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Sunday, October 22, 2017 | 20th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 3 – Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Abercius, Bishop
and Wonderworker of Hieropolis (ca. 167).
The Holy Seven Youths (“Seven Sleepers”) of Ephesus

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Weekly Schedule

Today: Fall General Parish Meeting after Divine Liturgy and fellowship coffee hour in the church basement.

Monday: Holy Apostle James Brother of the Lord

Saturday: October 28 – Great Vespers at 5:00PM!

Sunday: October 29 – Martyr Anastasia the Roman
Reading of Hours – 9:30am
Divine Liturgy – 10:00am
Fellowship coffee hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

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 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 5 – Saint Abercius)

Thou didst emulate the zeal of the Apostles / and shone forth like a morning star, / and thy works showed thy God-given power: / thou didst guide the erring to God, // O hierarch Abercius.

Troparion (Tone 4 – Holy Seven Youths)

Thy seven holy martyrs, 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 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 8 – Saint Abercius)

The whole Church honors thee as a great hierarch / and as a companion to the Apostles. // By thy prayers keep the Church unconquered and unshaken by heresy, O glorious Abercius.

Kontakion (Tone 6 – Holy Seven Youths)

The Seven Holy Youths renounced the perishing comforts of this world, / preferring the eternal things of Heaven. / They were incorrupt after death and rose from the dead / and buried the snares of the devils! // O Faithful, let us then honor them, singing a hymn of praise to Christ!

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: Galatians 1:11-19

But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother. 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: Luke 16:19-31

There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. 'And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, 'for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'

Communion Hymn:

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Alleluia (3x's)

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!**

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 12th & 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

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

Photography in the Church

Whenever photography will take place during a service at an Orthodox church (including special events such as weddings and baptisms), the **photographers should not use flash, walk around quickly or casually since all this distracts others from prayer.**

Also, there is a pious custom that if the priest is standing outside of the altar area, no one should cross between him and the altar table.

Above All: "In all things give glory to God."

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Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Daria LeRoy offered by Nina Patterson
Lynn, Jim, and John offered by Pellack Family
Daria LeRoy offered by Pellack Family

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Michael and Anne Zuzulock (NJ) offered by Pellack Family
Emma Burychka offered by Pellack Family

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 on their 100th
Anniversary; 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.

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 9 to Oct 15</u>	<u>October Month-to-date</u>
Attendance:	34	36 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 857.00	\$ 5,582.00
Funds Out:	\$ 1,708.38	\$ 7,316.82
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	(\$ 851.38)	(\$ 1,734.82)

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 Divine Liturgy.
2nd Tuesday of each month – Bible Study at 6:30pm in church basement.
2nd Sunday of each month – Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy.
3rd Sunday of each month – Currently no permanent event is scheduled.
4th Sunday of each month – Church Life Discussion Class after Divine Liturgy.

10th 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

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?*
Flyers and Information posted on the Bulletin Boards within our Church!

IOCC 25th 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: iocc.org/philadelphia

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

Father Vincent Savarino retirement celebration – Sunday, November 12.

Hierarchal Divine Liturgy at St Michael Russian Orthodox Church * 4th & Fairmount St * Philadelphia, PA, Then afterwards a banquet at the Cooper Rive Boat House in Pennsauken, NJ.
For more information on this event, please contact Father Gregory Winsky by email at winsky42@gmail.com

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!



Saint Abercius the Bishop and Wonderworker of Hieropolis, Equal of the Apostles [Oct 22nd]

Saint Abercius, Bishop and Wonderworker of Hieropolis lived in the second century in Phrygia. The city of Hieropolis was inhabited by many pagans and very few Christians. The saint prayed to the Lord for the salvation of their souls and that they might be numbered among God's chosen flock. An angel appeared and bade

Saint Abercius to destroy the idols in the pagan temple. He fulfilled the command of God with zeal. Hearing that the idol-worshippers wanted to kill him, the saint went to the place where the people had gathered and openly denounced the failings of the pagans. The pagans tried to seize the saint.

At this moment three demon-possessed youths in the crowd cried out. The people were dumbfounded, as the saint expelled the devils from them by his prayers. Seeing the youths restored to normal, the people of Hieropolis asked Saint Abercius to instruct them in the Christian Faith, and then they accepted Holy Baptism.

After this the saint went to the surrounding cities and villages, healing the sick and preaching the Kingdom of God. With his preaching he made the rounds of Syria, Cilicia, Mesopotamia, he visited Rome and everywhere he converted multitudes of people to Christ. For many years he guarded the Church against heretics, he confirmed Christians in the Faith, he set the prodigal upon the righteous path, he healed the sick and proclaimed the glory of Christ. Because of his great works, Saint Abercius is termed "Equal of the Apostles."

Saint Abercius returned home to Hieropolis, where he soon rested from his labors. After his death, many miracles took place at his tomb. He wrote his own epitaph, and it was carved on his tombstone, which is now in the Lateran Museum.