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Sunday, July 28, 2019 | 6th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 5 – Holy Apostles of the Seventy and Deacons:
Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, and Parmenas (1st c.)
Martyr Julian of Dalmatia (2nd c.).

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Weekly Schedule

Thursday: August 1 – **Beginning of the Dormition Fast!**

Saturday: August 3 - Great Vespers **CANCELLED!**

Sunday: August 4 – Holy Seven Youths of Ephesus
Father Dennis Rhodes will serve Divine Liturgy
Reading of Hours – 9:30am
Divine Liturgy – 10:00am
Fellowship & coffee hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Monday: August 5 – Vesperal Divine Liturgy at **6:00PM** for Holy
Transfiguration of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ!
[Please bring fruit (vegetables) to be blessed after Vespers]

Wednesday: August 7 – Deadline to RSVP to Matushka Jan on attending Dining Out in
Delaware at Iron Hill Riverfront!

Sunday: August 11 – Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy in the church
basement Sunday school room.

Texts for the Liturgical Service

Troparion (Tone 5)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, / co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, / born for our salvation from the Virgin; / for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, / to endure death, / and to raise the dead // by His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion (Tone 3 – Holy Apostles of the Seventy & Deacons)

Holy Apostles Próchorus, Nícanor, Tímon, and Parménas, / entreat the merciful God, // to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

Kontakion (Tone 5)

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, / shattering its gates as Almighty, / resurrecting the dead as Creator, / and destroying the sting of death. / Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, // and we cry to Thee: “O Lord, save us!”

Kontakion (Tone 1 – Holy Apostles of the Seventy & Deacons)

The glorious Nícanor, Próchorus, Parménas, and Tímon, / the honored deacons ↓and ↑eyewitnesses of the Word, / have been revealed as chosen vessels of the Faith. / Therefore, we celebrate your holy memory today, // blessing you with gladness of heart.

Prokeimenon (Tone 5)

Thou, O Lord, shall protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever!
v. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.

Epistle Reading: Romans 12:6-14

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

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: Matthew 9:1-8

So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you." And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!" But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins – then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." And he arose and departed to his house. Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

Communion Hymn:

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise him in the highest! Alleluia (3x's)

REMINDER:

Father Mark will be in Western Virginia next weekend (August 3rd and 4th).
Vespers next Saturday (Aug 3) is Cancelled!
Divine Liturgy will be held and Father Dennis Rhodes will be serving.
Also, Father Mark will be back to serve the Vespers Divine Liturgy on Monday, August 5 at 6:00PM for the Transfiguration of Our Lord.

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

There has been a change in date to put together the School backpacks. Instead of holding this event after Vespers on Saturday, August 24, the parish will be putting together backpacks TODAY and if necessary, next Sunday (August 4) after Divine Liturgy. We are looking for volunteers to help with putting together these backpacks.

The reason for this change is two fold:

- 1) The parish now has all the school supplies needed to put together at least ten backpacks, including the backpacks themselves, and
- 2) The Philadelphia School District will begin distributing the backpacks to students beginning the weekend of August 24 up until school begins for the year. We would like to be prepared to give our completed backpacks to the Philadelphia School District before the weekend of August 24.

NOTE: Moving forward with this parish project for the Philadelphia School District, the parish will begin collecting backpacks and school supplies after July 4 up until the last weekend of July. On the last Sunday of July and if necessary, the first Sunday in August, the parish will begin putting together the backpacks. As far as school supplies is concerned, the parish will provide a list of school items that will be posted on the church bulletin boards and if room provides, to be included in the church bulletin.

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

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:

Matesy Herbert offered by her husband Simon Herbert
Albert Kavalkovich offered by his wife Catherine Kavalkovich
Sub-Deacon Daniel Kenneth Kavalkovich offered by Catherine Kavalkovich

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Mary McKinney offered by her brother Joseph Rabik
Maxim Herbert, Mary Herbert and Joseph Herbert offered by M/M Herbert
Stanley Walzelek offered by M/M Herbert

May Their Memories Be Eternal

Vigil Cross Candles – 7/21/19:

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Please remember in your prayers:

Grace Corba; Ronald Kavalkovich (on his continuous recovery); Matushka Jan Kozak (knee rehabilitaion); Sheba Patton; 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 (July)

	<u>Week of July 15 to July 21</u>	<u>July Month-to-Date</u>
Attendance:	34	56 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 1,437.00	\$ 6,630.31
Funds Out:	\$ 1,390.53	\$ 5,621.61
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 46.47	\$ 1,008.70

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 (and Next Sunday Aug 4 If Necessary) – Back Pack Assembly

We are looking for volunteers to put together all of the school supplies and package them in the back packs. No need to sign up. Just show up after Divine Liturgy Today and if necessary, next Sunday to assist in organizing the school backpacks.

Monday, August 5 – Vespers Divine Liturgy for the Feast Day of the Transfiguration of our Lord at 6:00PM!

Father Mark will bless Fruit (and vegetables) after the service.

Sunday, August 11 – Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy in the Church School Room! (2nd Sunday of the month).

All property committee members are asked to attend this meeting. Discussions will include the status of the work to repair the roof and cupolas, and any other topics regarding parish property along with feedback from the July 21 Joint parish council/property committee Mtg

Bible Study – Tuesday, August 13 at 6:30pm in the church basement.

The Bible Study Group will gather together at this time and will continue the readings and discussing the section in the Bible – The Books of **Samuel**.

Dormition of the Most Holy Lady Theotokos Services - TBD

Father Mark will announce when the service schedule for this blessed Holy Day and Name's Day of the parish will be held.

Sunday, August 25 at 2:00PM - Dining Out in Delaware - Ironhill Brewery Restaurant in Wilmington, DE (a social event for the parish)!

Please contact Matushka Jan in person, by phone (House #302.322.0943), or email (jakoczak@gmail.com) whether you will be attending so reservations can be made. The reservation deadline is **Wednesday, August 7!!!**

A parish wide email was sent to all parishes with emails on details of this great event!
The phone number for Ironhill Brewery in Delaware is 302-472-2739

A Saturday in September (Date TBD) – Joint Picnic with Gods House

Our parish along with Gods House's congregation will be having a joint picnic on one of the Saturdays in September. The parish is currently looking for volunteers to help coordinate this event. For additional information regarding the picnic, please see a member of the Parish Council. Thank You!

Cleaning Teams: Today (July 28): Saint Innocent
(Dave Albrecht, Melanie Albrecht).

Next Week (Aug 4): Saint Agatha of Belo-Russia
(Nina Patterson, Natalie Patterson, Michael Spack).

Deacons Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas of the Seventy

[July 28th]



Saints Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon and Parmenas, Apostles of the Seventy were among the first deacons in the Church of Christ.

In the Acts of the Holy Apostles (6:1-6) it is said that the twelve Apostles chose seven men: Stephen, Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas and Nicholas, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, and appointed them to serve as deacons.

They are commemorated together on July 28, although they died at various times and in various places.

At first, Saint Prochorus accompanied the holy Apostle Peter, who made him bishop in the city of Nicomedia. After the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos, Prochorus was a companion and coworker of the holy Apostle John the Theologian and was banished with him to the island of Patmos. There he wrote down the Book of Revelation concerning the final fate of the world. Upon returning to Nicomedia, Saint Prochorus converted pagans to Christ in the city of Antioch, where he suffered martyrdom.

Although Saint Nicanor suffered on the same day that the holy Protomartyr Stephen (December 27) and many other Christians were killed by stoning, he is commemorated on December 28.

Saint Timon was later appointed by the Apostles as bishop of the city of Bostra in Arabia and suffered from the Jews and pagans for preaching the Gospel. He was thrown into a furnace, but by the power of God he came out of it unharmed. The tradition of the Roman Church says that Saint Timon died by crucifixion. Saint Timon of the Seventy is also commemorated on December 30.

Saint Parmenas zealously preached Christ in Macedonia. He died after being afflicted with an illness. Some say that Saint Parmenas suffered martyrdom under Trajan (98-117) in the final year of his reign.

