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Sunday, July 15, 2018 | 7th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 6 – Commemoration of the Holy Fathers
of the First Six Ecumenical Councils
Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Great Prince Vladimir, Enlightener of Rus

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Weekly Schedule

Friday: July 20 - Holy Glorious Prophet Elijah

Saturday: July 21 – Great Vespers at 5:00PM!

Sunday: July 22 – Holy Myrrhbearer Mary Magdalene
Reading of Hours – 9:30am
Divine Liturgy – 10:00am
Fellowship & coffee hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Sunday: July 29 - Dining out in Delaware at 2:00PM at the
Ironhill Brewery Restaurant in Wilmington, DE.
Reservation deadline is this **Tuesday, July 17!!!!**

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 – 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!

Troparion (Tone 4 – Holy Prince Vladimir)

O holy Prince Vladimir, / thou wast like a merchant in search of fine pearls. / By sending servants to Constantinople for the Orthodox Faith, / thou didst find Christ, the priceless Pearl. / He appointed thee to be another Paul, / washing away in baptism thy physical and spiritual blindness. / We celebrate thy memory, / asking thee to pray for all Orthodox Christians of Russia // and for us, thy spiritual children.

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 8 – Holy Fathers)

The Apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrines have established one Faith for the Church. / Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology, // it defines and glorifies the great mystery of piety.

Kontakion (Tone 8 – Holy Prince Vladimir)

O most glorious Vladimir, in thine old age thou didst imitate the great Apostle Paul: he abandoned childish things, while thou didst forsake the idolatry of thy youth. / Together with him thou didst reach the fullness of divine wisdom: / thou wast adorned with the purity of holy baptism. // Now as thou standest before Christ our Savior, pray that all Orthodox Christians may be saved!

Prokeimenon (Tone 4 – Songs of the Fathers)

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever!
v. For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us!

Another Tone 3: Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

Epistle Reading: Romans 15:1-7

We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification. For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me." For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 1)

- v. The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its settings. Alleluia (3x's)
- v. Gather to Me, My venerable ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice! Alleluia (3x's)

v. I have exalted one chosen out of My people. Alleluia (3x's) (TONE 6)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:27-35

When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!" And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "See that no one knows it." But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country. As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!" But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons." Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

Communion Hymn:

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise him in the highest!
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just!
The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. Alleluia (3x's)

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

*Today's readings for Great Prince Saint Vladimir, Enlightner of Rus are as follows:
Epistle – Galatians 1:11-19 and Gospel – John 10:1-9]*

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

Once again, we thank you to everyone who came out yesterday to assist with the fixing up and repairs around the Church, Hall, and Houses. Your time & talent is appreciated! A significance improvement around the parish owned property is beginning to be noticed!

Parishioner Volunteers Needed:

Over the past two years, the Church Property Committee has undertaken the task of overseeing needed restoration projects for Our Parish, Church Hall and the two Parish owned row houses. We are pleased that the Church Hall has been restored to the point where it has been rented and is now providing much needed revenue for our Parish and Church Hall. However, after further assessment of ongoing issues in the Church Hall, we know that many necessary repairs, e.g. brick pointing, lintel repair, cleanup in basement, etc... need to be resolved in the near future.

We are also in the process to make available one of the row houses rentable. To assist in offsetting the costs associated in hiring expensive contractors, both the Property Committee and Parish Council sincerely request the help of **every** parishioner who is able to provide some assistance in the few months ahead (most work will be done on Saturdays). Task range from maintenance repairs, painting, cleaning, etc...

A form asking for dates that parishioners may be available to help with some of the repairs need is being distributed to our parishioners. We hope that each parishioner would complete this form and place it in the folder outside the church office.

Participation is, of course, optional, however we hope all can help in some way.

UPDATE ON THE SALE AND MOVE OF THE DIOCESAN CENTER

The hearing regarding the Diocese request is scheduled for this Wednesday, July 18 at 7:00pm at 121 South Walnut Street in Bath, PA. The presence of our clergy and faithful may significantly influence a favorable ruling from the Zoning Commission. If you can attend, or if you know someone located near Bath, PA that can attend this meeting, the Orthodox presence from this Diocese is very much appreciated!

ATTENTION – ATTENTION – ATTENTION!!!

Currently, the parish has enough plastic forks, knives, and spoons in its inventory to last for the near future. At this time the parish is requesting not to donate any plastic utensils until further notice. Thank you all who have donated these supplies in the past so that we have utensils to use during our Fellowship Coffee Hour.

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Mary Herbert on her birthday offered by M/M Herbert
Joseph Herbert, John Herbert offered by M/M Herbert
Mary Herbert on her birthday offered by the Pellack Family
Katherine Kavalkovich offered by the Pellack Family
Family and Parishioners offered by Nancy Brasko Rabik

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

John, Michael, Peter offered by their brother Joseph Rabik
Steven Barna & Anna Barna offered by the Pellack Family
Peter & Helen Zuzulock offered by the Pellack Family

May Their Memories Be Eternal

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Please remember in your prayers:

Grace Corba; Ronald Kavalkovich (on his continuous recovery); Margaret Pellack; Helen Wanenchak; Father Vincent Saverino (retired); Father John Bohush (retired); and all those who are serving in our Armed Forces!

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Donations towards the Building Fund on behalf of Margaret Pellack on her 90th birthday:

- * Richard P Mackiewicz
- * Mary Ellen Mackiewicz
- * M/M William Koran
- * Michael Wanenchak
- * David Albrecht Sr.
- * Melanie Albrecht
- * M/M Carl Zuzulock

SUNDAY PUNDAY.....

Whiteboards are remarkable.

Please ensure that your Mobile Phone is set to Silent (or at least set on vibrate) during the Divine Liturgy! Thank You!!!

Announcements (cont.)

Coffee Hour / Cleaning and Epistle / Hours Reading Schedule.

We now have an established full rotating schedule for the Coffee Hour & Cleaning, and the Hours & Epistle Readings. The Reading schedule sheets will be posted quarterly on the bulletin board in the church basement. The Coffee Hour/Cleaning schedule is in a binder located on the display case.

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 – Youth Fund (*reactivated July 2018*)
- 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)

	<u>Week of July 2 to July 8</u>	<u>July Month-to-date</u>
Attendance:	31	33 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 2,035.00	\$ 3,465.00
Funds Out:	\$ 425.29	\$ 4,076.32
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 1,609.71	(\$ 611.32)

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.

19th All-American Council in St. Louis, MO - July 23 to 27, 2018

Father Mark will be attending as our parish's representative to the AAC.

The OCA has published online the delegate's reports for this AAC. If you wish to view these reports, the website is <https://19aac.oca.org> Then click on the tab titled Documents, and then scroll down the webpage and open up any one of the four reports listed on the page: Delegate Handbook (56 pages), Reports of the Officers (60 pages, Reports of the Departments and Institutions (85 pages), or Financial Reports (329 pages).

Sunday, July 29 at 2:00PM - Dining Out in Delaware - Ironhill Brewery Restaurant in Wilmington, DE (a social event for the parish)!

Please contact Matushka Jan in person, 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, July 17!!!**

Our group will have a private room on the second floor of the restaurant all to us. The phone number for Ironhill Brewery in Delaware is 302-472-2739

August Schedule of Parish events:

Sunday, August 5 – Eve of Transfiguration of our Lord – Vespers – Time: TBD
Monday, August 6 – Feast of Transfiguration of our Lord – Liturgy – Time: TBD

Tuesday, August 14 – Eve of Dormition of Theotokos – Vespers – Time: TBD
Wednesday, August 15 – Feast of the Dormition – Divine Liturgy – Time: TBD

Supplication to the Theotokos Vesper Service – Our parish will be hosting one of these services on a Sunday afternoon in August. Father Mark will announce the date once confirmed by the Philadelphia Orthodoxy Clergy Brotherhood.

Cleaning Teams: Today (July 15): Saint John Kochurov (Daria & Rick LeRoy, Michael Wanenchak).

Next Week (July 22): Saint Alex Hotovitzky (Brett McKenna, Tanya Krawchuck, Pete Witiak).



Holy Martyrs Cyricus and Julita of Tarsus [July 15th]

The Holy Martyrs Cyricus and Julita lived in the city of Iconium in the province of Lykaoneia in Asia Minor. Saint Julita was descended from an illustrious family and was a Christian. Widowed early on, she raised her three-year old-son Cyricus (Quiricus). During the emperor Diocletian's persecution of Christians, Saint Julita departed the city with her son and two trustworthy servants, leaving behind her home, property, and servants.

Concealing her noble rank, she hid out first at Seleucia, and then at Tarsus. There around the year 305 she was recognized, arrested and brought to trial before the governor, Alexander. Strengthened by the Lord, she fearlessly answered the judge's questions, and firmly confessed her faith in Christ.

The governor gave orders to beat the saint with rods. During her torments Saint Julita kept repeating, "I am a Christian, and will not offer sacrifice to demons."

The little boy Cyricus cried, seeing his mother being tortured, and wanted to go to her. The governor Alexander tried to sit him on his lap, but the boy broke free and shouted, "Let me go to my mother, I am a Christian." The governor threw the boy down from the high tribunal and kicked him down the stone steps. The boy struck his head on the sharp edges and died.

Saint Julita, seeing her lacerated son, gave thanks to God that He had permitted her child to be perfected before her, and to receive the unfading crown of martyrdom. After many cruel tortures Saint Julita was beheaded with a sword.

The relics of Saints Cyricus and Julita were uncovered during the reign of Saint Constantine the Great (May 21). A monastery was built near Constantinople in honor of these holy martyrs, and a church was built not far from Jerusalem.

We pray to Saints Cyricus and Julita for family happiness, and the restoration of sick children to health.