

## Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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### **Sunday, October 15, 2017 | 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

Tone 2 – The Commemoration of the Holy Fathers  
of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council.

Ven. Euthymius the New, of Thessalonica, Monk of Mt. Athos (889)

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### **Weekly Schedule**

Wednesday: Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke

Saturday: October 21 – Great Vespers at **5:00PM!**

Sunday: October 22 – Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Abercius  
Bishop and Wonderworker of Hieropolis  
Reading of Hours – 9:30am  
Divine Liturgy – 10:00am  
*Fellowship & coffee hour to follow the Divine Liturgy*

Sunday: October 22 – Fall General Parish Meeting after Divine Liturgy and coffee hour in the church basement.

Sunday: October 29 – Church Life Discussion Class after Divine Liturgy.  
The Topic: Icons, Iconography, and Iconostas. Its history and the stories displayed on them.

## 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 8 – Holy Fathers)**

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God! / Thou hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth. / Through them Thou hast guided us to the true Faith. // O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

### **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 6 – Holy Fathers)**

The Son who shone forth from the Father / was ineffably born, two-fold in nature, of a woman. / Having beheld Him, we do not deny the image of His form, / but depict it piously and revere it faithfully. / Thus, keeping the True Faith, // the Church venerates the icon of Christ Incaruate.

### **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 to Thee! Alleluia (3x's)

**Gospel Reading: Luke 8:5-15**

A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold. When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?" And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.' Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

**Communion Hymn:**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest!  
 Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the upright! Alleluia (3x's)

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**2018 Saint Tikhon's Monastery Calendar - Taking orders now:**

The parish will once again be ordering 2018 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 of the 2018 St Tikhon's calendars is \$6 per calendar. The deadline for ordering these calendars will be: Sunday, October 29, 2017!

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**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

### **40 Days For Life – Philadelphia Campaign – Fall Season:**

The 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign has begun (from September 27 to November 5). 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 12<sup>th</sup> & Locust St, Philadelphia – Planned Parenthood

\* Vigils open Monday-Saturday from 8am-5pm.

\* Try to have at least one person there to cover the hour.

\* There are more abortions performed there than at any other Planned Parenthood in Pennsylvania!

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.

Other peaceful vigils located in the surrounding areas include:

New Jersey - Absecon (Atlantic City area) and Cherry Hill

Pennsylvania – Northeast Philadelphia, Norristown, Warminster, and West Chester

Delaware – Wilmington and Dover

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From the book: *A Guide To Church Etiquette...In The Orthodox Church*

#### Children in Church

Christ said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14). It is possible for young children to remain in church throughout a service if they are taught to be quiet and respectful. Many parishes have cry rooms or nurseries for those who are too small to be quiet throughout the whole Liturgy. Please be respectful to those around you if your child becomes fussy or out of control, and remove them from the nave of the church quickly. If a very young child needs a snack, please clear away any leftover pieces. However, the child should not have anything in his mouth when he comes to Holy Communion.

It is never appropriate to allow a child to run down the aisles, play loudly, or carry toys that make noise. Eventually, children will be able to spend longer times in the Liturgy. That is where they should be, but remember the reason for coming to church is to pray and worship. Plan to have your children use the restroom and get a drink before church begins, and don't allow them to come and go continually. Consider bringing your children into the church at a time when the Liturgy is finished to "practice" church behavior. Teach them that they are visiting God's very special house, and they will need to have very special manners there.



**Announcements** (cont.)

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

**Health for the Living:**

Simon & Mary Herbert, and Emelie Albrecht offered by M/M Herbert  
Joe Cimino and Margie Pich offered by Pellack Family  
William, Marc, Daria, Kathleen, Ronald, Dorothy, Anne, Edith, Obaly, Matthew, Marion, Patricia, Catherine, Albert, Emily offered by M/M Ken Kavalkovich. Also offered by M/M Ken Kavalkovich for safe travel for Debra, Patricia, Kathleen, and Michael.

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

**Memory for the Departed:**

Pauline Maholick, Benjamin & Olga Macalush offered by M/M Herbert  
Al, Vito, Marion, Helen, Bridget, Anne, Carmen, William Sr, John, Andrew, Carmella offered by M/M Ken Kavalkovich

**May Their Memories Be Eternal**

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**Please remember in your prayers:**

Emelie Albrecht; Cantrell Family; Grace Corba; Robert Corba; Paul Filanowski (recovering); Ronald Kavalkovich (on his continuous recovery); Matushka Jan (recovery after eye surgery) 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!

Remember the 58 victims and 100's more injured in the senseless atrocity against humanity at the Route 91 Harvest Music Festival in the Las Vegas, Nevada tragedy this past Sunday.

Continue to pray for all those who are still struggling and seeking relief in addition to all those first responders assisting them as a result of the damaging affects of Hurricane Harvey (Texas and Louisiana Gulf Coast); Hurricane Irma (Caribbean Islands, Florida, South Carolina, and Georgia); Hurricane Maria (Puerto Rico); Earthquake that rocked Central Mexico; Hurricane Nate (Central America); and the forest wild fires in California.

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**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 (October)**

	<u>Week of Oct 2 to Oct 8</u>	<u>October Month-to-date</u>
Attendance:	33	38 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 3,391.00	\$ 4,725.00
Funds Out:	\$ 2,401.74	\$ 5,608.44
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 989.26	(\$ 883.44)

*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 Divine 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 Divine 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 Divine Liturgy.

**Fall General Parish Meeting - Sunday, October 22, 2017 after Divine Liturgy in the church basement. This is Notice #3 of 3.** According to Article 10, Section 1, of the Parish By-Laws, notice of all Parish Meetings shall be announced in the Parish Bulletin and read by the Parish Rector from the amvon on three consecutive Sundays preceding the date of the meeting. The General Parish Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 22. Discussions will include events since the last Parish Meeting; activities over the next few months; the status of the Property Committee; and any other business that needs to be discussed. Meeting should take about an hour but should not exceed past 90 minutes.

**10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Area Visitation Schedule of the Wonderworking and Myrrh-streaming “Hawaiian” Iveron Icon of the Theotokos:**

October 23, 2017 – St Dimitri Greek Orthodox Church \* 229 Powell Lane \* Upper Darby, PA 19082 \* P:610.352.7212. Paraklesis to the Mother of God at 6:00pm  
October 24, 2017 – St Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church \* 506 Stahr Road \* Elkins Park, PA 19027 \* P:215.782.8448. Moleben with Akathist at 6:00pm

**IOCC 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Benefit Banquet – Sunday, October 29, 2017!**

Adelphia Restaurant's Pan Athenian Grand Ballroom – 1750 Clements Bridge Road – Deptford, NJ 08096. The reception and silent auction will begin at 3:30pm, followed at 5:00pm by dinner and a special program highlighting IOCC's humanitarian work of the last quarter-century, made possible by your generosity. Tickets are \$60 per person.

Register online at IOCC website at: [ioccc.org/philadelphia](http://ioccc.org/philadelphia)

Flyer and Information posted on Bulletin Board down in the church basement

The 2017 Fall Lecture Tour sponsored by the Diocese of Philadelphia and Eastern PA will be in our deanery area on **Monday, October 23 at 7pm at St Stephen Orthodox Cathedral**. This year's speaker will be Father Patrick Henry Reardon who will discuss:

*Atonement: An Orthodox Theology of Redemption - How does God save us?*

**Saturday, November 4 from 9AM to 1PM – Harvest Fest Luncheon and Fall Outside Church and Hall Clean Up.**

With the beauty of Autumn comes the falling of the leaves, so the Property Committee is asking everyone to join them on November 4 to help clean up the church hall yard and outside property. In addition, Father Mark will bless the newly planted pussy willow tree in the yard. Afterwards, we will enjoy a lunch filled with Fall themed goodies! Yummmmm!



## Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council [Oct 15<sup>th</sup>]

Today the Church remembers the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council under the holy Patriarch Tarasius (February 25).

The Synod of 787, the second to meet at Nicea, refuted the Iconoclast heresy during the reign of Empress Irene and her son Constantine. VI.

The Council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype (the person depicted). It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because “no man has seen God at any time” (John 1:18).

In Greek practice, the holy God-bearing Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council are commemorated on October 11 (if it is a Sunday), or on the Sunday that follows October 11. According to the Slavic MENAION, however, if the eleventh falls on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, the service is moved to the preceding Sunday.

**[Note:** Today's readings for the Sunday of the Holy Fathers are as follows:  
Epistle – Hebrews 13:7-16 and Gospel – John 17:1-13]