

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

2101 South 28th St., Philadelphia, PA 19145

Phone: (215) 478-4261 (Cell)

(215) 468-3535 (Church)

Email: frmatthew@comcast.net

Rev. Matthew Cantrell, Rector

Call to arrange sacraments, instruction, counseling, home visits, and sick calls.

March 15, 2015

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 7.

Veneration of the Cross.

Troparion (Tone 7)

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy. And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen,//granting the world great mercy.

Troparion (Tone 1)

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thy inheritance! Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries; and by virtue of Thy Cross,//preserve Thy habitation!

Kontakion (Tone 7)

Now the flaming sword no longer guards the gates of Eden; it has been mysteriously quenched by the wood of the Cross. The sting of death and the victory of hell have been vanquished; for Thou, O my Savior, hast come and cried to those in hell:// Enter again into Paradise!

Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Living: Peggy Walker, Margaret Pellack, David Pellack, Emelie Albrecht, Ted Herbert, Alex Hourahan, Justin Drimak, Rose Taninatz, Alex Lourido, Helen Sameruck, Patterson family and parishioners, Luis Helwig, Julia Makara, Barbara Andrews, William Scanlon. **May God Grant Them Many Years!**

Departed: Frank Slivka, William Brasko, Onufrey Spack, Julia Shuda, Helen Herbert, Mary Spack, Anna Korin, Katherine Doyle, Bill Clayton, Elaine Hemshoot. **May Their Memories Be Eternal!**

Upcoming Services

Wednesday Presanctified Liturgy, 6:00 p.m.

Friday Akathist, 6:00 p.m.

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.

Hebrews 4:14-5:6

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness. Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer sacrifices for sins. And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him: "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You." As He also says in another place: "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek."

Mark 8:34-9:1

When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels. And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power."

Weekly Financial Statement (02/22/15)

Attendance: 45

Money In: \$2213.00

Money Out: \$645.72

Net Total: \$1567.28

Announcements

Theology Course

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 24, 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 March 17, at church at 6:00 p.m. We'll read the nativity narratives in the Gospels of St. Matthew and St. Luke.