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Sunday, October 16, 2016 | 17th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 8 – Commemoration of the Holy Fathers
of the 7th Ecumenical Council. Martyr Longinus the
Centurion who stood at the Cross of the Lord (1st c.)

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Weekly Schedule

Today: Fall General Parish Meeting after Divine Liturgy
in the church basement.

Saturday: October 22 – Great Vespers at 5:00PM!

Sunday: October 23 – Holy Apostle James (Jacob),
the brother of the Lord
Reading of Hours – 9:30am
Divine Liturgy – 10:00am
Fellowship & coffee hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Sunday: October 23 – Church Life Discussion Class after Divine Liturgy.
Topic: History of 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 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 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 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 8)

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

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people." Therefore Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you." I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the LORD Almighty." Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. 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: Luke 8:5-15

A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold. When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?" And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.' Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

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)

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2017 Saint Tikhon's Monastery Calendar - Taking orders now:

The parish will be ordering 2017 calendars from Saint Tikhon's Monastery. There is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board downstairs next to the other three sign up sheets (i.e. cleaning, coffee hour, reading schedule). The cost of the 2017 St Tikhon's calendars is \$6 per calendar. The deadline for ordering these calendars will be: **Sunday, October 30, 2016!**

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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.)

40 Days For Life – Philadelphia Campaign – Fall Season:

The 40 Days for Life continues until November 6. This will be the largest campaign ever with peaceful vigils occurring in ALL 50 states at the same time! Meanwhile the killing still continues at Planned Parenthood. Thank you so much in advance for signing up for this list and being willing to continue standing up for those that can't speak for themselves.

Information:

- * Contacts: Monique Ruberu or Pat Stanton at 469.231.9084
- * Email: roobearoo@hotmail.com
- * Website: <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/philadelphia/>

- * Prayer vigil located at 12th & Locust St, Philadelphia – Planned Parenthood
- * Vigils open Monday-Saturday from 8am-5pm.

The 40 Days For Life is not a political organization or a protest group. They stand and pray as a peaceful physical presence and witness for the lives of the unborn, who cannot speak for themselves.

Church Mutual Parish Council Workshop

The Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania along with Church Mutual will be providing two workshops for Parish Councils, one on October 29th in Bethlehem beginning at 10am and one at Holy Trinity in Wilkes Barre, November 5th beginning at 10am. There is no charge and Church Mutual will provide the food. All clergy are required to attend on of these workshops and at least two parish council members must attend with them. Additional council members may attend if they desire.

The Diocesan Office must know by October 20th how many will be attending the workshop and on which date.

This workshop is in response to a workshop by Church Mutual done a few months ago with just the clergy and that presentation was truly enlightening. The current workshops plan on discussing the parish officers and directors coverage as members of their parish council.

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. November order date: November 14 & 15. Pick Up Date: November 18.

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

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

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Julia Makara offered by Pelack Family
Family and parishioners offered by Nina Patterson
Ronald Andrew Kavalkovich offered by M/M Al Kavalkovich

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

May Their Memories Be Eternal

Please remember in your prayers: Cantrell Family; Grace Corba; Robert Corba; Dolores Helms (Fr. Mark’s Mother); Ronald Kavalkovich (on his recovery from surgery); Mat. Jan Koczak; Julia Makara; Helen Riley; Helen Wanenchak; Annamae Witiak (newly departed); 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!

Also for William Helen (birthday), John & Michele Spack (Wedding Anniversary), and Father Mark and Matusha Jan on their one year anniversary serving here at our parish!

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Building Fund – In Memory of Annamae Witiak

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| * M/M Ken Kavalkovich | * Matthew Andrews |
| * Helen Sivak | * Martha Palubinak |
| * Nina Patterson | * Melanie Albrecht |
| * M/M Rick LeRoy | * David & Margarot Pellack |
| * Yongkuk Choe & Jamie Mak | * Nancy Panza |
| * Sandra Hourahan | |

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 (October)

	<u>Week of Oct 3 to Oct 9</u>	<u>October Month-To-Date</u>
Attendance:	29	28 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 1,168.00	\$ 2,309.00
Funds Out:	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,695.22
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 1,168.00	(\$ 1,386.22)

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

1st Sunday of each month – Monthly Panikhida immediately after Liturgy.
2nd Tuesday of each month – Bible Study at 6:30pm in church basement.
2nd Sunday of each month – Property Committee Meeting after Liturgy.
3rd Sunday of each month – Property Committee Meeting after Liturgy.
4th Sunday of each month – Church Life Discussion Class after Liturgy.

TODAY - Fall General Parish Meeting after Divine Liturgy in the church basement. Discussions will include events since the June Parish Meeting; activities over the next few months; the status of the Property Committee; and any other business that needs to be discussed. Meeting should take about an hour but should not exceed past 90 minutes.

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 closest her speaking schedule brings her to the Philadelphia area will be this **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.

IOCC Fifth Annual Benefit Banquet – Friday, October 28, 2016!

St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church – 900 S. Trooper Road – Jeffersonville, PA 19403

Hors d'oeuvres and Silent Auction at 6:00pm * Dinner and Program at 7:30pm

Tickets are \$60 per person.

Register online at IOCC website at: ioccc.org/philadelphia

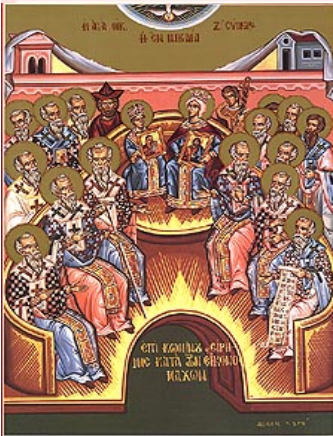
Flyer and Information posted on Bulletin Board down in the church basement

Clean up day at the Church and Hall (Inside&Outside) – Sat Oct 29, 2016!

The parish will be cleaning both inside the Church and outside around the church and the hall. Please bring, if you can, tools and supplies to assist in the beautification of the property. Items that you may find helpful in cleaning up are: broom, shovel, trash bags, shears, branch clippers, rake, leaf blower, weed wacker, and any other type of gardening equipment or outdoor cleaning supply. Time TBD during the Fall General Parish Meeting on October 16.

Reader's Meeting – Sunday October 30, 2016 after Divine Liturgy!

All readers (and those who would like to read) are asked to attend this meeting!



Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council [Oct 16th]

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 VI.

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 that 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.

For all of those who attend Bible Study, you will recognize the passage from Exodus as part of the chapter where the Lord gives Moses the Ten Commandments:

“4. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: 5. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;” Exodus 20:4-5