

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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Sunday, November 5, 2017 | 22nd Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 5 – Martyr Galacteon and his wife, Epistemis, at Emesa (3rd c.)

Repose of St Jonah, Archbishop of Novgorod (1470)

St. Gregory, Archbishop of Alexandria (9th c.).

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Weekly Schedule

Tuesday: Election Day! (*Get Out and Vote!*)

Wednesday: Synaxis of the Archangel Michael

Saturday: November 11 – Veterans Day!

Saturday: November 11 - Saturday Sunday School beginning at **2:30PM!**

Saturday: November 11 – Great Vespers at **5:00PM!**

Sunday: November 12 – St John the Merciful, Patriarch of Alexandria

Reading of Hours – 9:30am

Divine Liturgy – 10:00am

Fellowship coffee hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Sunday: November 12 – Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy in the church school room

Texts for the Liturgical Service

Troparion (Tone 5)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, / co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, / born for our salvation from the Virgin; / for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, / to endure death, / and to raise the dead // by His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion (Tone 1 – Martyrs Galacteon and Epistemis)

Let us the faithful honor these two betrothed athletes: / Galacteon and modest Epistemis. / Their ascetic labors blossomed into martyrdom, / Therefore we cry to them: / “Glory to Him Who has strengthened you! / Glory to Him Who has crowned you! // Glory to Him Who through you grants healing to all!”

Kontakion (Tone 5)

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, / shattering its gates as Almighty, / resurrecting the dead as Creator, / and destroying the sting of death. / Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, // and we cry to Thee: “O Lord, save us!”

Kontakion (Tone 2 – Martyrs Galacteon and Epistemis)

Ye are numbered among the hosts of martyrs / for ye were illustrious in mighty contests. / Galacteon, together with Epistemis, thy faithful wife and companion in struggle, // unceasingly intercede to the one God for us all!

Prokeimenon (Tone 5)

Thou, O Lord, shall protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever!
v. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.

Epistle Reading: Galatians 6:11-18

See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.
Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 5)

- v. I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation. Alleluia (3x's)
- v. For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens. Alleluia (3x's)

Gospel Reading: Luke 8:41-56

And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him. Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me." Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace." While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher." But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well." When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl. Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead. But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Little girl, arise." Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat. And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

Communion Hymn:

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! 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

40 Days For Life – Philadelphia Campaign – Fall Season:

The 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign concludes TODAY (Sunday, November 5). This was the largest campaign held with peaceful vigils occurring in ALL 50 states at the same time! Thank you so much 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

* Today 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:

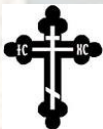
New Jersey – Cherry Hill

Pennsylvania – West Chester

Delaware - Wilmington

Thank you to everyone who came out yesterday morning to help clean up the outside of the church property and hall yard! 25 people participated! The area looks beautiful thanks to all of your dedication and hard work for the church. Also, thank you to everyone who prepared food for the "Harvest Fest" Luncheon held in the afternoon once the outdoor clean up was complete. Everything was delicious! Finally, thank you to everyone who remained after the luncheon and stayed for Vespers! The time was changed for your convenience to attend and you did not disappoint. Thank You!

Paul Filanowski, Lena Helen, and William sincerely wish to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, cards, communications, support and generosity during Paul's recovery from his recent accident. Your care that you extended was deeply felt and enabled us to maintain a semblance of sanity and calm, which otherwise would have eluded us. Paul is doing well and is back working. He still needs follow up treatment and therapy for his injuries. This experience brought to the forefront the reality, that so often in daily life escapes our consciousness, that propensity of love continuously surrounds us and is activated by compassion for another's suffering.



GOD BLESS OUR VETERANS!!!



Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Emelie Albrecht, Daria LeRoy offered by Nina Patterson
Emelie Albrecht, Claire and Otis Remington offered by M/M Herbert

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Pauline Maholick offered by M/M Herbert

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 (on his retirement); Father John
Bohush; and all those who are serving in our Armed Forces!

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 all the Hurricanes,
Earthquakes, Forest fires, over the past two months. Additionally, remember the victims and
injured from the senseless tragedy at the Route 91 Harvest Music Festival in Las Vegas, NV.

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The Myrrh-Streaming Hawaiian Iveron Icon of the Holy Theotokos will be back on the East Coast on the
following dates and parish locations:

Friday, November 10 – St Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church – 1406 Philadelphia Pike –
Wilmington, DE 19809 – P#302.798.4455
Icon Greeting at 7PM – Moleben and Akathist at 7:30PM

Saturday, November 11 & Sunday, November 12 – St Herman of Alaska Orthodox Church – 1855
Middletown Road – Gradyville, PA 19039 – P# 610.459.5310
Saturday: Icon Greeting at 4:55PM with Great Vespers at 5PM
Sunday: Divine Liturgy at 10AM

**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 23 to Oct 29</u>	<u>October Month-to-date</u>
Attendance:	35	36 (average)
Vespers (Nov 4)	15	
Funds In:	\$ 1,766.00	\$ 9,018.00
Funds Out:	\$ 3,208.70	\$ 10,418.28
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	(\$ 1,442.70)	(\$ 1,400.28)

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.

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: **TODAY – Sunday, November 5, 2017!**

Fall Orthodox Church Festival on Friday, Nov 10 to Sunday, Nov 12:

St Herman of Alaska Orthodox Church – Glen Mills, PA – P#610.459.5310
Friday & Saturday – 12PM to 8PM and Sunday – 12PM to 4PM
See Flyers on bulletin boards within our Church for more information!

“Saturday Sunday School” to begin on Saturday, November 11 at 2:30pm.

Father Mark (along with two adult teachers) will begin having Sunday School classes for our parish children on Saturday afternoons beginning at 2:30pm (since we already have too many activities/events on Sunday). The agenda for the first class (and more if necessary) will be on the Sacraments. All children 18 and under are welcome to attend the classes. Adults are also welcome to sit in on the classes.

Sunday, November 12 – Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy in the Church

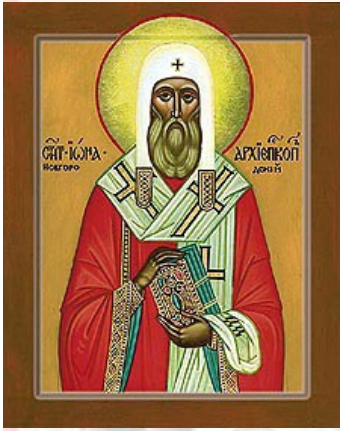
School Room! (2nd Sunday of each month)! All property committee members are asked to attend the meeting. Discussions will include any follow-up from the previous meeting, status regarding the drains of the church and hall, the outdoor cleaning from November 5, and any additional action(s) that need to be taken.

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

Fall Orthodox Church Festival on Saturday, Nov 18 and Sunday, Nov 19:

St Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church – Philadelphia, PA – P#215.922.9671
Saturday – 12PM to 9PM and Sunday – 12PM to 5PM
See Flyers on bulletin boards within our Church for more information!



Rest of St Jonah the Archbishop of Novgorod [Nov 5th]

Saint Jonah, Archbishop of Novgorod, in the world named John, was left orphaned early in life and was adopted by a certain pious widow living in Novgorod. She raised the child and sent him to school. Blessed Michael of Klops Monastery (January 11), who chanced to meet John on the street, foretold that he would become Archbishop of Novgorod. John received tonsure at the Otnya wilderness-monastery, 50 versts from the city, and he became

igumen of this monastery. It was from here that the people of Novgorod chose him as their archbishop in 1458, after the death of Saint Euthymius (March 11).

Saint Jonah enjoyed great influence at Moscow, and during his time as hierarch, the Moscow princes did not infringe upon the independence of Novgorod. Saint Jonah, Metropolitan of Moscow (1449-1461), was a friend of the Novgorod Archbishop Saint Jonah, and wanted him to become his successor.

In 1463, Archbishop Jonah built the first church dedicated to Saint Sergius of Radonezh in the Novgorod region. Concerning himself over reviving traditions of the old days in the Novgorod Church, he summoned to Novgorod the renowned compiler of Saints' Lives, Pachomius the Logothete, who wrote both the services and history of the best known Novgorod Saints, based on local sources.

And to this time period belongs also the founding of the Solovki monastery. Saint Jonah rendered much help and assistance in the organizing of the monastery. To Saint Zosimas he gave a special land-grant (in conjunction with the secular authorities of Novgorod), by which the whole of Solovki Island was granted to the new monastery.

The saint, after his many toils, and sensing the approach of his end, wrote a spiritual testament to bury his body at the Otnya monastery. On November 5, 1470, after he received the Holy Mysteries, the saint fell asleep in the Lord.

There has survived to the present day a Letter of Saint Jonah to Metropolitan Theodosius, written in 1464. The Life of the saint was written in the form of a short account in the year 1472 (included in the work, Memorials of Old Russian Literature, and also in the Great Reading Menaion of Metropolitan Macarius, under November 5). In 1553, after the uncovering of the relics of Archbishop Jonah, an account of this event was written by Saint Zenobius of Otnya (October 30). A special work relating the miracles of the saint is found in manuscripts of the seventeenth century.