

## Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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### Sunday, November 18, 2018 | 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 8 – Martyr Plato (Platòn) of Ancyra (ca. 306)  
Martyr Romanus the Deacon of Caesarea, and the youth Barulas (303)  
Martyrs Zacchaeus the Deacon, and Alphaeus, of Caesarea

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### Weekly Schedule

- Today: Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy in the church school room.  
[Rescheduled from last Sunday]
- Tuesday: Vespers Divine Liturgy for The Entry of the Most-Holy Theotokos into the Temple (11/21) beginning at 6:30pm!
- Thursday: Thanksgiving! Remember to Give Thanks for the Blessings You Have In Your Life.
- Saturday: November 24 – Great Vespers at 5:00PM!
- Sunday: November 25 – Leavetaking of Entry into the Temple  
Reading of Hours – 9:30am  
Divine Liturgy – 10:00am  
*Fellowship & coffee hour to follow the Divine Liturgy*
- Sunday: November 25 – 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 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 – Martyrs Plato and Romanus)**

Thy holy martyrs Plato and Romanus, O Lord, / through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from Thee, our God. / For having Thy strength, they laid low their adversaries, / and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. //

Through their 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 3 – Martyr Plato)**

Thy holy memory delights the universe, O Plato, / bringing us together to honor thee in our joy. / With hymns we praise thy great deeds, / crying out to thee with faith: / “Save our land from its enemies, O holy one!”

### **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: Ephesians 4:1-6**

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 8)

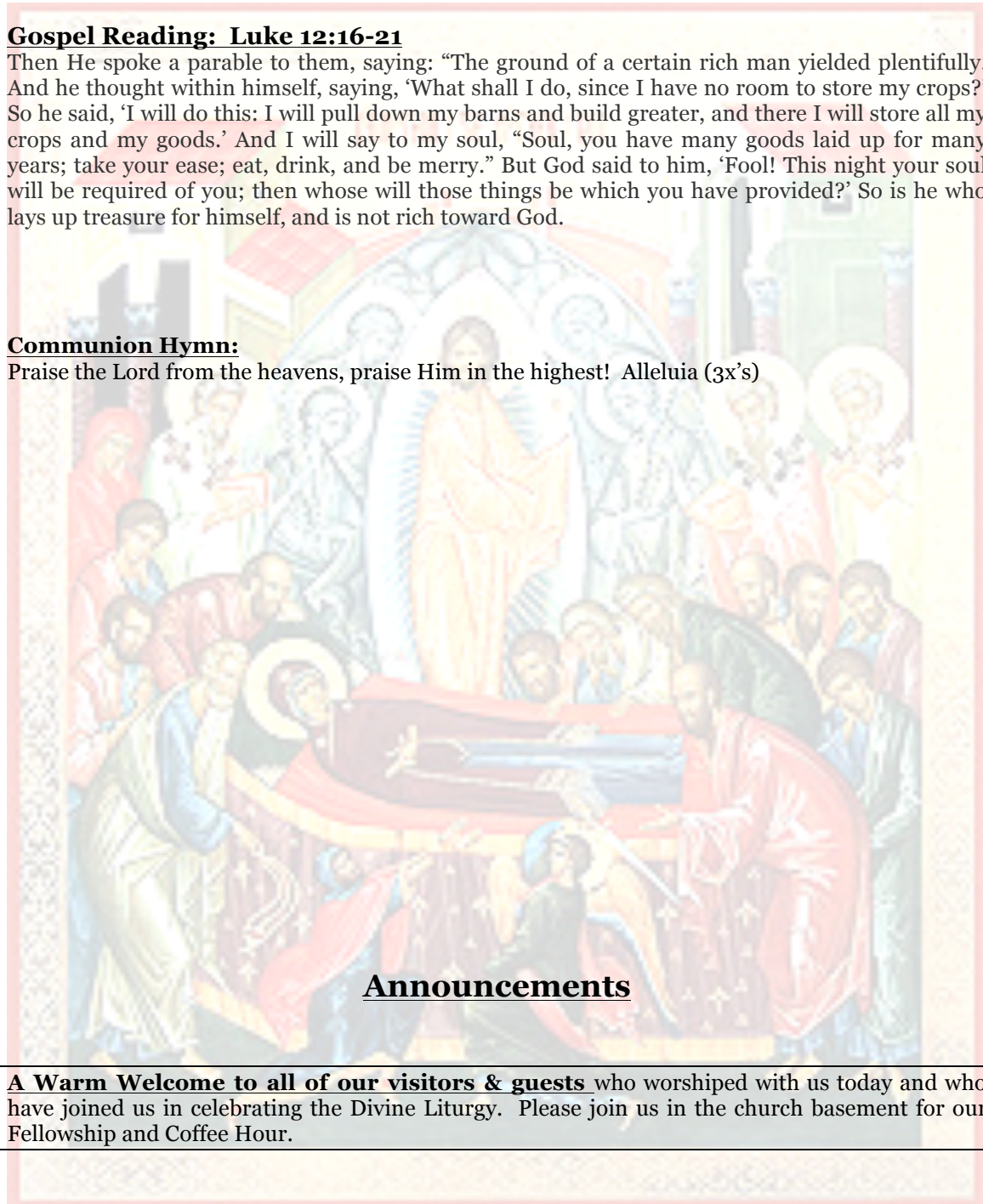
- v. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! Alleluia (3x's)
- v. Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! Alleluia (3x's)

**Gospel Reading: Luke 12:16-21**

Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods.' And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.'" But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

**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

**Anchors Aweigh, my boys, Anchors Aweigh!!!**



Father Mark Kozak in his Naval Uniform on Sunday, November 11, 2018 (Veterans Day and also the 100 anniversary of the ending of World War I). Picture taken in the church basement of the Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church.

**Announcements** (cont.)

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

**Health for the Living:**

Irene Torpey offered by Nina Patterson  
Thomas & Kimberly Herbert offered by M/M Herbert  
David Pellack, Margaret Pellack offered by M/M Herbert  
Irene Torpey offered by Melanie Albrecht  
All Veterans on Veterans Day offered by David Pellack  
David Pellack, Margaret Pellack offered by Peggy Walker  
David Pellack, Margaret Pellack offered by Catherine Kavalkovich  
Sheryl Pincus offered by the Hourahan Family

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

**Memory for the Departed:**

Mother Dolores Helms (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniver) offered by her son Father Mark Koczak  
All Veterans on Veterans Day offered by Joseph Rabik  
Benjamin, Olga, Reader Leonty offered by M/M Herbert  
Emelie Albrecht offered by Melanie Albrecht  
Dolores Helms offered by Melanie Albrecht  
All Veterans on Veterans Day offered by David Pellack  
Emelie Albrecht offered by Hourahan Family

**May Their Memories Be Eternal**

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**Please remember in your prayers:**

Grace Corba; Ronald Kavalkovich (on his continuous recovery); Dr. Jane Kelly; Matushka Jan (recovery after surgery); Luke Emmanuel Parsells (**newly born – Nov 1**) Heather Parsells; Peter Parsells; David Pellack; Margaret Pellack; Helen Wanenchak; Father John Bohush (retired); and all those who are serving in our Armed Forces!

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) The massive wildfires in California and the senseless atrocity at the Boderline Bar and Grill also in California where 12 people died, and
- 2) The Atrocity at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA where 11 people died and six other injured, including four responding officers.

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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 (November)**

Week of November 5 to November 11    November Month-to-Date

Attendance:	34	35 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 966.00	\$ 2,720.00
Funds Out:	\$ 396.76	\$ 3,668.20
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 569.24	(\$ 948.20)

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 – 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; and the work performed on 2111 house. **(Rescheduled from last Sunday, November 11)**

**Sunday, November 25 - 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.

**PARISH ADVENT VETERANS PROJECT**

This Advent season, our parish is purchasing necessities for the Veterans Group. We will be purchasing sheets, toiletry kits, and are making hats for the homeless shelter.

We are kindly asking for a \$10 donation towards a set of sheets and a \$20 donation for a men's toiletry kit. If you would like to contribute to these items, please make a check payable to the church for your selection of sheets or toiletry kit. Please give the check to Dr. Janine McCartney and she will record your preference. Father Mark will present the gifts to the Veterans on Sunday, December 9, 2018. Thank you once again for your generous contributions. The Veterans do appreciate your kindness, as once homeless and voiceless, they have food, some clothing and shelter, which is so easy to take for granted especially at this time of the season!

**Cleaning Teams:** Today (Nov 18): Saint Alexis of Wilkes-Barre (John Spack, Julia Agbo ).  
Next Week (Nov 25): Blessed Olga (Debbie Kavalkovich, Martha Palubniak).



## **Martyr Platon of Ancyra** [November 18<sup>th</sup>]

The Holy Martyr Platon, brother of the holy Martyr Antiochus the Physician (July 16), was born at the city of Ancyra in Galatia. While still a youth he left home and went through the cities, preaching the Word of God to pagans, amazing his audience with the persuasiveness and beauty of his speech, and his profound knowledge of Greek learning.

Because of his preaching he was arrested and brought for trial to the temple of Zeus before the governor Agrippinus. At first, the judge attempted to persuade the saint to turn away from Christ by flattery. He assured the youth that he might be on a par of intellect with the greatest of the philosophers Plato, if only he worshipped also the pagan gods. To this Saint Platon answered, that the wisdom of the philosopher, although great, was but ephemeral and limited, whereas the true, eternal and unbounded wisdom comprised the Gospel teachings. Then the judge promised to give him his beautiful niece for his wife if he would deny Christ. He also threatened him with torture and death if he refused. Saint Platon replied that he chose a temporal death for the sake of eternal life. The patience of the governor was exhausted, and he gave orders to mercilessly beat the martyr, and then send him off to prison.

When they led Saint Platon off to prison, he turned to the people gathered about the temple, and he called on them not to forsake the Christian Faith. Seven days later they again led the Martyr Platon for trial before Agrippinus in the temple of Zeus, where they had the implements of torture already prepared: boiling cauldrons, red-hot iron and sharp hooks. The judge offered the martyr a choice: either to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods, or to feel the effects of these implements of torture on his body. Again the saint steadfastly refused to worship idols, and after his tortures they threw him in prison for eighteen more days without bread or water. But seeing that this did not shake the martyr, they offered him his life and freedom if he would only say, "Great is the god Apollo." The martyr refused to deny Christ or to sacrifice to the idols. Therefore, Agrippinus ordered the holy Martyr Platon to be beheaded.