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Sunday, November 12, 2017 | 23rd Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 6 – St John the Merciful, Patriarch of Alexandria (612-20)

Venerable Nilus the Faster, of Sinai (5th c.)

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Weekly Schedule

Today: St Herman of Alaska Church Fall Festival continues in Glen Mills, PA from 12pm to 4pm!

Tuesday: November 14 – Bible Study at 6:30pm in the Church Basement! Reading the Book of Numbers.

Wednesday: November 15 – Beginning of the Nativity (St Philip’s) Fast
ADVENT FAST BEGINS!

Saturday: November 18 – Great Vespers at 5:00PM!

Sunday: November 19 – Prophet Obadiah (Abdias)
Reading of Hours – 9:30am
Divine Liturgy – 10:00am
Fellowship coffee hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Sunday: November 19 – Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy in the church school room. (*Rescheduled from last Sunday – November 12*)

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 8 – St John the Merciful)

By endurance thou didst gain thy reward, venerable Father; / thou didst persevere in prayer unceasingly; / thou didst love the poor and provide for them in all things. // Blessed John the Merciful, intercede with Christ God that our souls may be saved!

Troparion (Tone 8 – Venerable Nilus)

By a flood of tears thou didst make the desert fertile, / and thy longing for God brought forth fruits in abundance. / By the radiance of miracles thou didst illumine the whole universe. / Our Father Nilus, pray to Christ God to 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 2 – St John the Merciful)

Thou didst distribute thy wealth to the poor / and in return obtained wealth from heaven, John the Merciful. / Therefore, we honor thee and celebrate thy memory, // O namesake of mercy.

Kontakion (Tone 8 – Venerable Nilus)

By thy vigilant prayer thou didst cut away the undergrowth of the body's insurgent passions. / As thou hast boldness before the Lord, free me from every danger so that I may cry to thee: / "Rejoice, universal father Nilus!"

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: Ephesians 2:4-10

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 6)

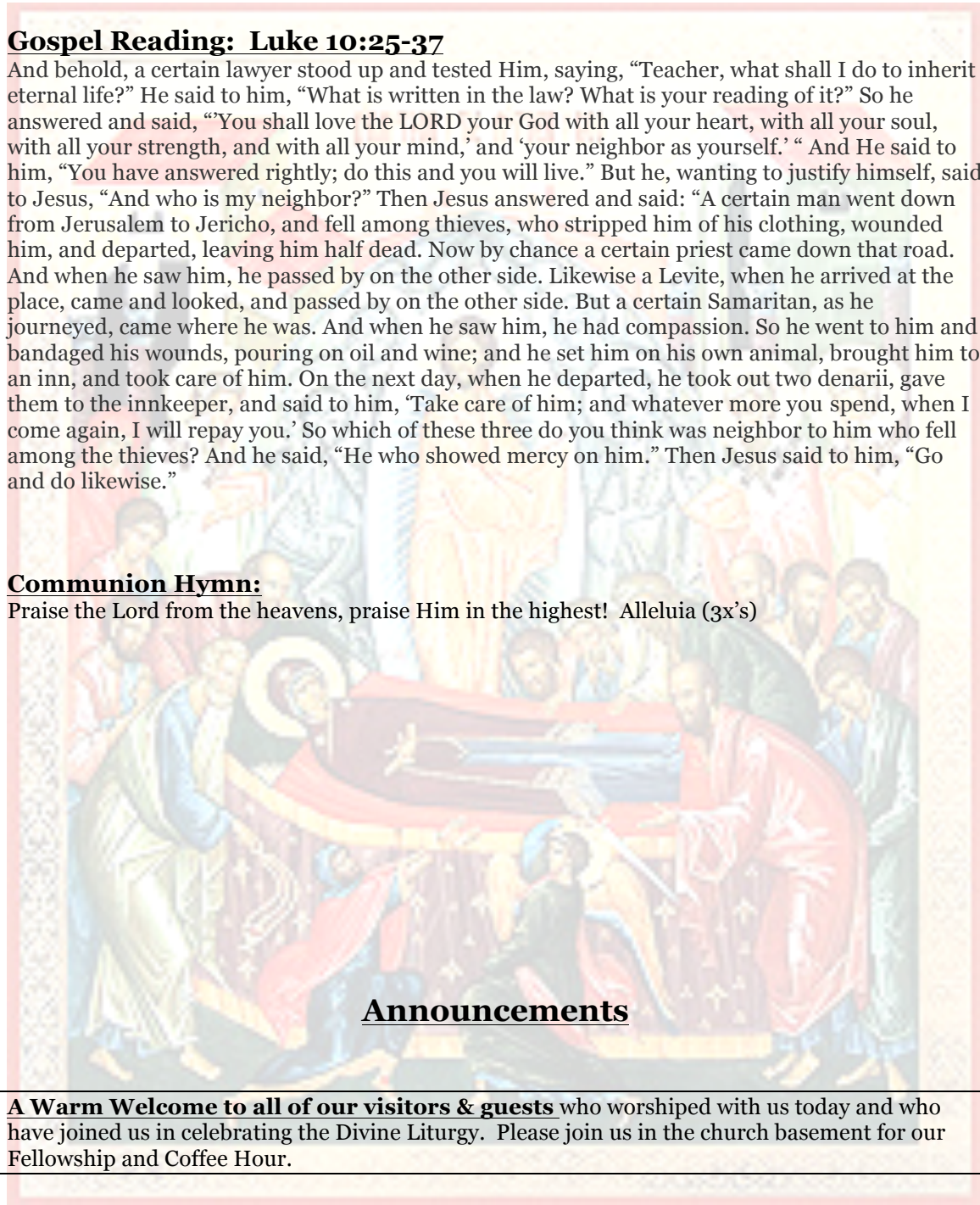
- v. He that dwelleth in the aid of the Most High shall abide under the protection of the God of heaven. Alleluia (3x's)
- v. He shall say to the Lord: Thou art my protector and my refuge, my God. In Him will I trust! Alleluia (3x's)

Gospel Reading: Luke 10:25-37

And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" So he answered and said, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'" And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves? And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

Veterans Day:

Veterans Day is an official United States federal public holiday (not a national holiday), observed annually on November 11, that honors military veterans; that is, persons who served in the United States Armed Forces. It coincides with other holidays, including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of World War I; major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. The United States previously observed Armistice Day. The U.S. holiday was renamed Veterans Day on June 1, 1954.

Veterans Day is not to be confused with Memorial Day, a U.S. federal public holiday in May; as Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans, while Memorial Day honors those who died while in military service. It is also not to be confused with Armed Forces Day, a minor U.S. remembrance that also occurs in May, which specifically honors those currently serving in the U.S. military.

In 1971, in accordance with the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, Veterans Day was moved to the fourth Monday of October. Then in 1978, it was moved back to its original celebration on November 11.

While the holiday is commonly printed as Veteran's Day or Veterans' Day in calendars and advertisements (spellings that are grammatically acceptable), the United States Department of Veterans Affairs website states that the attributive (no apostrophe) rather than the possessive case is the official spelling "because it is not a day that 'belongs' to veterans, it is a day for honoring all veterans."

The parish had a successful Saturday Sunday School yesterday as it attempts to restart the Sunday School program. We had a nice turnout for the first class of the Fall term with 5 children attending on a Saturday with a 3 adults both assisting and attending with the Sunday School class. Afterwards all the children stayed and attended Vespers. Father Mark will inform the parish when the next Saturday Sunday School class is to be held, with at least one more class scheduled before the end of the calendar year.

The Myrrh-Streaming Hawaiian Iveron Icon of the Holy Theotokos is back on the East Coast TODAY at Saint Herman of Alaska Orthodox - 1855 Middletown Road – Gradyville, PA 19039 – P# 610.459.5310 for the Divine Liturgy at 10AM.



GOD BLESS OUR VETERANS!!!



Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Marie Simpson offered by M/M Herbert
Kathleen, Ryan, Marc, William, John, Anastasia, Alexandra, Catherine, Albert, Barbara, Ronald, Kenneth, Patricia, Family and Friends, Emily Albrecht, Margaret Pellack, Sharon, Connor, Aunt Emily, Collin, David, Marie, Rose, and those serving in our military offered by M/M Kenneth Kavalkovich and Family

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Catherine (Kay) Maliniak, Pauline Maholick offered by M/M Herbert
Irene Kavcsak offered by Nina Patterson
Those slain in the senseless attacks in Las Vegas and New York City offered by M/M Kenneth Kavalkovich and 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 (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 three months.

Additionally, remember the victims and injured from the senseless tragedy in Las Vegas, NV, New York City, NY, and the parishioners and their families of the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, TX

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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/November)

	<u>Week of Oct 30 to Nov 5</u>	<u>October Month (Unaudited)</u>
Attendance:	23	36 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 2,016.15	\$ 9,020.15
Funds Out:	\$ 2,019.00	\$ 10,418.28
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	(\$ 2.85)	(\$ 1,398.13)

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.

TODAY - Fall Orthodox Church Festival:

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

TODAY - Father Vincent Savarino retirement celebration.

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

Bible Study – Tuesday, November 14 at 6:30pm in the church basement.

The Bible Study Group will gather together at this time and continue reading and discussing the next section of the bible which is the Book of Numbers.

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
It's the parish's Annual Firebird Pierogi Festival
See Flyers on bulletin boards within our Church for more information!

Sunday, ~~November 12~~ 19 – 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. *(Rescheduled from last Sunday, November 12)*

Poinsettias/Christmas Flowers! We will begin collecting for Christmas flowers starting Sunday, November 26! There will be special envelopes available to be used for your offering for flower donations. Please give the envelopes to Debbie Kavalkovich or a member of the parish council. Thank you for your support!



Venerable Nilus the Faster of Sinai [Nov 12th]

Saint Nilus the Faster of Sinai, a native of Constantinople. He lived during the fifth century and was a disciple of Saint John Chrysostom. Having received a fine education, the saint was appointed to the important post of prefect of the capital while still a young man. During this period, Nilus was married and had children, but the pomp of courtly life bothered the couple. Saint John Chrysostom exerted a tremendous influence upon their lives and their strivings. The spouses decided to separate and devote themselves to the monastic life.

The wife and daughter of Nilus went to one of the women's monasteries in Egypt, and Saint Nilus and his son Theodulus went to Sinai, where they settled in a cave dug out by their own hands. For forty years this cave served as the dwelling of Saint Nilus. By fasting, prayer and works, the monk attained a high degree of spiritual perfection. People began to come to him from every occupation and social rank from the emperor down to the farmer, and each found counsel and comfort from the saint.

At Sinai, Saint Nilus wrote many soul-profiting works to guide Christians on the path of salvation. In one of his letters there is an angry denunciation of the emperor Arcadius, who had exiled Saint John Chrysostom. The ascetic works of the venerable Nilus are widely known: they are perfectly executed in form, profoundly Orthodox in content, and are clear and lucid in expression. His Ascetic Discourse is found in Volume I of the English PHILOKALIA.

Saint Nilus suffered many misfortunes in the wilderness. Once, Saracens captured his son Theodulus, whom they intended to offer as a sacrifice to their pagan gods. Through the prayers of the saint the Lord saved Theodulus, and his father found him with the Bishop of Emessa, who had ransomed the young man from the barbarians. This bishop ordained both of them as presbyters. After ordination they returned to Sinai, where they lived as ascetics together until the death of Saint Nilus.