

## Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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### **Sunday, July 29, 2018 | 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

Tone 8 – Martyr Callinicus of Gangra in Asia Minor (3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> c.)

Venerable Constantine and Cosmas, Abbots of Kosinsk

Virgin Martyr Seraphima (Serapia) of Antioch (2<sup>nd</sup> c.)

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### **Weekly Schedule**

Today: Dining out in Delaware at 2:00PM at the  
Ironhill Brewery Restaurant in Wilmington, DE.

Wednesday: August 1 - ***Beginning of the Dormition Fast!***

Saturday: August 4 – Great Vespers at **5:00PM!**

Sunday: August 5 – Forefeast of the Transfiguration  
Reading of Hours – 9:30am  
Divine Liturgy – 10:00am  
*Fellowship & coffee hour to follow the Divine Liturgy*

Sunday: August 5 – Great Vespers (with Litya) for The Holy  
Transfiguration of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ!  
*Immediately after coffee hour (around 12:00 – 12:15pm)*  
[\[Please bring fruit \(vegetables\) to be blessed after Vespers\]](#)

Monday: August 6 – Divine Liturgy at 10:am for The Holy Transfiguration  
of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ  
[\[Please bring fruit \(vegetables\) to be blessed on this day\]](#)

## **Texts for the Liturgical Service**

### **Troparion (Tone 8)**

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! / Thou didst accept the three day burial / to free us from our sufferings! // O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

### **Troparion (Tone 4 – Martyr Callinicus)**

Thy holy martyr Callinicus, O Lord, / through his suffering has received an incorruptible crown from Thee our God. / For having Thy strength, he laid low his adversaries, / and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. // Through his intercessions, save our souls!

### **Kontakion (Tone 8)**

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrected Adam. / Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, / and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

### **Kontakion (Tone 2 – Martyr Callinicus)**

Thou didst worthily inherit joy on high, O Callinicus, / for aflame with love for Christ thou didst bravely endure the fire. / As thou standest before Him, // never cease to intercede for us all!

### **Prokeimenon (Tone 8)**

Pray and make your vows / before the Lord our God!  
v. In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

### **Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:9-17**

For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are. Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 8)



- v. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! Alleluia (3x's)
- v. Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! Alleluia (3x's)

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:22-34**

Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God." When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret.

**Communion Hymn:**

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise him in the highest! Alleluia (3x's)

**Saturday, August 25, 2018 – Trip to the Philadelphia Zoo**  
**(A Parish Church School activity for our children/teens)**

Youth and chaperons to meet at the church by 10am for a light morning snack. Then Fr. Mark to talk on "God's Creatures and the Salvation Story." Then caravanning to the Zoo around 11:15am. Lunch around 1:30 at the Zoo. Leave back for the church around 3:30pm. Then Vespers at 5pm. Information and details posted on our parish bulletin boards.

**Deadline for RSVP by Sunday, August 12 (two weeks from today)!!!**

**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**

### **INFORMATION FROM THE 19<sup>TH</sup> ALL-AMERICAN COUNCIL, ST LOUIS, MO**

This past week the Orthodox Church in America (OCA) held its 19<sup>th</sup> All-American Council (AAC) in St. Louis, MO. Father Mark represented our parish as a delegate during the plenary sessions. He will provide the parish with a report in the near future on what occurred during week and what the OCA has planned for its future from the sessions, forums, and discussions held at the AAC.

Below is a summary of action taken on recommendations submitted to the Resolution Committee in accordance with the OCA Statues:

- Statue revision resolutions to change the periodicity for audits by the Audit Committee of all OCA accounts [from semi-annual to annual],
- clarifying the election of at-large members of the Metropolitan Council [must be a delegate in attendance at the AAC],
- the right to canonical process [change wording from “can defend themselves” to may defend themselves”], and
- the composition of the Synodal Court [to now include Auxiliary Bishops of OCA].

The four resolutions above along with resolutions to correct typo-errors in the Statues all Passed!!

In addition to the above, two major decisions were taken during the same plenary session. The first was a proposed amendment to the Statue of the OCA calling for the periodicity of the All-American Council to be changed from every three years to every four years. Even with 210 delegates voting in favor of the change and 203 delegates voting against it, the necessary two-thirds majority was not obtained to pass the amendment. The next AAC will occur three years from now in 2021.

The second was a proposed resolution, which detailed how each territorial diocese, with the exception of Canada, Mexico and Alaska, are to remit their annual financial obligations for the work of the Chancery for 2019 through 2021. After much considerable discussion, the resolution Carried! What this means for our Diocese is their annual financial obligation to the OCA will be reduced by 2% each year over the next three years not to fall below 34% of the Diocese’s “net operating revenue” (currently, in 2018, the Diocese remits 46% of its “net operating revenue” to the OCA and that percentage will be reduced down 2% each year over the next three years to 40% of the Diocese “net operating revenue” by 2021).

For additional information regarding the above amendments and resolutions, go to the website <https://www.19aac.oca.org> and scroll down to Delegate Handbook and click on it. The amendments and resolutions start on page 51 of the Handbook. For any other information, press releases, updates, and photo galleries regarding the 19<sup>th</sup> AAC, go to [www.oca.org](http://www.oca.org) and look for the topics on the 19<sup>th</sup> AAC, where there are daily summaries and podcast of the plenary sessions. The Ancient Faith Radio may still have the plenary sessions in its entirety still up on their website.



**Announcements** (cont.)

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

**Health for the Living:**

Matesy Herbert offered by M/M Herbert  
Mildred O'Shura, John Herbert, Joseph Herbert offered by M/M Herbert  
Kenneth Kavalkovich on his birthday offered by M/M Al Kavalkovich  
Ronald Kavalkovich offered by M/M Al Kavalkovich  
Albert Kavalkovich offered by M/M Al Kavalkovich

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

**Memory for the Departed:**

Maxim Herbert offered by M/M Herbert  
Ronald Yurchak offered by M/M Herbert

**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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**Bible Study – Tuesday, August 21 at 6:30pm in the church basement.**

The Bible Study Group will gather together at this time and will begin the next book of readings and discussing the section in the Bible – The Book of **Joshua**.  
Joshua is a story of conquest and fulfillment for the people of God. After many, many years of slavery in Egypt and 40 years in the desert, the Israelites were finally allowed to enter the land promised to their fathers.

**SUNDAY PUNDAY.....**

A cardboard belt is nothing but a waist of paper.

**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 16 to July 22</u>	<u>July Month-to-date</u>
Attendance:	26	32 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 1,495.00	\$ 6,217.00
Funds Out:	\$ 170.97	\$ 5,747.29
Net Surplus/ <b>(Deficit)</b> :	\$ 1,324.03	\$ 469.71

*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.

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

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

**Sunday, August 5 – Vespers (with Litya) to be served immediately after the Coffee Hour - The Forefeast of the Transfiguration of our Lord!**

After Vespers, Father Mark will bless Fruit (and vegetables). Please bring your basket of produce this day to be blessed.

**Monday, August 6 – The Transfiguration of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ - Divine Liturgy will be served at 10:00AM!!**

On this day after Divine Liturgy, Father Mark will bless Fruit (and vegetables). Please bring your basket of produce this day to be blessed.

**Sunday, August 12 – Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy in the Church School Room! (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month)!**

All property committee members are asked to attend the meeting. Discussions will include any follow-ups from the previous meeting; Church status from the recent water damage on north side of building; Hall status update; tenant situation at 2109 house; the work performed on 2111 house; and any additional action(s) that need to be taken.

**Tuesday, August 14 – Vespers (with Litya) to be served at 6:30PM for the Forefeast of the Dormition (Falling Asleep) of our Most-Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary!** After Vespers, Father Mark will bless Flowers (and fragrance plants (i.e. mint, basil, etc...)). Please bring your floral arrangements (and fragrance plants) this day to be blessed.

**Wednesday, August 15 – The Dormition (“Falling Asleep”) of our Most-Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary - Divine Liturgy will be served at 10:00AM!!**

On this day after Divine Liturgy, Father Mark will bless Flowers (and fragrance plants (i.e. mint, basil, etc...)). Please bring your floral arrangements (and fragrance plants) this day to be blessed. This Feast day is also the Name's Day of our parish!

**Cleaning Teams:** Today (July 29): Saint Bridget of Ireland (Catherine and Albert Kavalkovich, Emily Gerasmoff, Sal Herbert).

Next Week (Aug 5): Saint Raphael of Brooklyn (Mark Klus, Tish Berchtold, Sheba Patton, Barbara Andrews).





### **Martyr Callinicus of Gangra In Asia Minor [July 29<sup>th</sup>]**

The Holy Martyr Callinicus, a native of Cilicia, was raised from childhood in the Christian Faith. Grieving that many misguided people would perish for eternity because they worshiped idols, he went through the cities and villages to proclaim Jesus Christ and His teachings to the pagans, and with the Word of God he converted many to Christianity.

In the Galatian city of Ancyra the holy confessor was arrested and brought to trial before a governor named Sacerdonus, a fierce persecutor of Christians. The governor, threatening tortures and death, ordered the saint to offer sacrifice to the idols. The saint fearlessly declared that he was not afraid of martyrdom, since every believer in Christ receives from Him strength in ordeals, and through death inherits an eternal blessed life.

They cruelly beat the saint with ox thongs and tore at his body with iron hooks, but he endured everything with patience and calm. This aroused still greater fury in Sacerdonus, and he ordered that sandals with sharp nails be placed on the saint's feet, and that they should drive the martyr with whips to the city of Gangra to be burned.

The pathway was arduous, and the soldiers who accompanied the condemned man were weak from thirst. In despair they began to implore the saint to pray the Lord for water. The saint, taking pity on his tormentors, with the help of God caused a miraculous spring of water to gush forth from a stone. The astonished soldiers were filled with sympathy for their rescuer, and they wanted even to set him free. Fear of execution, however, compelled them to bring the martyr farther. In Gangra, Saint Callinicus joyfully offered thanks to the Lord, Who had vouchsafed him the crown of martyrdom. He went into the blazing fire and gave up his soul to God. His body, remaining unharmed, was reverently buried by believers.