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Sunday, August 25, 2019 | 10th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 1 – Return of the Relics of the Apostle Bartholomew (6th c.)

Holy Apostle Titus of the Seventy, Bishop of Crete (1st c.)

Saint Menas, Patriarch of Constantinople (536-552)

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Weekly Schedule

Today: Dining out in Delaware at 2:00PM at the Ironhill Brewery Restaurant in Wilmington, DE.
Please note: If you are running late or having a problem getting there, please call or text Matushka Jan at #302.540.1412. Thank You!

Thursday: Beheading of St John the Baptist [*Strict Fast Day!*]

Saturday: August 31 - Great Vespers at **4:00PM!**

Sunday: September 1 – **Church New Year** (*Indiction*)

Sunday: September 1 – St Simeon the Stylite (the Elder)
Reading of Hours – 9:30am
Divine Liturgy – 10:00am
Fellowship & coffee hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Texts for the Liturgical Service

Troparion (Tone 1)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, / while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, / Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, / granting life to the world. / The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: / “Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! / Glory to Thy Kingdom! // Glory to Thy dispensation, O thou who lovest of mankind!”

Troparion (Tone 3 – Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Titus)

Holy Apostles, Bartholomew and Titus, / entreat the merciful God, // to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

Kontakion (Tone 1)

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, / raising the world with Thyself. / Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. / Adam exults, O Master! / Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee: // “Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

Kontakion (Tone 4 – Holy Apostle Bartholomew)

Thou didst appear as a great sun to the world with miracles and rays of teaching. / Thou dost guide to the Light all who venerate thee, // O Apostle of the Lord, Bartholomew.

Kontakion (Tone 2 – Holy Apostle Titus)

Titus, worthy of all praise and preacher of Christ’s mysteries, / thou wast Paul’s companion, and with him taught us the doctrine of God. / Therefore we cry out to thee: // “Never cease to intercede for the sake of us all!”

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: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16

For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ’s sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored! To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless. And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now. I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you. For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Therefore I urge you, imitate me.

Alleluia (3x’s) (Tone 1)

- v. God gives vengeance to me, and subdues people under me! Alleluia (3x's)
- v. He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David,
His anointed and his seed forever. Alleluia (3x's)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:14-23

And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him. Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me." And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting. Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up. And they were exceedingly sorrowful.

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

Saturday, September 14th – Fellowship Luncheon Picnic with our neighbors next door – Gods House by any means Necessary Ministries!

We will be having a joint luncheon picnic with Gods House after the Divine Liturgy for The Elevation of the Cross Feast Day. Please speak to Lena Helen or Martha Palubniak if you wish to help with this event. The parish is asking for 2 or 3 more volunteers to assist in organizing this event. The event will be held in the Hall Yard (or our church basement in the event of rain) Flyer and Information is posted on the parish Bulletin Boards.

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!

8th 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 or mail checks to: Connie Bandy – 2147 Robin Drive – Warrington, PA 18976

Flyer and Information posted on Bulletin Board down in the church basement.

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Family and Friends offered by the Walker Family
Fink Family offered by the Pellack Family
Walker Family offered by the Pellack Family

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Stephen Spack offered by Nina Patterson

May Their Memories Be Eternal

Vigil Cross Candles – 8/25/19:

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Please remember in your prayers:

Grace Corba; Ronald Kavalkovich (on his continuous recovery); Matushka Jan Koczak (knee rehabilitaion); Sheba Patton; Margaret Pellack; Father John Bohush (retired); and all those who are serving in our Armed Forces!

Archpriest John Matusiak who fell asleep in the Lord on August 15.

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 (August)

	<u>Week of August 12 to August 18</u>	<u>August Month-to-Date</u>
Attendance:	41	40 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 2,103.00	\$ 6,590.22
Funds Out:	\$ 1,602.92	\$ 4,974.77
Net Surplus/ (Deficit) :	\$ 500.08	\$ 1,615.45

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 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

Please note: If you are running late or having a problem getting there on time, please call or text Matushka Jan at #302.540.1412. Thank you and see you there.

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, Sep 14 – Fellowship Potluck Luncheon 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 Kozak, 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 Parish Council has had their meeting.

Cleaning Teams: Today (Aug 25): Saint Alexander Hotovitzky (Brett McKenna, Tanya Krawchuk, Pete Witiak).
Next Week (Sep 1): Saint Bridget of Ireland (Catherine & Albert Kavalkovich, Simon Herbert).



Return of the Relics of the Apostle Bartholomew from Anastasiopolis to Lipari [August 25th]

The Transfer of the Relics of the Apostle Bartholomew took place at the end of the sixth century. His apostolic activity and martyr's end are remembered by the Church on June 11. The Apostle Bartholomew suffered for Christ in Armenian Albanus (now Baku) in the year 71, where his holy relics were. Numerous miracles occurred from the relics of the holy Apostle, and many of the unbelieving were converted to Christ. Under the emperor Anastasius (491-518) the relics of the Apostle Bartholomew were transferred into the newly constructed city of Anastasiopolis (or

Dura) and remained there until the end of the sixth century.

When the city of Anastasiopolis was captured by the Persian emperor Chozroes, Christians took up the chest with the relics of the Apostle Bartholomew and fled with it to the shores of the Black Sea. Having overtaken them, pagan priests threw the chest with the relics of the Apostle Bartholomew into the sea. Four other chests containing the relics of the holy Martyrs Papian, Lucian, Gregory and Acacius were also thrown into the sea.

By the power of God the chests did not sink into the depths of the sea, but miraculously floated upon the waves and reached Italy. The chest with the relics of the Apostle Bartholomew came to land at the island of Lipari, and the remaining chests continued their journey and came to land at various places in Italy. The chest with the relics of the Martyr Papian halted at Sicily, the Martyr Lucian at Messina, the Martyr Gregory at Calabria, and the Martyr Acacius at Askalon.

The arrival of the relics of the holy Apostle Bartholomew was revealed to Bishop Agathon of the island of Lipari, who went with clergy to the shores of the sea, took the chest from the waters and solemnly transferred it to church.

Myrrh flowed from the relics of the Apostle Bartholomew, healing people of various illnesses. The holy relics remained in the church of the island of Lipari until the middle of the ninth century when the island was captured by pagans. Christian merchants took up the holy relics of the Apostle Bartholomew and transferred them to the city of Beneventum, near Naples, where they were received with great veneration and placed in the main church of the city.