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Sunday, October 14, 2018 | 20th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 3 – Commemoration of the Holy Fathers
of the 7th Ecumenical Council

Martyrs Nazarius, Gervase, Protase, and Celsus, of Milan (1st c.)

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Weekly Schedule

Today: Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy in the church basement.

Thursday: October 18 – Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke

Saturday: October 20 – Great Vespers at 5:00PM!

Sunday: October 21 – Venerable Hilarion the Great
Reading of Hours – 9:30am
Divine Liturgy – 10:00am
Fellowship & coffee hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Sunday: October 21 – IOCC 7th Annual Benefit Banquet at 3:30PM
at Adelpia's Restaurant in Deptford, NJ

Saturday: October 27 – Outside Clean-Up around Church and Hall.
Time: 9am to 2pm. Vespers Afterwards!

*[Please note the change in date as per the announcement last week
after Liturgy, email sent, website, and Facebook posting]*

Texts for the Liturgical Service

Troparion (Tone 3)

Let the heavens rejoice! / Let the earth be glad! / For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. / He has trampled down death by death. / He has become the first born of the dead. / He has delivered us from the depths of hell, / and has granted to the world // great mercy.

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!

Kontakion (Tone 3)

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, / leading us from the gates of death. / On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; / with the Prophets and Patriarchs // they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

Kontakion (Tone 6 – Holy Fathers)

The Son who shone forth from the Father / was ineffably born, two-fold in nature, of a woman. / Having beheld Him, we do not deny the image of His form, / but depict it piously and revere it faithfully. / Thus, keeping the True Faith, // the Church venerates the icon of Christ Incarnate.

Prokeimenon (Tone 3)

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! / Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
v. Clap your hands, all ye people! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

Another Prokeimenon (Tone 4 – Songs of the Fathers)

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever!

Epistle Reading: Galatians 1:11-19

But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother. Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 3)

v. In Thee, O Lord, have I placed my hope; let me not be put to shame.
Alleluia (3x's)
v. Be Thou a God of protection of me, a house of refuge in order to save me.
Alleluia (3x's)

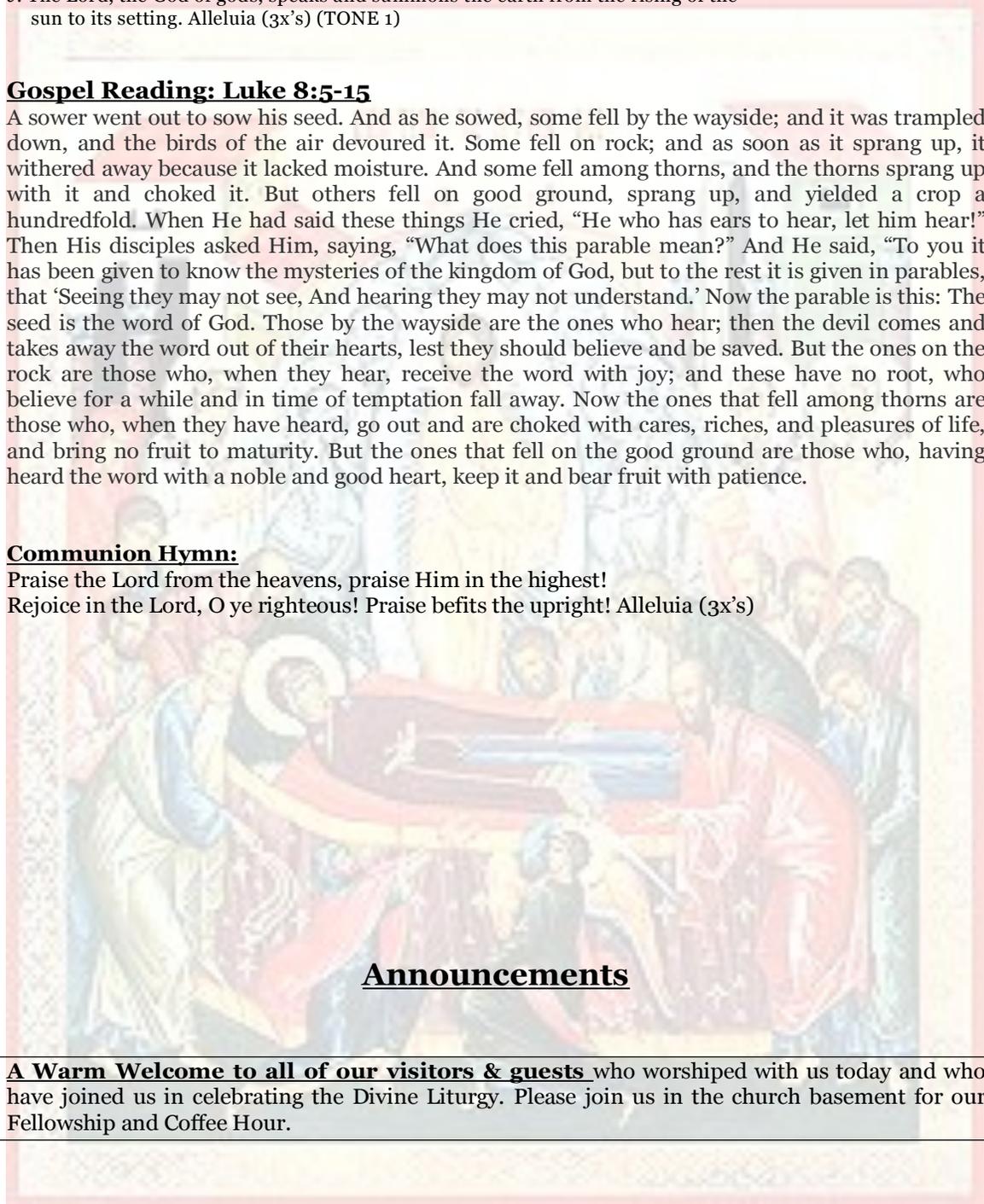
v. The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Alleluia (3x's) (TONE 1)

Gospel Reading: Luke 8:5-15

A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold. When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?" And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.' Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

Communion Hymn:

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest!
Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the upright! 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 has begun (from September 26 to November 4). This will be the largest campaign ever with peaceful vigils occurring not only in ALL 50 states at the same time, but also in Canada, Mexico, and Central and South America! Thank you so much in advance for signing up for this list and being willing to continue standing up for those that can't speak for themselves.

Information regarding the Philadelphia campaign:

- * 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
- * Vigils open Monday-Saturday 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 and Galloway Twp (Atlantic City area)
Pennsylvania – Northeast Philadelphia, Norristown, Warminster, and West Chester
Delaware – Dover

2019 Saint Tikhon's Monastery Calendar - Taking orders now:

The parish will once again be ordering 2019 calendars from Saint Tikhon's Monastery. As a result from a generous benefactor, a donation was made to the church to cover the cost of one calendar per household for parishioners of the church.

If you wish to order additional calendars besides the one that will be ordered for your household, there is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board downstairs to do so.

The cost of the 2019 St Tikhon's calendars is \$6 per calendar. The deadline for ordering these calendars will be: Sunday, November 4, 2018!

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Family and Parishioners offered by Nina Patterson
John Herbert, Mildred O'Shura, Joseph Herbert, Sandra Hourahan,
Dr. Jane Kelly, David Pellack, Margaret Pellack offered by M/M Herbert
Family members offered by Ronald Homa

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Archpriest Vincent Saverino offered by M/M Herbert
Mother Julia Gavula offered by her son Walter Gavula
Julia Brasko offered by Nancy Brasko Rabik

May Their Memories Be Eternal

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Please remember in your prayers:

Julia Gavula (***newly departed - Sep 5***) Grace Corba; Sandra Hourahan, Ronald Kavalkovich (on his continuous recovery); Dr. Jane Kelly; Matushka Jan (recovery after surgery); David Pellack; Margaret Pellack; Helen Wanenchak; Father John Bohush (retired); and all those who are serving in our Armed Forces!

In addition, Father Vincent Saverino (***newly departed - Sep 20***) and for Robert Helms (***newly departed - Sep 26***) [*Father Mark's stepfather*]

Also all those who are struggling and seeking relief in addition to all those first responders assisting them as a result of the damaging affects of the following:

- 1) Hurricane Florence along North Carolina and South Carolina,
- 2) the 7.5 Earthquake and Tsunami off the coast of Indonesia, and
- 3) Hurricane Michael along the Florida panhandle especially in the cities of Mexico Beach and Panama City, Florida.

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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.)

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 (October)

	<u>Week of October 1 to October 7</u>	<u>September Month (Unaudited)</u>
Attendance:	30	35 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 2,498.00	\$ 12,488.74
Funds Out:	\$ 3,351.09	\$ 7,034.48
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	(\$ 853.09)	\$ 5,454.26

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, October 21 – IOCC 7th Annual Benefit Banquet

Adelphia Restaurant's Pan Athenian Grand Ballroom – 1750 Clements Bridge Road – Deptford, NJ 08096. The reception and silent auction will begin at 3:30pm, followed at 5:00pm by dinner and a special program highlighting IOCC's U.S. programs, made possible by your generosity.

Tickets are \$65 per person.

Register online at IOCC website at: ioccc.org/Philadelphia or mail checks to:
Connie Bandy – 2147 Robin Drive – Warrington, PA 18976

Flyer and Information posted on Bulletin Board down in the church basement.

Saturday, ~~October 13~~ October 27 from 9AM to 2PM – Fall Outside Church and Hall Clean Up.

With the beauty of Autumn comes the falling of the leaves, so the Property Committee is asking everyone to join them on October 13 to help clean up the church hall yard and outside property. Rain Date is October 27!

Sunday, October 28 - Church Life Discussion class (The 4th Sunday of the month)

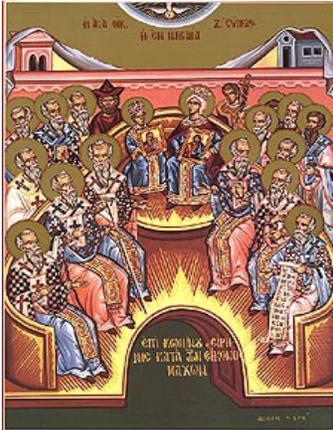
The Topic: Don't Be Tone Deaf!

Understanding the Arrangements and Beauty of the Eight Tones during all Liturgical Services.

Fall General Parish Meeting - Sunday, November 4, 2018 after Divine Liturgy in the church basement. This is Notice #1 of 3. According to Article IV, Section 2, Subsection A. of the Parish By-Laws, notice of all Annual and General Parish Meetings shall be announced in the Parish Bulletin and read by the Parish Rector from the amvon on three consecutive Sundays preceding the date of the meeting. Discussions will include events since the Spring General Parish Meeting; activities over the next few months; the status of the Property Committee; and the election of parish council members for 2019. This election of parish council members will begin the staggering process of electing parish council members and also will begin the two-year terms. Meeting should take about an hour but should not exceed past 90 minutes.

Cleaning Teams: Today (Oct 14): Saint Alexander Hotovitzky
(Brett McKenna, Tanya Krawchuck, Pete Witiak).

Next Week (Oct 21): Saint Bridget of Ireland
(Catherine & Al Kavalkovich, Emily Gerasimoff, Sal & Mary Herbert).



Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council [October 14th]

Today the Church remembers the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council under the holy Patriarch Tarasius (February 25).

The Synod of 787, the second to meet at Nicea, refuted the Iconoclast heresy during the reign of Empress Irene and her son Constantine VI.

The Council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype (the person depicted). It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because “no man has seen God at any time” (John 1:18).

In Greek practice, the holy God-bearing Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council are commemorated on October 11 (if it is a Sunday), or on the Sunday that follows October 11. According to the Slavic MENAION, however, if the eleventh falls on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, the service is moved to the preceding Sunday.

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