

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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Sunday, August 21, 2016 | 9th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 8 –Afterfeast of the Dormition.

Apostle Thaddeus of the Seventy (ca. 44 A.D.)

Martyr Bassa (Vassa) of Edessa and her sons (2nd c.)

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Weekly Schedule

Today: Philadelphia Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood Service of Supplication to the Theotokos (Akathist) - **4:00PM**
St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church
506 Stahr Road – Elkins Park, PA 19027
Phone: 215.782.8448
Website: www.stnicholasphilly.com

Saturday: August 27 – **NO Great Vespers on this day!**

Sunday: August 28 – Uncovering Relics of Ven. Job;
Ven. Moses the Black of Scete
Reading of Hours – 9:30am
Divine Liturgy – 10:00am
Fellowship & coffee hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Texts for the Liturgical Service

Troparion (Tone 8)

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! / Thou didst accept the three day burial / to free us from our sufferings! // O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

Troparion (Tone 1 – Dormition)

In giving birth thou didst preserve thy virginity. / In falling asleep thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos. / Thou wast translated to life, O Mother of Life, // and by thy prayers thou dost deliver our souls from death.

Kontakion (Tone 8)

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrected Adam. / Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, / and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Kontakion (Tone 2 – Dormition)

Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos, / who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions. / For being the Mother of Life, / she was translated to life // by the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb.

Prokeimenon (Tone 8)

Pray and make your vows / before the Lord our God!
v. In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:9-17

For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are. Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 8)

- v. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! Alleluia (3x's)
- v. Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! Alleluia (3x's)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:22-34

Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God." When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret.

Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing Irmos of Ode 9:

Refrian: The Angels, as they looked upon the Dormition of the Virgin, were struck with wonder, seeing how the Virgin went up from earth to heaven.

Heirmos: The limits of nature are overcome in thee, O Pure Virgin: for birthgiving remains virginal, and life is united to death; a virgin after childbearing and alive after death, thou dost ever save thine inheritance, O Theotokos.

Communion Hymn:

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise him in the highest!
I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord!
Alleluia (3x's)

Announcements

A Warm Welcome to all of our visitors & guest 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 (cont.)

St. Tikhon's Seminary Opens Parish Lay Leadership Training Program in Philadelphia, PA

SOUTH CANAAN, PA [STOTS Communications] – St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary is pleased to announce a new program of studies developed for theological training of *lay parishioners* who are involved in various leadership activities in their parish. This program is an expansion of already existing Diaconal Formation program, which has been successfully offered off-campus for last 9 years. Just like the Diaconal Formation program, Parish Lay Leadership Training Program is comprised of 4 semesters (2 academic years) during which participants are enrolled in graduate level courses in theology, scripture, church history and liturgics. In addition to this, the new program will also offer courses that are specifically geared towards training students to be better assistants to the pastor in various areas of parish life, like catechetical and Sunday school instructions, liturgical services and parish management.

For 2016-2017 school year the new program will only be offered in Philadelphia location with plans to expand it to other locations and possibly add more topic areas in the future. "The setting of the Diaconal Formation program proved to be very appealing to those who live within driving distance from our location and who can attend the program on Saturdays while holding full-time jobs" remarked Fr. Victor Gorodenchuk, the administrator of Philadelphia location of the program. "While we continue to give theological training to Diaconal candidates, we realize that there is a clear need to help parishes of our area by training those lay parishioners who desire to be actively involved in the lives of their communities and who could greatly benefit from structured coursework in such areas as Theology, Liturgy and Scripture."

Archpriest Steven Voytovich, Seminary dean, shared his enthusiasm regarding the program development. "With the solid foundation of the diaconal training program components already in place, this expansion will offer significant opportunities for motivated laypersons to more actively serve the Church by accessing this spiritually enriching formational training," stated Fr. Steven.

Flyers with more information are posted up on the parish bulletin boards, To learn more about the details of new Diaconal Formation and Parish Lay Leadership Training program or to enroll in the program, with the blessing of your parish priest, please contact Archpriest Victor Gorodenchuk by calling 215-745-3232 or emailing dean@ststephenscathedral.com.

Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church 2016 Pierogie Sale!

Call in orders ONLY!!! Orders taken Monday or Tuesday from 9AM to 11AM and pick up on Friday from 1PM-2PM. September order date: September 12 & 13. Pick Up Date: September 16.

Phone number: 302.798.4588. Church location: 1406 Philadelphia Pike – Wilmington, DE.

Cost: Potato = \$8/dozen Sauerkraut = \$8/dozen Cheese = \$12/dozen

St. Michael Russian Orthodox Church 40th Annual Russian Festival – October 7 to October 9 2016.

The parish's popular and festive event will be held the first full weekend of October (this year from Friday, October 9 to Sunday, October 11). The weekend will feature a range of Russian food delights for lunch through dinner, live accordion music, the Sunday School's Russian Dancers, and specialty shops from Russian made artifacts, books of interest, handmade decorations, drawing opportunities, and a variety of collectibles and treasures for ones enjoyment.

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Emily Pellack offered by David Pellack
Ronald Andrew Kavalkovich, Sharon Orr, Matthew Andrews offered by M/M Al Kavalkovich
Witiak Family offered by M/M Peter Witiak

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Mary McKinney (newly departed) offered by the Parish Parishioners

May Their Memories Be Eternal

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Please remember in your prayers: Cantrell Family; Grace Corba; Robert Corba; Dolores Helms (Fr. Mark's Mother); Ronald Kavalkovich (on his recovery from surgery); 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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Sharon Orr would like to thank all of her family members and parishioners who have sent her get-well wishes and have prayed for her recovery during her recent illness. May God grant you all of you many happy, healthy years!

2016 PARISH CALENDAR:

A computer printout version of the 2016 church calendar for the months of July and August are located on the back pew in the church. We will continue to generate the remaining months for 2016.

Also, for those who have access to the Internet, the calendar for July and August are posted in color on the parish website for your convenience under the "Service Schedule" tab section. Thank you!

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. 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 – Icon Fund (2016)
- 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 (August)

	<u>Week of August 8 to August 14</u>	<u>August Month-to-Date</u>
Attendance:	31	40 (average)
Vespers (Sun 8/14)	21	
Dormition (Mon 8/15)	7	
Funds In:	\$ 1,629.00	\$ 2,790.00
Funds Out:	\$ 707.00	\$ 4,168.29
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 922.00	(\$ 1,378.29)

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 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.

Calendar of Events

Philadelphia Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood – Supplication to the Mother of God (Akathist) – All Services at 4:00PM. Final August 2016 Service:

Sunday, August 28 – Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church
1406 Philadelphia Pike - Wilmington, DE 19809
Phone: 302.798.4455
www.sspeterandpauluoc.org

Friday, August 26 – FOCUS North America Back To School Backpack Program! FOCUS is looking for volunteers to assist in distributing school supplies to Philadelphia school aged children. Time: 8am to 3pm. Location: High School of the Future – 4201 Parkside Ave. – Philadelphia, PA 19104. To sign up, please access the following link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0544a9a82da3fb6-back>

Saturday, August 27 – Councilman Kenyatta Johnson’s Community Appreciation Day at Point Breeze Ave & 22 St. Free food, rides for kids, vendors, line dancing, and featuring Kelly Prince and Donnell Jones.

Sunday, September 11 - Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy in the Church School Room! All property committee members are asked to attend the meeting. Continued discussions on the status of the Church Hall along with the other properties will be on the agenda.

Tuesday, September 13 – Bible Study at 6:30pm in the church basement.

The Bible Study Group will gather together at this time and begin reading and studying the next book in the Bible...Exodus. Yes, they have completed Genesis, so be prepared to begin leaning about God’s rescue of his people from Egypt, their journey to Sinai, and the covenant between them.

Coffee with Sister Vassa – October 2016 Speaking Tour:

Sister Dr. Vassa Larin will be making a series of presentations around the Diocese of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania beginning on October 17, 2016. The closet her speaking schedule brings her to the Philadelphia area will be on Thursday, October 20 at 7:00pm at St. Stephen Orthodox Cathedral (Northeast Philadelphia)

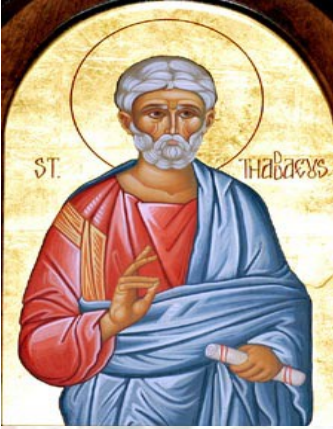
8598 Verree Rd – Philadelphia, PA 19111. Phone: 215.342.0866

Her Topic: *Keeping Christ in Orthodoxy*

To learn more about Sister Vassa, please visit her website at:
www.coffeewithsistervassa.com

You can also view her presentations on the Internet website YouTub.com and use the search: Coffee with Sr Vassa. Each of her video presentations are about 10 to 20 minutes in length.

Information and Flyer are posted on our parish bulletin boards!



Apostle Thaddeus of the Seventy [Aug 21th]

Saint Thaddeus, Apostle of the Seventy, was by descent a Hebrew, and he was born in the Syrian city of Edessa. The holy Apostle Thaddeus of the Seventy must be distinguished from St Jude, also called Thaddeus or Levi (June 19), who was one of the Twelve Apostles.

When he came to Jerusalem for a feastday, he heard the preaching of John the Forerunner. After being baptized by him in the Jordan, he remained in Palestine. He saw the Savior, and became His follower. He was chosen by the Lord to be one of the Seventy Disciples, whom He sent by twos to preach in the cities and places where He intended to visit (Luke. 10: 1).

After the Ascension of the Savior to Heaven, St Thaddeus preached the good news in Syria and Mesopotamia. He came preaching the Gospel to Edessa and he converted King Abgar, the people and the pagan priests to Christ. He backed up his preaching with many miracles (about which Abgar wrote to the Assyrian emperor Nerses). He established priests there and built up the Edessa Church.

Prince Abgar wanted to reward St Thaddeus with rich gifts, but he refused and went preaching to other cities, converting many pagans to the Christian Faith. He went to the city of Beirut to preach, and he founded a church there. It was in this city that he peacefully died in the year 44. (The place of his death is indicated as Beirut in the Slavonic MENAION, but according to other sources he died in Edessa. According to an ancient Armenian tradition, St Thaddeus, after various tortures, was beheaded by the sword on December 21 in the Artaz region in the year 50).