

## Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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### Sunday, August 18, 2019 | 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 8 – Afterfeast of the Dormition  
Martyr Florus and Laurus of Illyria (2<sup>nd</sup> c.)  
Martyrs Hermes, Serapion and Polyaeus of Rome

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### Weekly Schedule

Saturday: August 24 – Sunday School Youth Outing at FunSplash  
Water Park in New Jersey

Saturday: August 24 - Great Vespers at **4:00PM!**

Sunday: August 25 – Return of the Relics of the Apostle Bartholomew  
Reading of Hours – 9:30am  
Divine Liturgy – 10:00am  
*Fellowship & coffee hour to follow the Divine Liturgy*

Sunday: August 25 - Dining out in Delaware at 2:00PM at the  
Ironhill Brewery Restaurant in Wilmington, DE.

## 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 1 – Dormition)**

In giving birth thou didst preserve thy virginity. / In falling asleep thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos. / Thou wast translated to life, O Mother of Life, // and by thy prayers thou dost deliver our souls from death.

### **Troparion (Tone 4 – Martyrs Florus and Laurus)**

Let us praise as is meet, you faithful, / the most comely, radiant and divinely wise martyrs: Most blessed Florus and all venerable Laurus, / who proclaimed to all the uncreated Trinity. / Suffering unto bloodshed, / they were adorned with brilliant crowns. // Entreat Christ our God to 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 8 – Martyrs Florus and Laurus)**

Today all the world honors in glory the divinely wise Florus and Laurus as pious martyrs who suffered for Christ. / Through their prayers may we receive grace and mercy // and be delivered from calamity and temptation, and from wrath and sorrow on the Day of Judgment!

### **Kontakion (Tone 2 – Dormition)**

Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos, / who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions. / For being the Mother of Life, / she was translated to life // by the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb.

### **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.

### **Prokeimenon (Tone 3)**

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!

### **Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:9-17**

For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.  
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)
- v. Arise, O Lord, into Thy resting place, Thou and the ark of Thy holiness! Alleluia (3x's) (TONE 2)

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:22-34**

Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God." When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret.

**Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing Irmos of Ode 9:**

**Refrian:** The Angels, as they looked upon the Dormition of the Virgin, were struck with wonder, seeing how the Virgin went up from earth to heaven.

**Heirmos:** The limits of nature are overcome in thee, O Pure Virgin: for birthgiving remains virginal, and life is united to death; a virgin after childbearing and alive after death, thou dost ever save thine inheritance, O Theotokos.

**Communion Hymn:**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest!  
I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord! 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**

**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Banquet – Sunday, October 27, 2019!**

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.

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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!

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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.

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New padlocks have been installed around the church. Please see Emily Gerasimoff to exchange your old key (or set of keys) for a new key to the new padlocks. Thank You!

**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  
All Parishioners offered by Joseph Rabik  
Family and Friends offered by Daria LeRoy  
Thanksgiving to all and for all offered by Albert Kavalkovich

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

**Memory for the Departed:**

Joseph Herbert offered by M/M Herbert

**May Their Memories Be Eternal**

**Vigil Cross Candles – 8/18/19:**

One Small Votive Crosses – Memory of Paul and Irene Kavcsak, Grace and Arthur Patterson, Mary and Michael Spack, Michael and Julia Kavchok offered by Nina Patterson.

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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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**SUNDAY PUNDAY.....**

Baseball players are extremely bad sports. They steal third base and then just go home.

**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 (August)

	<u>Week of August 5 to August 11</u>	<u>August Month-to-Date</u>
Attendance:	39	39 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 2,041.70	\$ 4,487.22
Funds Out:	\$ 423.93	\$ 3,371.85
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 1,617.77	\$ 1,115.37

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.

### **Saturday, August 24 - Church School Youth Outing**

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)!**

Our group will have a private room on the second floor of the restaurant all to us.  
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

### **Saturday, September 14 – Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Elevation of the Cross.**

#### **Time: TBD**

The Feast of the Elevation of the Cross Divine Liturgy will be served on this day. Father Mark will announce the time when Liturgy will begin in a few weeks.

### **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.

### **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 the time right after communion and before coffee hour begins. The facilitators will be Father Mark Koczak, Lena Helen, and Jennifer Cantrell.

### **Quarterly Parish Council Meeting to be held in late September or early October.**

**Date: TBD.** When a date has been determined, it will be noted in bulletin.

### **Fall Parish Meeting to be held in late September or October.**

General Parish Meeting to be held AFTER the Parish Council has had their meeting.

**Cleaning Teams:** Today (Aug 18): Saint John Kochurov  
(Daria and Rick LeRoy, Michael Wanenchak).

Next Week (Aug 25): Saint Alexander Hotovitzky  
(Brett McKenna, Tanya Krawchuk, Pete Witiak).



## **Martyrs Florus and Laurus of Illvria** [August 18<sup>th</sup>]

The Martyrs Florus and Laurus were brothers by birth not only in flesh but in spirit. They lived in the second century at Byzantium, and afterwards they settled in Illyria [now Yugoslavia]. By occupation they were stone-masons (their teachers in this craft were the Christians Proclus and Maximus, from whom also the brothers learned about life pleasing to God).

The prefect of Illyria, Likaion, sent the brothers to a nearby district for work on the construction of a pagan temple. The saints toiled at the structure, distributing to the poor the money they earned, while they kept strict fast and prayed without ceasing.

Once, the son of the local pagan-priest Mamertin carelessly approached the structure, and a chip of stone hit him in the eye, severely injuring him. Saints Florus and Laurus assured the upset father, that his son would be healed.

They brought the youth to consciousness and told him to have faith in Christ. After this, as the youth confessed Jesus Christ as the true God, the brothers prayed for him, and the eye was healed. In view of such a miracle, even the father of the youth believed in Christ.

When the construction of the temple was completed, the brothers gathered the Christians together, and going through the temple, they smashed the idols. In the eastern part of the temple they set up the holy Cross. They spent all night in prayer, illumined with heavenly light. Having learned of this, the head of the district condemned to burning the former pagan priest Mamertin and his son and 300 Christians.

The martyrs Florus and Laurus, having been sent back to the prefect Likaion, were thrown down an empty well and covered over with earth. After many years, the relics of the holy martyrs were uncovered incorrupt, and transferred to Constantinople. In the year 1200 the Novgorod pilgrim Anthony saw them. Stephen of Novgorod saw the heads of the martyrs in the Pantokrator monastery around the year 1350.