

## Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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### Sunday, October 30, 2016 | 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 2 – Hieromartyr Zenobius and his sister Zenobia, of Aegae in Cilicia(285). Apostles Tertius, Mark, Justus, and Artemas, of the Seventy (1<sup>st</sup> c.). Hieromartyr Marcian, Bishop of Syracuse (2<sup>nd</sup> c.).

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### Weekly Schedule

- Today: Reader's Meeting after Divine Liturgy in the church school room.
- Today: Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy in the church school room.
- Saturday: November 5 – Church Fall Festivals! Please see the list of parishes hosting festivals at their churches under the “Calendar of Events” in this week’s bulletins.
- Saturday: November 5 – Great Vespers at **5:00PM!**
- Sunday: November 6 – St Paul the Confessor  
Reading of Hours – 9:30am  
Divine Liturgy – 10:00am  
*Fellowship & coffee hour to follow the Divine Liturgy*
- Sunday: November 6 – St Herman’s of Alaska Church Fall Festival continues in Glen Mills, PA from 12pm to 4pm!

## 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 4 – Hieromartyr Zenobius and his sister)**

As brother and sister united in godliness / together you struggled in contest Zenóbius and Zenobía. / Ye received incorruptible crowns / and unending glory // and shine forth with the grace of healing upon those in the world.

### **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 4 – Hieromartyr Zenobius and his sister)**

Let us honor with inspired hymns the two martyrs for truth: / the preachers of true devotion, Zenóbius and Zenobía; / as brother and sister they lived and suffered together // and through martyrdom received their incorruptible crowns.

### **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 to 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 8:26-39**

Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!" For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness. Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him. And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned. When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed. Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned. Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you. And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

**Communion Hymn:**

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise him in the highest! 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 is in its final week concluding on November 6. This is the largest campaign ever with peaceful vigils occurring in ALL 50 states at the same time!

#### 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 12<sup>th</sup> & 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 a workshop for Parish Councils at Holy Trinity in Wilkes-Barre, on November 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10am. There is no charge and Church Mutual will be providing a meal. All clergy are required to attend this workshop and at least two parish council members must attend with him. Additional council members may attend if they desire.

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.

**Poinsettias/Christmas Flowers!** We will begin collecting for Christmas flowers on Sunday, November 13. 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!

### **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:**

John and Michele Spack, Carmen Lisa offered by M/M Herbert  
Family members offered by Grace Corba  
Margaret Pellack offered by the Pellack Family  
Margaret Pellack, David Pellack, Family and Friends offered by M/M K Kavalkovich and family  
Katerina Rabik, Ronald Kavalkovich, Marie Fortner, Jane Kelly, Dana offered by Nancy Brasko Rabik

**May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!**

**Memory for the Departed:**

Paul Sheers, Annamae Witiak offered by M/M Herbert  
William and Julia Brasko, William Brasko Jr, George Brasko, John Libak Sr, Mary McKinney,  
Annamae Witiak offered by Nancy Brasko Rabik

**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 & Margaret Pellack |
| * Yongkuk Choe & Jamie Mak  | * Nancy Panza              |
| * Sandra Hourahan           | * Nancy Brasko Rabik       |
| * Peter Witiak              | * M/M Albert Kavalkovich   |
| * Mr & Dr Michael McCartney | * Jean Elliot              |
| * M/M Noel Kelly            | * Emily Gerasimoff         |
| * M/M Michael McCartney     | * Eugene & Joan Witiak     |

**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 17 to Oct 23</u>	<u>October Month-To-Date</u>
Attendance:	37	33 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 2,610.00	\$ 6,710.48
Funds Out:	\$ 88.81	\$ 6,429.26
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 2,521.19	\$ 281.22

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**

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

### **Thank You to all who helped clean up inside the Church and outside around the Church, Hall, and Yard yesterday!**

The parish would like to offer a big “Thank You” to all who took the time and spent their Saturday cleaning up inside the church and outside around the church, Hall and yard. Everything inside and around the parish properties looks tidy and beautiful. Your commitment and dedicate service to continuously support the parish is very much appreciated. May God Grant You Many Happy and Healthy Years!

### **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!

### **Property Committee Meeting – Sunday October 30, 2016 after Divine Liturgy!**

Property Committee members are asked to attend this special meeting to discuss the actions taken during the last General Parish Meeting (10/16)!

### **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 TODAY: **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)

### **Pre-Advent Dinner after Divine Liturgy – Sunday November 13, 2016:**

Plans are under way on organizing this pre-Lenten luncheon. Please see Catherine Kavalkovich and discuss with her if you wish to contribute to the luncheon and provide a dish on this date. We will need volunteers to bring or prepare food items, along with setting up and cleaning up afterwards.

## Hieromartyr Zenobius and his sister Zenobia of Aegae in Cilicia [Oct 30<sup>th</sup>]



The Hieromartyr Zenobius, Bishop of Aegea, and his sister Zenobia suffered a martyr's death in the year 285 in Cilicia. From childhood they were raised in the holy Christian Faith by their parents, and they led pious and chaste lives. In their mature years, shunning the love of money, they distributed away their inherited wealth giving it to the poor. For his beneficence and holy life the Lord rewarded Zenobius with the gift of healing various maladies. He was also chosen bishop of a Christian community in Cilicia.

As bishop, St Zenobius zealously spread the Christian Faith among the pagans. When the emperor Diocletian (284-305) began a persecution against Christians, Bishop Zenobius was the first one arrested and brought to trial to the governor Licius. "I shall only speak briefly with you," said Licius to the saint, "for I propose to grant you life if you worship our gods, or death, if you do not." The saint answered, "This present life without Christ is death. It is better that I prepare to endure the present torment for my Creator, and then with Him live eternally, than to renounce Him for the sake of the present life, and then be tormented eternally in Hades."

By order of Licius, they nailed him to a cross and began the torture. The bishop's sister, seeing him suffering, wanted to stop it. She bravely confessed her own faith in Christ before the governor, therefore, she also was tortured.

By the power of the Lord they remained alive after being placed on a red-hot iron bed, and then in a boiling kettle. The saints were then beheaded. The priest Hermogenes secretly buried the bodies of the martyrs in a single grave.

St Zenobius is invoked by those suffering from breast cancer.