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Sunday, October 23, 2016 | 18th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 1 – Holy Apostle James, the Brother of the Lord (ca 63)
Saint Ignatius, Patriarch of Constantinople (877-8)

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Weekly Schedule

Today: Church Life Discussion Class after Divine Liturgy.
Topic: History of the Divine Liturgy

Today: Parastas for Annamae Witiak on her 40th day of her repose (Oct 20). A luncheon will be served after Divine Liturgy in her memory on behalf of the Witiak Family.

Saturday: October 29 – Clean Up Day beginning at **10:00AM!!!**

Saturday: October 29 – Great Vespers at **3:00PM!** (*Note time change!*)

Sunday: October 30 – Hieromartyr Zenobius & his sister Zenobia
Reading of Hours – 9:30am
Divine Liturgy – 10:00am
Fellowship & coffee hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Sunday: October 30 – Reader's Meeting after Divine Liturgy in the Sunday School Room.

Texts for the Liturgical Service

Troparion (Tone 1)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, / while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, / Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, / granting life to the world. / The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: / “Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! / Glory to Thy Kingdom! // Glory to Thy dispensation, O thou who lovest of mankind!”

Troparion (Tone 4 – Holy Apostle James)

As the Lord’s disciple thou didst receive the Gospel, O righteous James; / as a martyr thou hast unfailing courage; / as God’s brother, thou hast boldness; / as a hierarch, thou hast the power to intercede. // Pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved.

Kontakion (Tone 1)

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, / raising the world with Thyself. / Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. / Adam exults, O Master! / Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee: // “Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

Kontakion (Tone 4 – Holy Apostle James)

When God the Word, the Only-begotten of the Father, / came to live among us in these last days, / He declared thee, venerable James, to be the first shepherd and teacher Jerusalem / and a faithful steward of the spiritual Mysteries. // Therefore, we all honor thee, O Apostle.

Prokeimenon (Tone 1)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on Thee!
v. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the upright!

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: “He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.” Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

Alleluia (3x’s) (Tone 1)

v. God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me.

Alleluia (3x's)

v. He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David,

His anointed, and his seed forever. Alleluia (3x's)

Gospel Reading: Luke 16:19-31

There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. 'And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, 'for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'

Communion Hymn:

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise him in the highest!

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe!

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.)

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 be providing a meal. 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 workshop basis is discussing the parish officers and directors coverage as members of their respective parish councils.

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:

Laurie Muffler offered by Pellack Family
Family and parishioners offered by Nina Patterson
Emelie Albrecht, David Albrecht, Erica Steinman offered by Melanie Albrecht
Rick LeRoy offered by Daria LeRoy

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

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); Mat. Jan Koczak; Rick LeRoy, 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 the health of the mother of his Eminence Archbishop Mark!

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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 10 to Oct 16</u>	<u>October Month-To-Date</u>
Attendance:	37	31 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 1,791.48	\$ 4,100.48
Funds Out:	\$ 2,645.23	\$ 6,340.45
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	(\$ 853.75)	(\$ 2,239.97)

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. *(if needed)*
4th Sunday of each month – Church Life Discussion Class after Liturgy.

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!

2017 Saint Tikhon's Monastery Calendars – 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 is \$6 per calendar. Deadline for ordering calendars is next week: **Sunday, October 30, 2016!**

Church Fall Festivals – Saturday, November 5, 2016:

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church – Pottstown, PA – 8am to 2pm
St Stephen Orthodox Cathedral – Philadelphia, PA – 10am to 5pm
St Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church – Wilmington, DE – 10am to 3pm
St Herman's of Alaska Orthodox Church – Glen Mills, PA – 12pm to 8pm
(*also St Herman's on Friday, Nov 4 – 3pm to 8pm & Sunday, Nov 6 – 12pm to 4pm)



Holy Apostle James (Jacob), the Brother of the Lord [Oct 23rd]

Holy Apostle James, the Brother of God (Adelphotheos) was the son of Righteous Joseph the Betrothed of the Most Holy Theotokos (December 26). From his early years James was a Nazarene, a man especially dedicated to God. The Nazarenes vowed to preserve their virginity, to abstain from wine, to refrain from eating meat, and not to cut their hair. The vow of the Nazarenes symbolized a life of holiness and purity,

commanded formerly by the Lord for all Israel. When the Savior began to teach the nation about the Kingdom of God, St James believed in Christ and became His apostle. He was chosen as the first Bishop of Jerusalem.

St James presided over the Council of Jerusalem and his word was decisive (Acts 15). In his thirty years as bishop, St James converted many of the Jews to Christianity. Annoyed by this, the Pharisees and the Scribes plotted together to kill St James. They led the saint up on the pinnacle of the Jerusalem Temple and asked what he thought of Jesus. The holy Apostle began to bear witness that Christ is the Messiah, which was not the response the Pharisees were expecting. Greatly angered, the Jewish teachers threw him off the roof. The saint did not die immediately, but gathering his final strength, he prayed to the Lord for his enemies while they were stoning him. St James' martyrdom occurred about 63 A.D.

The holy Apostle James composed a Divine Liturgy, which formed the basis of the Liturgies of Sts Basil the Great and John Chrysostom. The Church has preserved an Epistle of St James, one of the books of the New Testament.

In 1853, Patriarch Hierotheus of Alexandria sent to Moscow a portion of the relics of St James. The Church distinguishes between the holy Apostle James the Brother of God, and St James the son of Zebedee (April 30) and St James the son of Alphaeus (October 9).