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Sunday, August 13, 2017 | 10th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 1 – Leavetaking of the Transfiguration.
Saint Tikhon, Bishop of Voronezh, Wonderworker of Zadonsk
and All Russia (*transferred to August 12*)(1783)

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Weekly Schedule

Today: Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy.

Tomorrow: August 14 – Vesperal Divine Liturgy at **6:00PM!**
The Dormition of Our Most-Holy Lady The Theotokos
and Ever-Virgin Mary (Parish's Name Day)!
(See Calendar of Events for more details regarding this service)

Wednesday: August 16 – Translation of the Image “Not-made-by-hands” of our Lord
Jesus Christ.

Saturday: August 19 – NO Great Vespers on this evening!

Sunday: August 20 – Afterfeast of the Dormition
Reading of Hours – 9:30am
Divine Liturgy – 10:00am
Fellowship & coffee hour to follow the Divine Liturgy
(Father Emmanuel Pratsinakis is scheduled to serve Divine
Liturgy since Father Mark will be away this weekend)

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 7 – Transfiguration)

Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God, / revealing Thy glory to Thy Disciples as far as they could bear it. / Let Thine everlasting Light also shine upon us sinners, / through the prayers of the Theotokos! // O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

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 7 – Transfiguration)

On the mountain Thou wast transfigured, O Christ God, / and Thy Disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could see it; / so that when they should behold Thee crucified, / they would understand that Thy suffering was voluntary, / and would proclaim to the world // that Thou art truly the Radiance of the Father.

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!

Prokeimenon (Tone 4)

O Lord how manifold are Thy works / In wisdom hast Thou made them all!

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16

For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored! To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless. And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now. I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you. For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Therefore I urge you, imitate me.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 1)

- v. God gives vengeance to 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)
- v. The heavens are Thine; the earth also is Thine! Alleluia (3x's) (TONE 8)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:14-23

And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him. Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me." And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting. Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up. And they were exceedingly sorrowful.

Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing:

Magnify, O my soul, the Lord Who was transfigured on Mount Tabor! / Thy childbearing was without corruption; / God came forth from thy body clothed in flesh, / and appeared on earth and dwelt among men. // Therefore we all magnify thee, O Theotokos.

Communion Hymn:

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest!
O Lord, we shall walk in the light of Thy countenance, and will exult in Thy Name forever!
Alleluia (3x's)

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

On Monday August 7, 2017 at 3:19pm, Natasha Gerty, weighing in at a healthy 7 pounds, arrived in this world to her parents Michael and Kathy (Wanenchak) Gerty. Both mother and daughter are doing well. Natasha is the granddaughter of Michael and Fania Wanenchak. May God Grant Natasha, her parents and grandparents many blessed and healthy years!

The Supplication to the Mother of God services during August 2017, sponsored by Philadelphia Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood, is as follows beginning at 4:00PM:

Today – St George Antiochian Orthodox Church
8210 West Chester Pike * Upper Darby, PA 19082
Phone: 610.853.1171 Website: www.saintgeorgeupperdarby.org

Sunday, August 20 – St Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church
506 Stahr Road * Elkins Park, PA 19027
Phone: 215.782.8448 Website: www.stnicholasphilly.com

Sunday, August 27 – St Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church
1406 Philadelphia Pike * Wilmington, DE 19809
Phone: 302.798.4455 Website: www.sspeterandpauluoc.org

[...continued from last page...Saint Tikhon the Bishop of Voronezh...]

The saint was unflagging in his efforts to administer the vast diocese, and he often spent nights without sleep. In 1767, poor health compelled him to give up running the diocese and withdraw for rest to the Tolshevsk monastery, at a distance 40 versts from Voronezh.

In 1769, the saint transferred to the monastery of the Theotokos in the city of Zadonsk. Having settled into this monastery, Saint Tikhon became a great teacher of the Christian life. With deep wisdom he set forth the ideal of true monasticism in his Rule of Monastic Living and his Guidances to Turn from the Vanity of the World, and in his own life he fulfilled this ideal. He kept strictly to the precepts of the Church. Zealously (almost daily) he visited the temple of God, and he often sang and read in the choir. In time, out of humility, he altogether ceased participating and serving, but merely stood in the altar, reverently making the Sign of the Cross over himself. He loved to read the Lives of the Saints and the works of the holy Fathers. He knew The Psalter by heart, and he usually read or sang the Psalms on his journeys.

The saint underwent much tribulation because he had to leave his flock. When he recovered his health, he thought about returning to the Novgorod diocese, where Metropolitan Gabriel had invited him to head the Iveron Vallaisk monastery. But when his cell-attendant mentioned this to the Elder Aaron, he declared: “Are you mad? The Mother of God does not direct him to move away from here.” The cell-attendant conveyed this to His Grace.

“If that is so,” said the saint “I shall not move away from here,” and he tore up the invitation. Sometimes he journeyed to the village of Lipovka, where he celebrated church services at the Bekhteev house. The saint journeyed also to the Tolshev monastery, which he loved for its solitude.

The fruition of all his spiritual life were the books that the saint wrote while in retirement: A SPIRITUAL TREASURY, GATHERED FROM THE WORLD (1770), and ON TRUE CHRISTIANITY (1776).

Saint Tikhon died, as was revealed to him, on Sunday, August 13, 1783, at the age of fifty-nine. The first uncovering of his relics occurred on May 14, 1846. His glorification took place on Sunday, August 13, 1861.

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Lynn Brubaker offered by the Pellack Family
Walker Family offered by the Pellack Family
Emelie Albrecht and Margaret Pellack offered by Nina Patterson
Emelie Albrecht offered by M/M Rick Leroy
Albert & Catherine Kavalkovich (Anniversary) offered by the Pellack Family

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Anna and Michael Pellack offered by the Pellack Family
John Pellack offered by the Pellack Family

May Their Memories Be Eternal

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Please remember in your prayers:

Emelie Albrecht; Cantrell Family; Grace Corba; Robert Corba; Infant child Natasha Gerty; 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
- * Matthew Andrews
- * Nina Patterson
- * Robert Wanenchak
- * M/M Al Kavalkovich
- * Pellack Family
- * Barbara Andrews
- * Jennifer Cantrell & Family
- * Daria Parsells
- * Ruth Federoff
- * M/M Hourahan & Family

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/August)

	<u>Week of July 31 to Aug 6</u>	<u>July Month (Unaudited)</u>
Attendance:	39	36 (average)
<i>Transfiguration Vespers 14</i>		
Funds In:	\$ 2,548.16	\$ 7,117.83
Funds Out:	\$ 3,382.40	\$ 7,108.78
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	(\$ 834.24)	\$ 9.05

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 – Currently no permanent event is scheduled.
4th Sunday of each month – NO Church Life Discussion Class in August!

Today – Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy in the Church School Room! (2nd 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.

Monday, August 14 at 6:00PM – Vespersal 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 (weather permitting). There is a sign up sheet in the church basement on the bulletin board to record what you will be bringing for the outdoor pot-luck dinner. The Dormition Fast will be broken after the Vespersal Divine Liturgy that evening!

*******There will be no Vespers served on Saturday, August 19!*******
Father Mark will be away that weekend so Vesper service that Saturday evening has been cancelled. However, there will be Divine Liturgy held on Sunday, August 20th. Father Emmanuel Pratsinakis (retired and formally the spiritual leader of St. Thomas Greek Orthodox Church in Cherry Hill, NJ) is scheduled to serve the Divine Liturgy that morning.

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 **THIS Tuesday, August 15!!!**
The phone number for Ironhill Brewery is 302-472-2739

UPDATE!!!! – There will be NO Church Life Discussion classes during the summer (July and August). The Discussion will resume on the 4th Sunday in September (the 24th).
The Topic – To Be Determined!!!!
Father Mark will announce the next topic within the next few weeks! Thank you for your topic suggestions!



Saint Tikhon the Bishop of Voronezh and Wonderworker of Zadonsk and All Russia [Aug 13th]

Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk, Bishop of Voronezh (in the world Timothy), was born in the year 1724 in the village of Korotsk in the Novgorod diocese, into the family of the cantor Sabellius Kirillov. (A new family name, Sokolov, was given him afterwards by the head of the Novgorod seminary). His father died when Timothy was a young child, leaving the family in such poverty that his mother was barely able to make ends meet. She wanted to give him to be raised by a neighbor, a coachman, since there was nothing with which to feed the family, but his brother Peter would not permit this. Timothy often worked a whole day with the peasants for a single piece of black bread.

As a thirteen-year-old boy, he was sent to a clergy school near the Novgorod archbishop's home, and earned his keep by working with the vegetable gardeners. In 1740, he was accepted under a state grant set up for the Novgorod seminary. The youth excelled at his studies. Upon finishing seminary in 1754, he became a teacher there, first in Greek, and later in Rhetoric and Philosophy. In the year 1758, he was tonsured with the name Tikhon. In that same year they appointed him to be prefect of the seminary.

In 1759, they transferred him to Tver, elevating him to be archimandrite of the Zheltikov monastery. Later, they appointed him rector of the Tver seminary and, at the same time, head of the Otroch monastery.

His election as bishop was providential. Metropolitan Demetrius, the presiding member of the Holy Synod, had intended to transfer the young archimandrite to the Trinity-Sergiev Lavra. On the day of Pascha, at Peterburg, Archimandrite Tikhon was one of eight candidates being considered for selection as vicar-bishop for Novgorod. The lot fell on him three times.

On the same day, during the Cherubic Hymn, Bishop Athanasius of Tver, without realizing it, commemorated him as a bishop while cutting out particles from the prosphora at the Table of Oblation. On May 13, 1761 he was consecrated Bishop of Keksgolma and Ladoga (i.e., a vicar bishop of the Novgorod diocese).

In 1763, Saint Tikhon was transferred to the See of Voronezh. During the four and a half years that he administered the Voronezh diocese, Saint Tikhon provided constant edification, both by his life and by his numerous pastoral guidances and soul-saving books. He wrote a whole series of works for pastors:

Concerning the Seven Holy Mysteries
A Supplement to the Priestly Office
Concerning the Mystery of Repentance
An Instruction Concerning Marriage

The saint considered it essential that each priest, deacon and monk have a New Testament, and that he should read it daily. In an Encyclical, he called on pastors to perform the Holy Mysteries with reverence, with the fear of God, and love for one's neighbor. (An Explanation of Christian Duties was often republished in Moscow and Peterburg during the eighteenth century).

At Voronezh the saint eradicated an ancient pagan custom, the celebration in honor of Yarila (a pagan god associated with the fertility of grain and cattle). In the outlying districts where military units of the Don Cossacks were dispersed, he formed a missionary commission to restore sectarians to the Orthodox Church. In 1765, Saint Tikhon transformed the Voronezh Slavic-Latin school into a seminary. He invited experienced instructors from Kiev and Kharkhov, and planned the courses for it. He exerted much attention and effort to build up both the churches and the school, and to guide pastors to understand the need for education.

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