

## Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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### Sunday, October 21, 2018 | 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 4 – Venerable Hilarion the Great (371-2)

Translation of the Relics of St. Hilarion, Bishop of Meglin in Bulgaria

Venerable Hilarion, Schema-monk, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves)

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### Weekly Schedule

Today: IOCC 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Banquet at 3:30PM  
at Adelphia's Restaurant in Deptford, NJ

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

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Sunday: October 28 – Martyrs Terence and Neonila  
Reading of Hours – 9:30am  
Divine Liturgy – 10:00am  
Fellowship & coffee hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Sunday: October 28 – Church Life Discussion Class after Divine Liturgy.  
The Topic: Don't Be Tone Deaf! Understanding the Arrangements and Beauty of the Eight Tones during all Liturgical Services.

## Texts for the Liturgical Service

### **Troparion (Tone 4)**

When the women disciples of the Lord / learned from the angel the joyous message of thy Resurrection, / they cast away the ancestral curse / and elatedly told the apostles: / “Death is overthrown! / Christ God is risen, // granting the world great mercy!”

### **Troparion (Tone 8 – Venerable Hilarion)**

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 Hilarion, pray to Christ God to save our souls!

### **Kontakion (Tone 4)**

My Savior and Redeemer / as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. / He has shattered the gates of hell, / and as Master, // He has risen on the third day!

### **Kontakion (Tone 3 – Venerable Hilarion)**

Today we gather to sing hymns in thine honor, / bright star causing the grace of God to shine in our hearts. / Thou wast a light to those in darkness, / lifting up to heaven those who cry out: // “Rejoice, Hilarion, the pride of hermits!”

### **Prokeimenon (Tone 4)**

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works / in wisdom hast Thou made them all!  
v. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great!

### **Epistle Reading: Galatians 2:16-20**

Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 4)



- v. Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth! Alleluia (3x's)
- v. For Thou lovest righteousness and dost hate iniquity. Alleluia (3x's)

**Gospel Reading: Luke 16:19-31**

There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. 'And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, 'for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'

**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

### **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 12<sup>th</sup> & 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

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### **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:**

Families of John D Rabik, Families of John W Rabik, Families of Jeannie (Rabik) Phelps offered by Joseph Rabik  
Family and Parishioners offered by Nina Patterson  
Sheryl Pincus offered by Hourahan Family  
David Pellack, Margaret Pellack, Helen Wanenchak offered by Catherine Kavalkovich  
John Herbert, Mildred O'Shura, Joseph Herbert, Sandra Hourahan,  
Dr. Jane Kelly, David Pellack, Margaret Pellack offered by M/M Herbert

**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

**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 8 to October 14</u>	<u>October Month-to-Date</u>
Attendance:	44	37 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 1,309.00	\$ 3,807.00
Funds Out:	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,851.09
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 809.00	(\$ 44.09)

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 – IOCC 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 27 to help clean up the church hall yard and outside property. Rain Date - TBD!

### **Sunday, October 28 - Church Life Discussion class (The 4<sup>th</sup> 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 #2 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 21): Saint Bridget of Ireland  
(Catherine & Al Kavalkovich, Emily Gerasimoff, Sal & Mary Herbert).

Next Week (Oct 28): Saint Raphael of Brooklyn  
(Mark Klus, Tish Berchtold, Barbara Andrews, Sheba Patton).



## Venerable Hilarion the Great [October 21<sup>st</sup>]

Saint Hilarion the Great was born in the year 291 in the Palestinian village of Tabatha. He was sent to Alexandria to study. There he became acquainted with Christianity and was baptized. After hearing an account of the angelic life of Saint Anthony the Great (January 17), Hilarion went to meet him, desiring to study with him and learn what is pleasing to God. Hilarion soon returned to his native land to find that his parents had died. After distributing his family's inheritance to the poor, Hilarion set out into the desert surrounding the city of Maium.

In the desert the monk struggled intensely with impure thoughts, vexations of the mind and the burning passions of the flesh, but he defeated them with heavy labor, fasting and fervent prayer. The devil sought to frighten the saint with phantoms and apparitions. During prayer Saint Hilarion heard children crying, women wailing, the roaring of lions and other wild beasts. The monk perceived that it was the demons causing these terrors in order to drive him away from the wilderness. He overcame his fear with the help of fervent prayer. Once, robbers fell upon Saint Hilarion, and he persuaded them to forsake their life of crime through the power of his words.

Soon all of Palestine learned about the holy ascetic. The Lord granted to Saint Hilarion the power to cast out unclean spirits. With this gift of grace he loosed the bonds of many of the afflicted. The sick came for healing, and the monk cured them free of charge, saying that the grace of God is not for sale (MT 10:8).

Such was the grace that he received from God that he could tell by the smell of someone's body or clothing which passion afflicted his soul. They came to Saint Hilarion wanting to save their soul under his guidance. With the blessing of Saint Hilarion, monasteries began to spring up throughout Palestine. Going from one monastery to another, he instituted a strict ascetic manner of life.

About seven years before his death (+ 371-372) Saint Hilarion moved back to Cyprus, where the ascetic lived in a solitary place until the Lord summoned him to Himself.