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Sunday, August 5, 2018 | 10th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 1 – Forefeast of the Transfiguration

Martyr Eusignius of Antioch (362)

Venerable Job of Ushchelsk (1628)

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Weekly Schedule

Today: 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 10:00AM for The Holy Transfiguration of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ!

[\[Please bring fruit \(vegetables\) to be blessed on this day\]](#)

Thursday: August 9 – Glorification of Venerable Herman of Alaska, Wonderworker of All America (1970)

Saturday: August 11 – Great Vespers at 5:00PM!

Sunday: August 12 – Afterfeast of the Transfiguration

Reading of Hours – 9:30am

Divine Liturgy – 10:00am

Fellowship & coffee hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Sunday: August 12 – Property Committee Meeting after Liturgy.

Texts for the Liturgical Service

Troparion (Tone 1)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, / while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, / Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, / granting life to the world. / The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: / “Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! / Glory to Thy Kingdom! // Glory to Thy dispensation, O thou who lovest of mankind!”

Troparion (Tone 4 – Forefeast of the Transfiguration)

Come, ye faithful, let us welcome the Transfiguration of Christ, / and let us joyfully cry as we celebrate the prefeast: / “The day of holy gladness has come; / the Lord has ascended Mount Tabor // to radiate the beauty of His Divinity.”

Kontakion (Tone 1)

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, / raising the world with Thyself. / Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. / Adam exults, O Master! / Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee: // “Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

Kontakion (Tone 4 – Forefeast of the Transfiguration)

Today all mortal nature shines with the divine Transfiguration / and cries with exultation: // “Christ the Savior is transfigured to save us all!”

Prokeimenon (Tone 1)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on Thee.
v. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the upright!

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16

For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored! To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless. And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now. I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you. For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Therefore I urge you, imitate me.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 1)

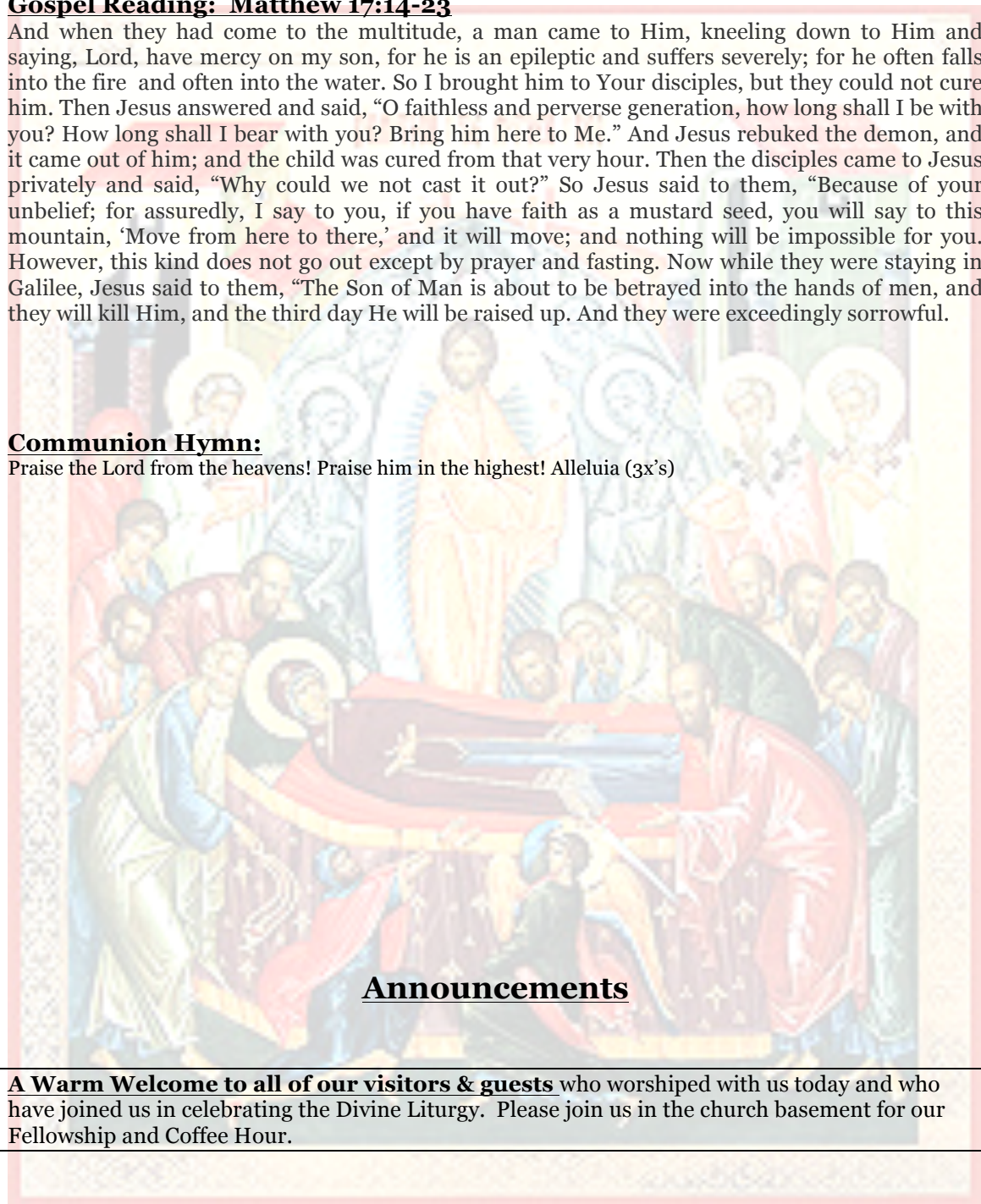
- v. God gives vengeance to me, and subdues people under me! Alleluia (3x's)
- v. He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David,
His anointed, and his seed forever. Alleluia (3x's)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:14-23

And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him. Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me." And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting. Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up. And they were exceedingly sorrowful.

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

The Supplication to the Mother of God services during August 2018, sponsored by Philadelphia Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood, is as follows beginning at 4:00PM:

Today – St Peter & Paul Albanian Church
9230 Old Bustleton Avenue * Philadelphia, PA 19115
Phone: 215.676.3311 Website: www.sspeterpaulphila.org

Sunday, August 12 – Descent of the Holy Spirit Romanian Orthodox Church
1323 Ashbourne Road * Elkins Park, PA 19027
Phone: 215.635.1441 Website: www.dhs-ro.org

Sunday, August 19 – St Vladimir’s Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral – Philadelphia, PA
Sunday, August 26 - St Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church – Elkins Park, PA

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

To date, no information has been reported as to the decision of the Zoning Commission on the change in zoning for the new Diocesan Center in Bath, PA. Once the Zoning Commission makes their decision, we will provide it here in the bulletin. The Diocese request to change the zoning for the new Diocesan Center that will make it possible for it serve as a residence as well as a diocesan office.

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Mary and Simon Herbert offered by M/M Herbert
Joseph Herbert offered by M/M Herbert
Family and Parishioners offered by Nina Patterson
Mary Kaczmar offered by Nina Patterson
Newborn James Vincent and Family offered by Nancy Brasko Rabik

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Maxim Herbert offered by M/M Herbert
Mary Herbert offered by M/M Herbert
Irene (Rabik) Glovach offered by her brother Joseph Rabik
Neighbor Marion Stea offered by Nancy Brasko Rabik

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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SUNDAY PUNDAY.....

I'm going to teach my new dog how to do magic tricks.
I guess the breed that I will need to get is a labracadabrador.

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 23 to July 29</u>	<u>July Month-to-date</u>
Attendance:	33	32 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 1,642.00	\$ 7,859.00
Funds Out:	(\$ 424.67) <i>reimbursement</i>	\$ 5,322.62
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 2,066.67	\$ 2,536.38

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.

Sunday, August 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-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!

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.

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 board. **Deadline for RSVP by Sunday, August 12 (next Sunday)!!!**

Cleaning Teams: Today (Aug 5): Saint Raphael of Brooklyn (Mark Klus, Tish Berchtold, Sheba Patton, Barbara Andrews).
Next Week (Aug 12): Saint John of Kronstadt (Lena Helen, Paul Filanowski, William Filanowski, Matt Andrews).



Martyr Eusignius of Antioch [August 5th]

The Martyr Eusignius was born at Antioch in the mid-third century. For sixty years he served in the Roman armies of the emperors Diocletian, Maximian Hercules, Constantius Chlorus, Constantine the Great and his sons. Saint Eusignius was a companion of Saint Basiliscus (March 3 and May 22), and he provided an account of his martyrdom. At the beginning of the reign of Saint Constantine the Great, Saint Eusignius was a

witness to the appearance of the Cross in the sky, a prediction of victory.

Saint Eusignius retired in his old age from military service and returned to his own country. There he spent his time in prayer, fasting, and attending the church of God. So he lived until the reign of Julian the Apostate (361-363), who yearned for a return to paganism. Through the denunciation of one of the Antiochian citizens, Saint Eusignius stood trial as a Christian before the emperor Julian in the year 362. He fearlessly accused the emperor of apostasy from Christ, and reproached him with the example of his relative, Constantine the Great, and he described in detail how he himself had been an eyewitness to the appearance of the sign of the Cross in the sky. Julian did not spare the aged Saint Eusignius, then 110 years old, but ordered him beheaded.

