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Sunday, May 19, 2019 | Fourth Sunday of Pascha

Tone 3 – Paralytic

Hieromartyr Patrick, Bishop of Prussa, and his companions (2-3 c.)

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

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Weekly Schedule

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

Tuesday: Saint Constantine and his mother Saint Helen

Wednesday: Midfeast of Pentecost!

Saturday: May 25 - Great Vespers at **4:00PM!**

Sunday: May 26 - 5th Sunday of Pascha | Samaritan Woman

Reading of Hours – 9:30am

Divine Liturgy – 10:00am

Fellowship & coffee hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Sunday: May 26 – 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 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.

Kontakion (Tone 3 - Pentecostarion)

By Thy divine intercession, O Lord, / as Thou raised up the Paralytic of old, / so raise up my soul, paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts; / so that being saved I may sing to Thee: / “Glory to Thy power, O compassionate Christ!”

Kontakion (Tone 8 - Pascha)

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal, / Thou didst destroy the power of death. / In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, / proclaiming, “Rejoice!” to the Myrrhbearing Women, // granting peace to Thine Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.

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: Acts 9:32-42

Now it came to pass, as Peter went through all parts of the country, that he also came down to the saints who dwelt in Lydda. There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, “Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed.” Then he arose immediately. So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord. At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did. But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to them. Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought him to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them. But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, “Tabitha, arise.” And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 5)

- v. I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation. Alleluia (3x's)
- v. For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens. Alleluia (3x's)

Gospel Reading: John 5:1-15

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had. Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath. The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed." He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.' " Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk?'" But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place. Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you." The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

Instead of "It is truly meet..." we sing the following

The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace: / "Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again, I say: Rejoice, / Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb! / With Himself He has raised all the dead." / Rejoice, O ye people!

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem! / The glory of the Lord has shone on you. / Exult now, / and be glad, O Zion! / Be radiant, / O pure Theotokos, / in the Resurrection of your Son!

Communion Hymn:

Receive the Body of Christ, taste the foundation of immortality!
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

Friends of Mount Moriah Cemetery Inc. – Grass Cutting Events

The Friends of Mount Moriah Cemetery Inc. (FOMMCI) have scheduled grass cutting and weed whacking the first and third Saturdays of the month. Volunteers are welcome to join them on these Saturdays to help cut grass and/or whack weeds. FOMMCI has limited equipment and encourages volunteers to bring a mower or weed whacker. Volunteers are to meet at the entrance to the Philadelphia side of the cemetery (6201 Kingsessing Ave.) by 8am sharp. The event is scheduled from 8am to 12 noon.
Saturday Dates: 6/1, 6/15, 7/6, 7/20, 8/3, 8/17, 9/7, 9/21, and 10/5.

SPRING OUTDOOR CLEANUP – Saturday, June 22 – 10AM – 2PM

As spring begins to wind down and the hot, hazy, humid days of summer begin to move in, the parish would like to have volunteers to perform an outdoor clean up, focusing on cleaning up the backyard area over at the 2111 home, the yard area behind the garage, and the area behind the Church Hall. These three areas have tremendous growth of grass and weeds during the summer. Performing a routine maintenance of these grounds in the spring will assist in a more manageable Fall cleanup later at the end of the year. [Rain Date: Saturday, June 29 after Divine Liturgy (Saints Peter & Paul Feast Day)]

Parish Restoration Project:

Please visit the parish website and click on the Restoration Project section to read a brief note on the additional work needed to restore the parish. If you are interested in volunteering some of your time, at your convenience, and providing the talents God has given you, please contact anyone on the Parish Council or the Property Committee to schedule a date, time and task. Thank You!

AMAZON SMILE!

When ordering online on Amazon.com, please make sure to click on Amazon Smile and select our church - Assumption of the Holy Virgin Russian Orthodox Church - to have a small percentage of your purchases (0.5%) to be contributed to our church. For more information on the Amazon purchase process, please speak with any member of the parish council. Thank You!

Wool Donations:

The Parish is now accepting either actual donations of wool or monetary donations to purchase wool to knit blankets and hats. Please see Dr. Janine McCartney for more details on this project!

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Daria LeRoy, Irene Torpey offered by Nina Patterson
Patricia, Catherine, Barbara, Lorraine, Edith, Veronica offered by Reader Kenneth & Debbie Kavalkovich

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Parents offered by Nina Patterson
Anna Herbert, Mary (Slivka) Spack offered by M/M Herbert
Mother Irene Kavcsak offered by children M/M Rick LeRoy
Mother Emelie Albrecht offered by Melanie Albrecht
Helen Gerasimoff offered by Catherine Kavalkovich
Marion Kavalkovich offered by Catherine Kavalkovich
Anna Kapusnik offered by Catherine Kavalkovich
Anne, Helen, Julia, Ana, Marion offered by M/M Ken Kavalkovich

May Their Memories Be Eternal

Vigil Cross Candles – 5/12/19:

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Please remember in your prayers:

Lucas Andrews (**Baptized – May 11**); Christopher and Allison Andrews; Grace Corba; Catherine Kavalkovich; Ronald Kavalkovich (on his continuous recovery); Matushka Jan Kozak (recovery after knee surgery); Margaret Pellack; Father John Bohush (retired); and all those who are serving in our Armed Forces!

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Cookbook Sale:

The parish cookout, *At Our Table*, is for sale in the church basement and also on Amazon.com website. Please speak with Dr. Janine McCartney for more information on the parish cookbooks.

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 (May)

	<u>Week of May 6 to May 12</u>	<u>May Month-to-Date</u>
Attendance:	34	35 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 3,237.00	\$ 4,468.00
Funds Out:	\$ 1,460.02	\$ 3,536.97
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 1,776.98	\$ 931.03

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.

Today – Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy in the Church School Room! (2nd 3rd Sunday this month – Please Note Change in Date)! All property committee members are asked to attend this important meeting. Discussions will include the work to repair the roof and wall as a result of the water damage, and in preparation for the Spring Parish Meeting in June.

Sunday, May 26 - Church Life Discussion class after Divine Liturgy and Fellowship Hour. (The 4th Sunday this month)!
The Topic – Don't Be Tone Deaf! Understanding the Arrangements and Beauty of the Eight tones during all Liturgical Services.

The Spring Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 2, 2019 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. In addition to its regular scheduled business to discuss church matters, the parish will hear from representatives from the Property Committee who will present proposals on the necessary work that needs to be performed on the roof and walls where the water damage has occurred. As evidence as to what occurred during Holy Week, this is an important meeting where the parishioners will decide on how and where funds from the insurance proceeds and the parish's building funds are to be dispersed.

Saturday, June 15 – Blessing of the Graves at Mount Moriah – 12 Noon!
[Rescheduled from Saint Thomas Sunday due to Inclement Weather]
If the weather cooperates with us, we'll have our annual Blessing of the Graves on this day. Please dress appropriately for that day's weather conditions.

Saturday, June 22 – Spring Outdoor Clean-UP – 10AM to 2PM
[The main areas of focus will be cleaning up the backyard area over at the 2111 home, the yard area behind the garage, and the area behind the Church Hall.
[Rain Date: Saturday, June 29 after Divine Liturgy (Saints Peter & Paul Feast Day)]

Cleaning Teams: Today (May 19): Saint Agatha of Belo-Russia
(Nina Patterson, Natalie Patterson, Michael Spack).
Next Week (May 26): Saint Elizabeth - New Martyr
(Emily Gerasimoff, Sandra Hourahan, Samantha Hourahan).



Sunday of the Paralytic
[May 19th]

On this day the Church remembers the man who lay by the Sheep's Pool in Jerusalem for thirty-eight years, waiting for someone to put him into the pool. The first one to enter the pool after an angel troubled the water would be healed of his infirmities, but someone always entered the pool before him.

Seeing the man, the Lord felt compassion for him and healed him.

The Kontakion for this Fourth Sunday of Pascha asks Christ to raise up our souls, *“paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts.”*

Pictures from the Palm Sunday to Pascha services have been posted on our parish website, our parish Facebook page, the Diocese website (www.doepa.org) and the OCA website (www.oca.org) for your viewing pleasure. Go ahead, take a look at them

The 115th Annual Memorial Day Pilgrimage to St. Tikhon's Monastery is scheduled for May 24 through May 27, 2018. Once again, Pilgrims will be especially graced by the presence of the Myrrhstreaming Hawaiian Iveron Icon of the Mother of God and by the participation and presence of numerous hierarchs, clergy, faithful, and friends from the Orthodox Church in America and other Orthodox jurisdictions from America and beyond.

Pilgrimage information and schedule for the weekend events are posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule area.