

## Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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### Sunday, July 2, 2017 | 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 3 – The Placing of the Honorable Robe of the Most-holy Theotokos at Blachernae (5<sup>th</sup> c.); Repose of St John (Maximovitch), Bishop of Shanghai and San Francisco (1966 – June 19<sup>th</sup> O.S.)

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### Weekly Schedule

Tuesday: July 4 – Independence Day!! God Bless America!!!

Saturday: July 8 - Great Vespers at 5:00PM!

Sunday: July 9 – Hieromartyr Pancratius, Bishop of Taormina in Sicily (1<sup>st</sup> c.)

Reading of Hours – 9:30am

Divine Liturgy – 10:00am

Fellowship & coffee hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Sunday: July 9 – Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy

Tuesday: July 11 – Bible Study at 6:30pm in the Church Basement! Continue reading the Book of Leviticus.

## Texts for the Liturgical Service

### **Troparion (Tone 3)**

Let the heavens rejoice! / Let the earth be glad! / For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. / He has trampled down death by death. / He has become the first born of the dead. / He has delivered us from the depths of hell, / and has granted to the world // great mercy.

### **Troparion (Tone 8 – Theotokos)**

O Ever-Virgin Theotokos, protectress of mankind, / thou hast given thy people a powerful legacy: / the robe and sash of thy most honored body, which remained incorrupt throughout thy seedless childbearing; / for through thee time and nature are renewed! // Therefore we implore thee: “Grant peace to thy people and to our souls great mercy!”

### **Kontakion (Tone 3)**

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, / leading us from the gates of death. / On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; / with the Prophets and Patriarchs // they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

### **Kontakion (Tone 4 – Theotokos)**

O Pure One, full of the grace of God, / thou hast given thy sacred robe as a garment of incorruption to all the faithful, / with it thou didst cover thy holy body, / O divine protection of all mankind. / We celebrate its enshrinement in Blachernae with love and we cry aloud with awe: // “Rejoice, O Virgin, boast of Christians.”

### **Prokeimenon (Tone 3)**

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! / Sing praises to our King, sing praises!  
v. Clap your hands, all ye people! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

### **Epistle Reading: Romans 6:18-23**

And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 3)

v. In Thee, O Lord, have I placed my hope; let me not be put to shame. Alleluia (3x's)  
v. Be Thou a God of protection of me, a house of refuge in order to save me. Alleluia (3x's)

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 8:5-13**

Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it. When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.

**Communion Hymn:**

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise him in the highest! Alleluia (3x's)

**“Be the first to arrive at church for services and the last to leave, especially for the Divine Liturgy.”**

*St Symeon the Studite (also called Symeon the Pious; +1021)*

**Announcements**

**A Warm Welcome to all of our visitors & guests** 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

The Church Life Discussion class has completed its topic discussion of the History of the Divine Liturgy. Now we are asking from those participants and parishioners what area of the Church Life they would like to discuss next. Please see Father Mark and provide him with your suggestion(s) as to the next Church Life Discussion topic.

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A special "Thank You" to all who assisted in cleaning up the pile of debris over in the Hall Yard last Sunday after Divine Liturgy. The job was total completed within 45 minutes and Pastor Morgan was very appreciative of our hard, quick, and quite work.

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Dining out in Delaware at the Iron Hill Brewery in Wilmington, DE is a summer social event for our parish. A choice of one of two Sundays needs to be decided upon: either Sunday, July 30 or Sunday, August 27. Please inform Matushka Jan or a member of the parish council if interested and your available possible date so reservations can be made.

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### *[...continued from last page – Saint John [Maximovitch]...]*

In 1951, Archbishop John was assigned to the Archdiocese of Western Europe with his cathedra in Paris. During his time there, he also served as archpastor of the Orthodox Church of France, whose restored Gallican liturgy he studied and then celebrated. He was the principal consecrator of the Orthodox Church of France's first modern bishop, Jean-Nectaire (Kovalevsky) of Saint-Denis, and ordained to the priesthood the man who would become its second bishop, Germain (Bertrand-Hardy) of Saint-Denis.

In 1962, Archbishop John was assigned to the Diocese of San Francisco, succeeding his long time friend Archbishop Tikhon. Archbishop John's days in San Francisco were to prove sorrowful as he attempted to heal the great disunity in his community. He was able to bring peace such that the new cathedral, dedicated to the Joy of all Who Sorrow Icon of the Mother of God, was completed.

Deeply revering Saint John of Kronstadt, Archbishop John played an active role in preparation of his canonization.

He reposed during a visit to Seattle on July 2, 1966, while accompanying a tour of the Kursk-Root Icon of the Mother of God. He was laid to rest in a crypt chapel under the main altar of the new cathedral.

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**GOD BLESS AMERICA!!!**



**Announcements** (cont.)

**Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed**

**Health for the Living:**

Emelie Albrecht offered by Nina Patterson  
Gregory Lindsay offered by Nina Patterson  
Emelie Albrecht offered by M/M Herbert  
Emelie Albrecht offered by Melanie Albrecht  
Nina Patterson offered by Melanie Albrecht  
Margaret Pellack offered by Pellack Family  
John and Mary Pellack offered by Pellack Family  
Emelie Albrecht offered by Pellack Family  
Joanne M Gilpin offered by Pellack Family

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

**Memory for the Departed:**

Infant child Ivanna Alexandra Parsells offered by Nina Patterson  
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Infant child Ivanna Alexandra Parsells offered by Melanie Albrecht  
Joanne Wanenchak offered by husband Robert Wanenchak  
Infant child Ivanna Alexandra Parsells offered by Pellack Family

**May Their Memories Be Eternal**

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**Please remember in your prayers:**

Infant child Ivanna Alexandra Parsells (*newly departed*); Emelie Albrecht; Cantrell Family; Grace Corba; Robert Corba; Ronald Kavalkovich (on his continuous recovery); Margaret Pellack; Helen Wanenchak; 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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Building Fund – In Memory of the infant child Ivanna Alexandra Parsells:

\* M/M Ken Kavalkovich                      \* Barbara Andrews

**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 (2016-17)
- 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 (June)

	<u>Week of June 19 to June 26</u>	<u>June Month-to-Date</u>
Attendance:	47	39 (average)
<i>Ss Peter &amp; Paul (6/28)</i>	11	
Funds In:	\$ 2,603.03	\$ 7,406.78
Funds Out:	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,174.56
Net Surplus/ <b>(Deficit)</b> :	\$ 2,603.03	\$ 3,232.22

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** – Currently no permanent event is scheduled.  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month** – Church Life Discussion Class after Liturgy.

**Sunday, July 9 – Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy in the Church School Room! (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month)!** All property committee members are asked to attend the meeting. Discussions will include any follow-ups from the previous meeting, Hall status rental update, prioritize additional work that needs to be done over at the Hall now that the tenants have officially moved into the Hall, and any additional action(s) that need to be taken.

**Bible Study – Tuesday, July 11 at 6:30pm in the church basement.** The Bible Study Group will gather together at this time and will continue reading and discussing the Book of Leviticus.

**Sunday, July 23 - Church Life Discussion after the Divine Liturgy and Fellowship hour in the church.** The Topic – To Be Determined!!!!  
Please note the Church Life Discussion on the History of the Divine Liturgy is held on the **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday** of each month.

**A Dining Out in Delaware (social event for the parish) is planned for the Ironhill Brewery Restaurant in Wilmington, DE!** A date still needs to be decided upon by the parishioners between one of two Sundays: either Sunday July 30 or Sunday, August 27. Please see Matushka Jan or a member of the parish council on which possible date is best so reservations can be made, especially if July 30 is picked

**The exhibit of “Blood & Soul – The Russian Revolution of 1917” continues until September 1, 2017 at Villanova University’s Falvey Memorial Library (First Floor).**

Father John Perich, priest of St Herman’s of Alaska Orthodox Church in Gradyville, PA is one of the co-curators of this exhibit commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries of the 1917 Russian Revolution and the Enthronement of St. Patriarch Tikhon of Moscow. Please contact the Villanova University Library for more information regarding the days and times scheduled for tours and/or visits of the exhibit.

**St Tikhon Monastery Summer Events:** St Anna’s Day Sunday July 23 at 2pm with Akathist and anointing in honor of the Miraculous Icon of St Anna that resides at the Monastery. Patronal Feast Day of St Tikhon of Zadonsk on Sun Aug 13 @ 9am Join the Monastery Brotherhood celebrating the Divine Liturgy & a festive meal.



## **Our Father among the Saints John [Maximovitch], Archbishop of Shanghai and San Francisco [July 2<sup>nd</sup>]**

The Our Father among the Saints John (Maximovitch), Archbishop of Shanghai and San Francisco (1896-1966), was a diocesan bishop of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia (ROCOR) who served widely from China to France to the United States.

Saint John departed this life on June 19 (O.S.) / July 2 (N.S.), 1966, and was officially glorified by the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad on July 2, 1994. His glorification was later recognized for universal veneration by the Patriarchate of Moscow on July 2, 2008.

### **Life:**

The future Saint John was born on June 4, 1896, in the village of Adamovka in Kharkiv province to pious aristocrats, Boris and Glafira Maximovitch. He was given the baptismal name of Michael, after the Holy Archangel Michael. In his youth, Michael was sickly and had a poor appetite, but he displayed an intense religious interest. He was educated at the Poltava Military School (1907-14); Kharkiv Imperial University, from which he received a law degree (in 1918); and the University of Belgrade (where he completed his theological education in 1925).

He and his family fled their country as the Bolshevik revolutionaries descended on the country, emigrating to Yugoslavia. There, he enrolled in the Department of Theology of the University of Belgrade. He was tonsured a monk in 1926 by Metropolitan Anthony (Khrapovitsky) of Kharkov (later the first primate of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia). Metropolitan Anthony later in 1926 ordained him hierodeacon. Bishop Gabriel of Chelyabinsk ordained him hieromonk on November 21, 1926. Subsequent to his ordination he began an active life of teaching in a Serbian high school and serving, at the request of local Greeks and Macedonians, in the Greek language. With the growth of his popularity, the bishops of the Russian Church Abroad resolved to elevate him to the episcopate.

Hieromonk John was consecrated bishop on May 28, 1934, with Metropolitan Anthony serving as principal consecrator, after which he was assigned to the Diocese of Shanghai. Twelve years later he was named Archbishop of China. Upon his arrival in Shanghai, Bishop John began working to restore unity among the various Orthodox nationalities. In time, he worked to build a large cathedral church that was dedicated to Surety of Sinners Icon to the Mother of God, with a bell tower and large parish house. Additionally, he inspired many activities: building of churches, hospitals, and orphanages among the Orthodox and Russians of Shanghai. He was intensely active, constantly praying and serving the daily cycle of services, while also visiting the sick with the Holy Gifts. He often would walk barefooted even in the coldest days. Yet to avoid the appearance of secular glory, he would pretend to act the fool.

With the end of World War II and the coming to power of the communists in China, Bishop John led the exodus of his community from Shanghai in 1949. Initially, he helped some 5,000 refugees to a camp on the island of Tubabao in the Philippines, while he travelled successfully to Washington, D.C., to lobby to amend the law to allow these refugees to enter the United States. It was while on this trip that Bishop John took time to establish a parish in Washington dedicated to Saint John the Forerunner.

***[...continue reading the life of Saint John [Maximovitch] on page 4...]***