collection schedule began back on Sunday, October 17, 2021.

Please be generous with your offering. Every little bit counts. Thank You!

### Cash Flow Activity (September)

<u>Week of Sun Sep 24 to Sat Sep 30</u>	<u>September Month (Unaudited)</u>	
Attendance:	45	34 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 2,898.63	\$ 9,172.63
Funds Out:	\$ 0.00	\$10,807.20
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 2,898.63	(\$ 1,634.57)

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 either David Pellack or Ken Kavalkovich 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

## 2023 Monthly/Quarterly Schedule

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month** – Monthly Panikhida immediately after Divine Liturgy.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month** – Bible Study at 6:30pm on ZOOM media platform.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month** – Book Club at 6:30pm on ZOOM media platform.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each quarter** – Quarterly Parish Council Meeting after Liturgy.

### Readers Schedule:

	<u>Today (Oct 8)</u>	<u>Next Week (Oct 15)</u>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour:	Matthew Andrews	John Spack
6 <sup>th</sup> Hour:	Subdeacon Daniel Kavalkovich	Daniel Herbert
Epistle:	Reader Mark Klus and Matthew Andrews	John Spack

### Fellowship Coffee Hour & Cleaning Teams:

If you have volunteered to host coffee hour, please check which Team you are on and when your Team is hosting coffee hour on the calendar printout which is located in the white/clear 3-ring binder located on the display case outside of the office room.

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Please continue to check our parish website, social media pages, and your emails regularly for updated information on the parish regarding parish services & events in October/November 2023.

**Thursday, October 26** – Blessed Mother Olga Book Club at 6:30PM on the ZOOM media platform ONLY!

**(PLEASE NOTE:** Beginning in November, the Bible Study and Book Club date reminders will no longer be noted in this section of the bulletin. It is already noted at the top of this page “Every Single Week” under the *Monthly/Quarterly Schedule* and is also noted on the front page of the bulletin under *Weekly Schedule* the week when the event occurs)

**\*\* Sunday November 5 – Visitation of Archbishop MARK to our parish! \*\***

**Sundays in December** – Annual Saint Nicholas Parish Fair will be held!  
Donations of new and never used items will be collected between now and Sunday, November 26



## **Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council [October 8<sup>th</sup>]**

Today the Church remembers the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council under the holy Patriarch Tarasius (February 25).

The Synod of 787, the second to meet at Nicea, refuted the Iconoclast heresy during the reign of Empress Irene and her son Constantine VI.

The Council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype (the person depicted). It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because “no man has seen God at any time” (John 1:18).

In Greek practice, the holy God-bearing Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council are commemorated on October 11 (if it is a Sunday), or on the Sunday that follows October 11. According to the Slavic MENAION, however, if the eleventh falls on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, the service is moved to the preceding Sunday.

