

## Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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### Sunday, July 23, 2017 | 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 6 – Martyrs Trophimus, Theophilus, and 13 others in Lycia.

Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos “The Joy of All Who Sorrow”  
(with coins) in St. Petersburg (1888)

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### Weekly Schedule

Tuesday: July 25 – Dormition of the Righteous Anna, mother of the Most-holy Theotokos.

Wednesday: July 26 – Repose of St Jacob Netsvetov, Enlightener of the Peoples of Alaska

Thursday: July 27 – Holy Greatmartyr and Healer Panteleimon

Saturday: July 29 - Great Vespers at 5:00PM!

Sunday: July 30 – Apostles Silas and Silvanus of the Seventy, and those with them.  
Reading of Hours – 9:30am  
Divine Liturgy – 10:00am  
*Fellowship & coffee hour to follow the Divine Liturgy*

## Texts for the Liturgical Service

### **Troparion (Tone 6)**

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; / the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, / seeking Thy most pure body. / Thou didst capture hell / not being tempted by it. / Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. // O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

### **Troparion (Tone 4 – Menaion)**

Thy holy martyr Trophimus and his companions, O Lord, / Through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from Thee, our God. / For having Thy strength, they laid low their adversaries, / and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. // Through their intercessions, save our souls!

### **Kontakion (Tone 6)**

When Christ God the Giver of Life, / raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, / He bestowed resurrection on the human race. // He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

### **Kontakion (Tone 8 – For Martyrs (general kontakion))**

Ye have appeared as bright lamps, O holy martyrs! / Illumine the whole creation with the brightness of your miracles. / Deliver it from infirmity and drive away the deep darkness, // always interceding before Christ God for us all.

### **Prokeimenon (Tone 6)**

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance!  
v. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

### **Epistle Reading: Romans 15:1-7**

We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification. For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me." For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 6)

- v. He that dwelleth in the aid of the Most High shall abide under the protection of the God of heaven. Alleluia (3x's)
- v. He shall say to the Lord: Thou art my protector and my refuge, my God. In Him will I trust! Alleluia (3x's)

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:27-35**

When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!" And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "See that no one knows it." But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country. As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!" But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons." Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

**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. There is a suggestion box down in the church basement on the center table. Please drop off your suggestions in the box. The last day for providing a suggestion will be **Sunday, July 30!** Thank You!

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Dining out in Delaware at the Iron Hill Brewery in Wilmington, DE is a summer social event for our parish. We will be dining on Sunday, August 27 at 2:00pm. Please inform Matushka Jan if interested in attending so reservations can be made. Deadline for notifying Matushka Jan is **Tuesday, August 15!!!** You can contact Matushka Jan by phone (Home: 302-322-0943) or by email [jakoczak@gmail.com](mailto:jakoczak@gmail.com). Thank You!

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### **19<sup>th</sup> All-American Council web site goes “live”**

[A special site featuring a wealth of information and resources](#) related to the forthcoming [19th All-American Council](#) [AAC] of the Orthodox Church in America went “live” on the OCA web site on Friday, July 14, 2017.

The AAC theme—“For the Life of the World”—is derived from Protospesbyter Alexander Schmemmann’s classic work of the same name.

“The web site will be of tremendous assistance in preparing the faithful, and especially AAC delegates and observers, for the gathering, which will convene in **Saint Louis, MO July 23-27, 2018,**” said Archpriest Eric G. Tosi, OCA Secretary. “A new [AAC Facebook page](#) also has been launched.”

On-line registration for both the AAC and hotel will be available January 1, 2018 through a dedicated and secure section of the site.

“All AAC related resources—agenda, handbook, instructions and registration—will be available on the site, enabling participants to download and print out copies to bring with them to the Council,” Father Eric explained. “Beginning January 1, the site will feature a dedicated section for submitting resolutions and Statute revisions for consideration by AAC delegates.”

Other AAC site highlights will include:

- \* an introductory video by His Grace, Bishop Paul of Chicago and the Midwest, who chairs the Preconciliar Commission.
- \* articles on the history of the Orthodox Church in the Saint Louis area and the Kansas City Deanery of the Diocese of the Midwest.
- \* a section dedicated to the AAC youth program, which will be available shortly. Youth program volunteers may register through the site. Beginning January 1, youth delegate registration also will be available on-line. A separate posting on the AAC youth program, which will be directed by Priest Benjamin Tucci, will provide details on the youth program agenda, expectations, and costs and offer suggestions on how youth can raise funds to participate in the AAC.
- \* a series of frequently asked questions about the AAC in general and the 19th AAC in particular, slated to be released in the fall.

“In the months ahead, the OCA web site will announce the latest updates, resources and information as they appear on the AAC site,” Father Eric added. “In the meantime, we hope that all of the Church’s faithful take advantage of the AAC site for the latest information with regard to the 19th AAC in a Church-wide effort to expand the work of the Church ‘for the life of the world’ and its salvation.”

**Announcements** (cont.)

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

**Health for the Living:**

Emelie Albrecht offered by Nina Patterson

**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:**

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
- \* Matthew Andrews
- \* Jennifer Cantrell & Family
- \* Nina Patterson

**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 (July)

	<u>Week of July 10 to July 16</u>	<u>July Month-to-date</u>
Attendance:	39	36 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 743.67	\$ 3,735.67
Funds Out:	\$ 1,948.86	\$ 5,907.68
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	(\$ 1,205.19)	(\$ 2,172.01)

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** – NO Church Life Discussion Class in July or August!

**UPDATE!!!!** – **There will be NO Church Life Discussion classes during the summer (July and August). The Discussion will resume on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in September (the 24<sup>th</sup>).** The Topic – To Be Determined!!!!

We are now taking suggestions on a topic to be discussed once the class resumes in September. Please drop off your topic suggestion in the box located on the center table in the church basement. Topic deadline is July 30<sup>th</sup>! Thanks You!

### **St Tikhon Monastery Summer Events:**

TODAY - 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.

### **Monday, August 14 at 6:30PM – Vespers Divine Liturgy for The Dormition (Falling Asleep) of our Most-Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary!**

This Feast Day is also the Name's Day of our parish.

Three items are planned for this evening:

- 1) a procession with the plaschanitza image of the Falling Asleep of the Theotokos,
- 2) blessing of flowers and fragrance plants (i.e. fresh herbs, mint, basil, etc...)
- 3) a pot-luck dinner is planned outside in the church Hall yard after services. Please see a member of the parish council to schedule what you will be bringing for the outdoor dinner.

The Dormition Fast will be broken after Liturgy that evening!

### **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.

**Sunday, August 27 at 2:00PM - Dining Out in Delaware - Ironhill Brewery Restaurant in Wilmington, DE (a social event for the parish)!** Please contact Matushka Jan by phone (House #302.322.0943) or email (jakoczak@gmail.com) whether you will be attending so reservations can be made. The reservation deadline is **Tuesday, August 15!!!**



### **Icon of the Mother of God “the Joy of All who sorrow” (with coins) in St Petersburg [July 23<sup>nd</sup>]**

The Icon of the Mother of God “Joy of All Who Sorrow” (With Coins) was glorified in the year 1888 in Petersburg, when during the time of a terrible thunderstorm lightning struck in a chapel. All was burned or singed, except for this icon of the Queen of Heaven. It was knocked to the floor, and the poor box broke open at the same time. Somehow, twelve small coins (half-kopeck pieces), became attached to the icon. A church was built in 1898 on the site of the chapel.

### **Martyr Trophimus, Theophilus, and the 13 Others in Lycia. [July 23<sup>nd</sup>]**

The Holy Martyrs Trophimus, Theophilus, and thirteen martyrs with them, suffered during the persecution against Christians under the emperor Diocletian (284-305). Brought to trial, they bravely confessed themselves Christians and refused to offer sacrifice to idols. After fierce tortures, they broke the legs of the holy martyrs and threw them into a fire. Strengthened by the Lord, they came out of the fire completely unharmed, and they glorified Christ all the more. Unable to break the will of the holy confessors, the torturers beheaded them.