

## Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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### Sunday, August 11, 2019 | 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 7 – Afterfeast of the Transfiguration

Holy Martyr and Archdeacon Euplus (Euplius) of Catania (304)

Virgin-Martyr Susanna and those with her.

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### Weekly Schedule

Today: An emergency JOINT Property Committee AND Parish Council Meeting will be held TODAY after Divine Liturgy in the church basement.

Tuesday: Bible Study at 6:30pm in the church basement.  
The class will continue reading the Books of Samuel.

Wednesday: August 14 – Great Vespers with Litya at **6:00PM** for Dormition of Our Most-Holy Lady Theotokos!  
[\[Please bring flowers to be blessed on this day\]](#)

Thursday: August 15 – Divine Liturgy at **10:00AM** for Dormition of Our Most-Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary!  
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Saturday: August 17 - Great Vespers at **4:00PM!**

Sunday: August 18 – Afterfeast of the Dormition  
Reading of Hours – 9:30am  
Divine Liturgy – 10:00am  
*Fellowship & coffee hour to follow the Divine Liturgy*

## Texts for the Liturgical Service

### **Troparion (Tone 7)**

By Thy Cross Thou destroy death. / To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. / For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst chang weeping into joy. / And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, / to proclaim that Thou are risen, // granting the world great mercy.

### **Troparion (Tone 7 – Transfiguration)**

Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God, / revealing Thy glory to Thy Disciples as far as they could bear it. / Let Thine everlasting Light also shine upon us sinners, / through the prayers of the Theotokos! // O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

### **Troparion (Tone 4 – Martyr Euplus)**

Thy holy martyr, Euplus O Lord, / through his sufferings has received an incorruptible from Thee, our God. / For having Thy strength, he laid low his adversaries, / and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. // Through his intercessions, save our souls!

### **Kontakion (Tone 7)**

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, / for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. / Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: / “The Savior has come to those in faith; // enter, thou faithful, into the Resurrection!”

### **Kontakion (Tone 4 – Martyr Euplus)**

With the love of Christ as thine only defense, / thou didst stand in the midst of thy fight and didst say: / “I endure this struggle willingly and with confidence!” / Thou didst rejoice, O Euplus, to offer thy head to the sword / and so thou didst complete thy course.

### **Kontakion (Tone 7 – Transfiguration)**

On the mountain Thou wast transfigured, O Christ God, / and Thy Disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could see it; / so that when they should behold Thee crucified, / they would understand that Thy suffering was voluntary, / and would proclaim to the world // that Thou art truly the Radiance of the Father.

### **Prokeimenon (Tone 7)**

The Lord shall give strength to His people! The Lord shall bless His people with peace!  
v. Offer to the Lord, O ye sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

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

O Lord how manifold are Thy works / In wisdom hast Thou made them all!

### **Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you. Now I say this, that each of you says, “I am of Paul,” or “I am of Apollos,” or “I am of Cephas,” or “I am of Christ.” Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name. Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other. For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect. For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 7)

- v. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High! Alleluia (3x's)
- v. To declare Thy mercy in the morning and Thy truth by night Alleluia(3x's)
- v. The heavens are Thine; the earth also is Thine! Alleluia (3x's) (TONE 8)

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:14-22**

And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food." But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish." He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

**Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing:**

Magnify, O my soul, the Lord Who was transfigured on Mount Tabor! / Thy childbearing was without corruption; / God came forth from thy body clothed in flesh, / and appeared on earth and dwelt among men. // Therefore we all magnify thee, O Theotokos.

**Communion Hymn:**

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise him in the highest!  
O Lord, we shall walk in the light of Thy countenance, and will exult in Thy Name forever! 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

THANK YOU to Matushka Janine McCartney for overseeing the backpack project for the Philadelphia School District and to Jennifer Cantrell who oversaw the putting together of the school supplies into the backpacks. We would also like to say Thank you to the hard working volunteers who put those school backpacks together – Joachim Cantrell, Henry Cantrell, Teddy Cantrell, and Miriam Cantrell.

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### **Saturday, September 14 – Fellowship Potluck Picnic with Gods House**

Our parish along with Gods House's congregation will be having a joint picnic on Saturday, September 14 following the Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Elevation of the Cross. Please RSVP Martha Palubniak if you plan to attend. This is an opportunity to get to meet and know our neighbors.

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### **Sunday School Classes to Resume in SEPTEMBER 2019:**

This upcoming Sunday School year classes will be held on Sunday. In September, classes will be held on September 8, September 15, and September 22 for approximately 20 minutes between right after communion and before coffee hour begins. The facilitators will be Father Mark Koczak, Lena Helen, and Jen Cantrell.

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### **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

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### **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!

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### **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:**

Jason LeRoy (on his 30<sup>th</sup> birthday) offered by aunt Nina Patterson  
The Gillespies nieces and nephews on their trip offered by Joseph Rabik  
M/M Ken Walker offered by the Pellack Family  
Mary Herbert, John Herbert, Thomas Herbert, Kimberly Herbert, Brendan Herbert, Brianna Herbert offered by M/M Herbert  
Ken, Alex, Selena, Ana, Colin, Albert, Catherine, Patricia, Marc, William, Family and Friends, Ronald, Sharon, Matushka Jan, Father Mark and for the injured in El Paso, TX and Dayton, OH offered by M/M K Kavalkovich

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

**Memory for the Departed:**

John Pellack, M/M Michael Pellack offered by the Pellack Family  
Those who perished in El Paso & Dayton offered by M/M K Kavalkovich

**May Their Memories Be Eternal**

**Vigil Cross Candles – 8/11/19:**

Two Small Votive Crosses – Memory of the Pellack Family members offered by the Pellack Family.

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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!

Additionally, remember the victims and injured from the senseless tragedy which occurred last weekend in El Paso, Texas and Dayton, Ohio.

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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/August)

	<u>Week of July 29 to August 4</u>	<u>July Month (Unaudited)</u>
Attendance:	39	50 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 2,453.87	\$ 7,889.66
Funds Out:	\$ 2,947.92	\$ 60,327.00
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	<b>(\$ 494.05)</b>	<b>(\$ 52,437.34)</b>

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 – Emergency JOINT Property Committee AND Parish Council Meeting after Divine Liturgy in the Church Basement! (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month).** All property committee AND parish council members are asked to attend this imperative meeting. Discussions will focus on 1) offer from construction company, 2) status of 2109 tenant, 3) status of work on roof and cupolas, 4) status of insurance policy coverage; and 5) any other topics regarding parish property

**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**

Services will be held for the blessed Holy Day and Name's Day of the parish.

Wednesday, August 14 – Eve of Dormition of Theotokos – Vespers – Time: **6:00PM**

Thursday, August 15 – Feast of the Dormition – Divine Liturgy – Time: **10:00AM**

Father Mark will bless Flowers (and fragrance plants (i.e. mint, basil, etc...)).  
Please bring your floral arrangements (and fragrance plants) this day to be blessed!

**Church School Youth Outing – Saturday, August 24**

The Church School will have a Youth Outing to FunSplash Water Park in NJ. If your child is interest in attending, please speak to Lena Helen for further details

**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 has passed!  
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

**Cleaning Teams:** Today (Aug 11): Saint Elizabeth - New Martyr  
(Emily Gerasimoff, Sandra Hourahan, Samantha Hourahan).  
Next Week (Aug 18): Saint John Kochurov  
(Daria and Rick LeRoy, Michael Wanenchak).



## **Martyr and Archdeacon Euplus Of Catania** [August 11<sup>th</sup>]

The Martyr Archdeacon Euplus suffered in the year 304 under the emperors Diocletian (284-305) and Maximian (305-311). He served in the Sicilian city of Catania. Always carrying the Gospel with him, Saint Euplus preached constantly to the pagans about Christ.

Once, while he read and explained the Gospel to the gathered crowd, they arrested him and took him to the governor of the city, Calvisianus. Saint Euplus confessed himself a Christian and

denounced the impiety of idol-worship. For this they sentenced him to torture.

They threw the injured saint into prison, where he remained in prayer for seven days. The Lord made a spring of water flow into the prison for the martyr to quench his thirst. Brought to trial a second time, strengthened and rejoicing, he again confessed his faith in Christ and denounced the torturer for spilling the blood of innocent Christians.

The judge commanded that the saint's ears be torn off, and that he be beheaded. When they led the saint to execution, they hung the Gospel around his neck. Having asked time for prayer, the archdeacon began to read and explain the Gospel to the people, and many of the pagans believed in Christ. The soldiers beheaded the saint with a sword.

His holy relics are in the village of Vico della Batonia, near Naples.

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## **Afterfeast of the Transfiguration of our Lord** [August 11<sup>th</sup>]

The hymns of the fifth day of the Afterfeast of the Transfiguration invite us to acquire the virtues and become radiant so that we may stand upon the holy mountain and behold the Lord's Transfiguration as He shines with glory, "filling the world with light."

We are also assured that those who excel in virtue "shall be made worthy of divine glory."