

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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Sunday, October 11, 2015 | 19th Sunday After Pentecost
Tone 2 – Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council.
Holy Apostle Phillip of the Seventy (1st c.)

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Weekly Schedule

Today: October 11th – *Sacred Writings: Extraordinary Texts of the Biblical World* exhibit at the University of Penn Museum. 10am to 5pm.
Admission Fee: \$15
Location: 3260 South Street | Phone: 215-898-4000.

Tuesday: October 13 – Bible Study - 6:30pm.
Church Basement – Book of Prophet Zechariah.

Saturday: October 17 - Great Vespers at **5:00PM!**

Sunday: October 18 – Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke
Reading of Hours – 9:40am
Divine Liturgy – 10:00am
Fellowship & Coffee Hour follow the Divine Liturgy

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 8 – Fathers)

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God! / Thou 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 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 6 – 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 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 unto death.

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands. It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago – whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows – such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows – how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or

hears from me. And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

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 upon Thee! Alleluia (3x's)

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)

Announcements

Welcome Very Reverend Mark W Koczak. The parish would like to welcome Father Mark & Matushka Janet to our church. Fr Mark began serving the Divine Liturgy last Sunday (Oct 4) & will begin serving regularly starting next Sunday, October 17 (he has a previous scheduled engagement this weekend). Fr Mark comes to us from the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. and is currently "on loan" from the Archdiocese. His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon & his Grace Archbishop Mark of the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania have given permission for Fr Mark to serve as our parish priest. Fr Mark is no stranger to Holy Assumption. He filled-in & served as a substitute priest for both Father John Udics and Father Matthew Cantrell when either one was on vacation or unable to serve Liturgy. Please introduce yourself and give both Father and Matushka Koczak a warm South Philly welcome.

Announcements (cont.)

Welcome to all of our visitors & guest worshiping 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.

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church – Pottstown, PA hosting their Annual Fall Bazaar – Saturday, November 7 – 8am to 2pm. The parish is located at 1236 Juniper St (Corner of Mervine) in Pottstown, PA and their phone # is 610-327-1542. Besides traditional foods, the parish will also have a flea market. Please see flyers posted on the bulletin boards.

St. Herman's of Alaska – Gradyville, PA hosting their Annual Food Festival and Shopping Extravaganza – Weekend of November 6 to November 8. The parish is located at 1855 Middletown Road (Route 352) in Glen Mills, PA. Friday, Nov 6 - 12pm to 8pm. Saturday, Nov 7 - 12pm to 8pm. Sunday, Nov 8 – 12pm to 4pm. Please see the big colorful flyer downstairs on the bulletin board!

2016 Annual Parish Census. The parish has received from the Diocese the 2016 Annual Parish Census. There is information in the census report for our parish that needs updating. Over the next two Sundays, parish council members may be asking for updated information from our parishioners, if needed, to complete and be in compliance with the census report. Thank you for your time and understanding regarding this census request.

Poinsettias/Christmas Flowers! We have begun collecting for Christmas flowers. There will be special envelopes available to be used for your offering for flower donations. Please give the envelopes to Debbie Kavalkovich or a member of the Parish council. Thank you for your support!

Holiday Basket Brigade! The parish will begin accepting donations for the Holiday Basket Brigade next Sunday (October 18) starting with the traditional Thanksgiving items. Currently, the parish plans on providing two baskets to families in the community. If you know of a family unable to provide a traditional Thanksgiving Day meal, please inform a parish council member and we will plan accordingly. We will have a list available shortly of those items to be donated and the list will be located in the basement. The Thanksgiving Baskets will be delivered on Sunday, November 22!

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Michele Spack, John & Michele Spack, Michael Spack, Lynn Drimak, John Drimak Jr, Mark Drimak, and Kimberly Herbert offered by M/M Herbert

Ronald Kavalkovich offered by Catherine Kavalkovich

Grace Corba offered by Nina Patterson

Jean Hourahan, John Drimak, & Marc Drimak offered by Hourahan family

Pellack Family offered by the Pellack family

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Julia Brasko, Joseph Slivka, John Brasko, Anna Slivka, Frank Slivka, Jr offered by M/M Herbert
John Lepo offered by Catherine Kavalkovich

May Their Memories Be Eternal

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Please remember in your prayers: Father Matthew Cantrell and the Cantrell Family; Grace Corba; Robert Corba; Julia Makara; Helen Riley; Helen Wanenchak; Annamae Witiak; 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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Minutes and reports of the Fall 2015 Metropolitan Council meeting are posted on the OCA website. The minutes and reports of the Fall Metropolitan Council meeting that was held September 22 to the 24, 2015 are now available on the OCA website at the following link:

<http://oca.org/news/headline-news/minutes-reports-of-fall-2015-metropolitan-council-meeting-posted>

Due to the extensive presentations offered at the 18th All-American Council in July 2015, there are fewer reports than usual.

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 (October)

	<u>Week of Sep 28 to Oct 4</u>	<u>September Month (Unaudited)</u>
Attendance:	35	29 (average)
Funds In:	\$1,237.00	\$3,332.00
Funds Out:	\$1,945.53	\$6,103.81
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	(\$708.53)	(\$2,771.81)

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.

[Note: Today's readings for the Commemoration of the Holy Fathers are as follows: Epistle – Hebrews 13:7-16 and Gospel – John 17:1-13]

Calendar of Events

Tree Cutting and Branch Trimming Date To Be Determined. The Tree Cutting and Trimming around the Church property has been delayed as a result of obtaining the proper City of Philadelphia permits by the company performing the work. We will keep the parishioners informed on the tree trimming status as they develop. Thank you for your understanding and patience with this project!

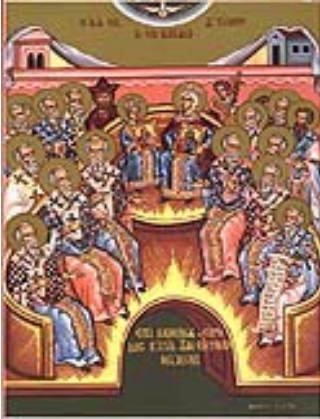
Clean-up Day Outside of Church Property – To Be Determined (if necessary). The cleaning up of any leftover debris will be scheduled once a date has been established of the tree cutting and branch trimming around the church property.

Bible Study – Tuesday, October 13 at 6:30pm in the church basement. The Bible Study Group will continue to get together and informally meet. During the next gathering the group will continue to discuss the Book of the Prophet Zechariah.

Saturday Great Vespers resumes on Saturday, October 17 at 5:00pm. The parish will once again hold Great Vespers on Saturday evenings beginning next Saturday, October 17 at 5:00pm. Fr Mark will inform the parish regarding his schedule for the remaining Saturdays in October (24th & 31st) as to whether he will be able to serve Vespers on those two Saturdays. Beginning in November, Vespers will be served every Saturday unless otherwise mentioned by Fr Mark. Please make every effort to attend and enjoy being a part of this wonderful service.

The **Philadelphia Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood** will be sponsoring a conference seminar entitled *The Holy Mysteries and Family Life* on **Saturday, October 24** at St Michael the Archangel Russian Orthodox Church located at the corner of 4th St & Fairmount Avenue in Philadelphia. Registration begins at 9:00am with the first session starting at 10:00am. There is no fee for the Conference but donations would be gratefully accepted. Please see the bulletin boards for the flyers for more information.

St. Herman's of Alaska – Gradyville, PA hosting BaBa's Attic the Weekend of October 17 & 18, 2015. The parish is having a Huge Yard Sale. Tables available to rent. The event is open to the public. For more information you may phone the parish office at 610.459.5310 or visit their website at www.sthermansoca.org. The parish is located at 1855 Middletown Road (Route 352) in Glen Mills, PA 19342.



Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council [October 11th]

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 Porphyrogenitos.

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 which 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.

