

## Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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### Sunday, July 12, 2015 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 5 – Martyrs Proclus and Hilary of Ancyra (2<sup>nd</sup> c.) and  
Venerable Michael of Maleinus (962)

**Rev. Matthew Cantrell, Rector** [ *On Leave of Absence* ]

**Fr. Archimandrite Christopher Grecu, Interim Rector**

*Parish President – Matthew Andrews*

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### Texts for the Liturgical Service

#### **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 8 – Venerable Michael)**

The image of God was truly preserved in thee, O Father, / for thou tookest up the Cross and followed Christ. / By so doing thou didst teach us to disregard the flesh for it passes away / but to care instead for the soul, since it is immortal./ Therefore thy spirit, O holy Father Michael, rejoices with the Angels.

#### **Troparion (Tone 4 – Martyrs Proclus and Hilary)**

Thy holy martyrs Proclus and Hilary, O Lord, / through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from Thee, Our God. / For having Thy strength, they laid low their adversaries, / and shattered the powerless boldness of demons./ Through their intercessions, save our souls!

#### **Kontakion (Tone 5)**

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior,/shattering its gates as Almighty,/ resurrecting the dead as Creator, / and destroying the sting of death. / Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, // and we cry to Thee: “O Lord, save us!”

#### **Kontakion (Tone 4 – Martyrs Proclus and Hilary)**

Like the morning star, / your glorious sufferings enlighten us with holy miracles. / We celebrate you memory, O Proclus and Hilary; / pray to Christ our God for us// that He will save our souls!

### **Kontakion (Tone 2 – Venerable Michael)**

By thy deeds thou didst wither the arrogance of the flesh; / and through enlightenment thou gavest wings to thy agility of spirit. / Thou wast revealed as a dwelling-place of the Trinity, / Whom now thou dost clearly behold.// O blessed Michael, unceasingly pray for us all!

### **Prokeimenon (Tone 5)**

Thou, O Lord, shall protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever!  
v. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.

### **Epistle Reading: Romans 12:6-14**

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 5)

- v. I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation. Alleluia (3x's)
- v. For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens. Alleluia (3x's)

### **Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:1-8**

When So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you." And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!" But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins – then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." And he arose and departed to his house. Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

### **Communion Hymns:**

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

## Announcements

**Welcome Archimandrite Christopher Grecu.** The parish would like to welcome Father Christopher to our church. Father Christopher comes to us from the Romanian Episcopate and has been given permission to serve at our parish from the Most Reverend Nathaniel, Archbishop of Detroit and the Romanian Episcopate and his Grace Archbishop Mark of the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania. Father Christopher is no stranger to Holy Assumption. He filled-in and served as a substitute priest when Father John Udics was either on vacation or unable to serve Liturgy. Father Christopher will only be available to serve Sunday Divine Liturgy. Please introduce yourself and give Father Christopher a warm South Philly welcome.

**If anyone is in need of a priest:** With Father Matthew on a leave of absence until August 31 and Father Christopher only performing Sunday Divine Liturgy, please contact any one of the following priest if you request to arrange sacraments, instructions, counseling, home visits, sick calls, hospital visits or funeral arrangements:

Rev. Victor Gorodenchuk – St. Stephen’s Cathedral – Philadelphia, PA  
Home# 215.745.3232 Parish Office# 215.342.0866  
Email: [dean@ststephenscathedral.org](mailto:dean@ststephenscathedral.org) or [gorodenchuk@msn.com](mailto:gorodenchuk@msn.com)

OR

Very Rev. John Perich – St. Herman of Alaska Church–Gradyville, PA  
Home# 610.494.6117 Parish Office# 610.459.5310

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

**No Vespers served during the summer.** Vespers will not be served on Saturdays or during the weekday the day before a feast day during the summer months (June 1 to August 31).

**Bible Study – Tuesday, July 21 at 6:30pm in church basement.** The Bible Study Group will continue to get together and informally meet over the summer. During the next gathering the group will continue to discuss the Book of the Prophet Zechariah.

**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. The sheets have been pretty bare over the past few weeks. 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 – Youth Fund
- 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 (June/July)

	<u>Week of June 29 to July 5</u>	<u>June Month (Unaudited)</u>
Attendance:	24	34 (average)
Funds In:	\$1,139.00	\$5,509.00
Funds Out:	\$5,580.86	\$2,876.28
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	(\$4,441.86)	\$2,632.72

**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.

**Thank You All!** We would like to thank everyone who offered to spend some of their summer Saturday morning and afternoon to assist with the cleaning and beautification of the church hall yard. A special “Thank You” to Catherine Kavalkovich for preparing a lunch and feeding the workers. Also, a special “Thank You” to Peter Witiak for mowing and maintaining the yard.

**Announcements** (cont.)

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

**Health for the Living:**

Sandra Hourahan, Neil Hourahan, Jean Hourahan, Mary S. Herbert, Justine Spack, Geraldine & Russell King offered by M/M Herbert.

Ronald Kavalkovich offered by Catherine Kavalkovich.

Barbara Parks, Todd & Heather Parks offered by Emelie Albrecht

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

**Memory for the Departed:**

Maxim Herbert, Helen Palansky, Sam Munson offered by M/M Herbert.

**May Their Memories Be Eternal!**

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**Please remember in your prayers:** Father Matthew Cantrell and the Cantrell Family; Helen Riley; Helen Wanenchak; Grace Corba; Father Vincent Saverino; Father John Bohush and the parishioners of Saint Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church in Philadelphia.

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**Building Fund Donations:** Memory of Emma Burychka - \$750.00

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| - M/M Ken Kavalkovich       | - M/M Rick LeRoy        |
| - Nina Patterson            | - Anonymous             |
| - John & Fran Laughlin      | - M/M Michael McCartney |
| - M/M Noel Kelly            | - Robert Wanenchak      |
| - M/M Michael Wanenchak     | - Emily Gerasimoff      |
| - Martin & Anna Petriccione | - Patricia Newnam       |
| - Marie Ominski             | -M/M Simon Herbert      |

Thank you for your generosity! May her Memory Be Eternal!

## Announcements (cont.)

**Scheduling Confession:** If you wish to receive confession during the summer, please speak with Father Christopher to discuss scheduling a time for confession on a Sunday well before the Divine Liturgy. Please understand the priest needs to prepare that morning the sacraments and prayers before Divine Liturgy. He may limit the number of people scheduled to hear confessions that Sunday morning.

**Attending Services on Feast Days during the week:** If you wish to attend Divine Liturgy services during the week during the summer for a Feast or Holy Day, please contact one of the following OCA parishes in the area:

St. Herman of Alaska – Gradyville, PA (Delaware County)  
Parish Phone: 610.459.5310 Website: [www.sthermansoca.org](http://www.sthermansoca.org)

St. Michael the Archangel Church – Wilmington, DE  
Parish Phone: 302-995-6775 Website: [www.stmichael-delaware-oca.org](http://www.stmichael-delaware-oca.org)

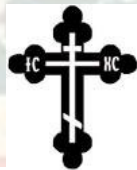
St Stephen Cathedral – Philadelphia, PA (Northeast Philly)  
Parish Phone: 215.342.0866 Website: [www.ststephenscathedral.org](http://www.ststephenscathedral.org)

Church of the Holy Cross – Medford, NJ (Burlington County)  
Parish Phone: 856.665.2491 Website: [www.holycrossmedford.org](http://www.holycrossmedford.org)

The Diocesan Finance Committee, established to investigate how the Diocese will continue to support the work of the Church made two recommendations to the Diocesan Council during their meeting on June 16. Please see the reports posted on the church's bulletin boards for more info.

The Orthodox Church in America's 18<sup>th</sup> All-American Council (AAC) will be held July 20-24, 2015 in Atlanta, GA. Both the Hilton Atlanta Hotel (site of AAC) and the Hyatt Regency are no longer accepting reservations. The AAC registration process closed on Friday July 10, 2015. If you still wish to attend but did not register, you will need special permission from the Diocesan Bishop to be a council participant. Please logon to the OCA's website at [www.oca.org](http://www.oca.org) and click on the information under the AAC section.

This 18<sup>th</sup> AAC will be voting on Major Proposed Revised Statues & Resolutions that will affect both the Dioceses and our local parishes!



## Weekly Schedule and Calendar of Events

Wednesday: July 15 – Equal of the Apostles Great Prince Vladimir, in Holy Baptism Basil, the Enlightener of the Russian Land.

Saturday: Great Vespers – **There will be no Vespers served during the summer (June 1 to August 31).**

Sunday: July 19 – Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First 6 Ecumenical Councils; Ven. Seraphim of Sarov  
Reading of Hours – 9:40am  
Divine Liturgy – 10:00am  
*Fellowship & Coffee Hour follow the Divine Liturgy*

July 20: Holy Glorious Prophet Elijah

July 21: Bible Study – 6:30PM – Book of the Prophet Zechariah

*July 20-24: The OCA's 18<sup>th</sup> All-American Council – Atlanta, GA*

August 1: Procession of the Honorable Wood of the Life-Giving Cross of the Lord (First of the three “Feast of the Savior” in August)

August 6: The Holy Transfiguration of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ (the Second of the three “Feast of the Savior” in August)

August 15: The Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary (Feast Day of our Parish)

August 16: Translation of the Image “Not-Made-By-Hands” of our Lord Jesus Christ from Edessa to Constantinople (the Third of three “Feast of the Savior” in August)

August 29: The Beheading of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord, John



## Martyrs Proclus and Hilary of Ancyra [July 12<sup>th</sup>]

The Holy Martyrs Proclus and Hilarion were natives of the village of Kallippi, near Ancyra, and they suffered during the time of a persecution under the emperor Trajan (98-117). St Proclus was put under arrest first. Brought before the governor Maximus, he fearlessly confessed his faith in Christ. The governor decided to compel the saint

to submit himself to the emperor and offer sacrifice to the pagan gods. During his tortures, the martyr predicted to Maximus that soon he himself would be compelled to confess Christ as the true God. They forced the martyr to run after the chariot of the governor, heading towards the village Kallippi. Exhausted, St Proclus prayed that the Lord would halt the chariot. By the power of God the chariot halted, and no force could move it from the spot. The dignitary sitting in it became petrified. The martyr told him that he would remain unmoving until such time as he would sign a document with a confession of Christ. Only after this could the chariot continue on its way with the governor.

The humiliated pagan took fierce revenge on St Proclus. He commanded that Proclus be led out beyond the city, tied to a pillar and shot with arrows. The soldiers, leading St Proclus to execution, told him to give in and save his life, but the saint said that they should follow their orders.

Along the way to the place of execution, they met Hilarion, the nephew of St Proclus, who with tears embraced his uncle and also confessed himself a Christian. The soldiers seized him, and he was thrown into prison. The holy Martyr Proclus prayed for his tormentors and surrendered his soul to God beneath a hail of arrows.

St Hilarion was brought to trial and, with the same courage as St Proclus, confessed himself a Christian. After tortures he was sentenced to death. They tied the martyr's hands and dragged him by his feet through the city, wounded and bloody, and then they beheaded him three days after the death of his uncle, the holy Martyr Proclus. Christians buried them together in a single grave.

