

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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Troparion (Tone 3)

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world// great mercy.

Kontakion (Tone 3)

By Thy divine intercession, O Lord, as Thou didst raise up the Paralytic of old, so raise up my soul, paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts; so that being saved I may sing to Thee://“Glory to Thy power, O compassionate Christ!”

Kontakion (Tone 8)

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal, Thou didst destroy the power of death. In victory Thou didst arise, O Christ God, proclaiming, “Rejoice!” to the Myrrhbearing Women, //granting peace to Thine Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.

May 03, 2015

4th SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 3. Ven. Theodosius, Abbot of the Kiev Caves Monastery and Founder of Cœnobitic Monasticism in Russia (1074).

Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Living: Christine Trimble, Stephen Trimble, Eleanor Labik, Millie O’Shura, Brendan Herbert, Daniel Herbert, Simon Herbert, Vera Bortniak, Maria Ovington, William, Helen Weiler, Katie Turpey, Patterson family, Emelie Albrecht, Sally Lyons, Gregory Walker, Sandra. **May God Grant Them Many Years!**

Departed: Helen Spack, Simon Stafiniak, David O’Shura, Sophie Drobish. **May Their Memories Be Eternal!**

Upcoming Services

Saturday Great Vespers, 5:00 p.m.

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

Acts 9:32-42

Now it came to pass, as Peter went through all parts of the country, that he also came down to the saints who dwelt in Lydda. There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed." Then he arose immediately. So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord. At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did. But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to them. Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought him to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them. But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord.

John 5:1-15

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had. Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath. The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed." He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.' " Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk?'" But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place. Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you." The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

Weekly Financial Statement (04/26/15)

Attendance: 53

Money In: \$1271.00

Money Out: -\$2266.12

Net Total: -\$995.12

Announcements**Inter-Faith Event**

On Friday, May 15, at 7:00 p.m., our parish and the congregants at Imam Ali Masjid in Pennsauken, NJ, will hold a joint event during which we will discuss the role that Jesus plays in both the Christian and Muslim communities. This will be the first of what I hope to many such discussions. This first event will be held at Imam Ali Masjid at 5801 Magnolia Ave, Pennsauken Township, NJ 08109. I would hope that all of our parishioners would take advantage of this event!

Theology Course

Our next meeting is scheduled for April 28, 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 May 19, at church at 6:00 p.m. We'll read from the Prophets.