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Sunday, September 1, 2019 | 11th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 2 – Church New Year (Indiction)

Saint Simeon the Stylite and his mother, Venerable Martha (ca. 428)

Martyr Aithalas of Persia (380)

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Weekly Schedule

Today: **Church New Year (Indiction)**

Saturday: September 7 - Great Vespers at **4:00PM!**

Sunday: September 8 – Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos

Reading of Hours – 9:30am

Divine Liturgy – 10:00am

Fellowship & coffee hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Tuesday: September 10 – Bible Study at 6:30pm in the church basement.

Saturday: September 14 – Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Precious Cross. Time: TBD.

Saturday: September 14 – Joint Picnic Luncheon with our neighbors God House after the Divine Liturgy.

Sunday: September 15 – Property Committee Meeting in church basement. Please Note the Change in Date for this meeting.

Texts for the Liturgical Service

Troparion (Tone 2)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, / Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. / And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, / all the powers of heaven cried out: // “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

Troparion (Tone 2 – Indiction)

O Creator of the Universe, / Thou didst appoint times by Thine own power; / bless the crown of this year with Thy goodness, O Lord! / Preserve in safety Thy rulers and Thy cities: // and through the intercessions of the Theotokos, save us!

Troparion (Tone 1 – Saint Simeon)

Thou wast a pillar of patient endurance, / having imitated the Forefathers, O Venerable One: / Job in suffering and Joseph in temptations. / Thou didst live like the bodiless hosts while yet in the flesh, O Simeon, our Father. // Beseech Christ God that our souls may be saved!

Kontakion (Tone 2)

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, / seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! / The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, // and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

Kontakion (Tone 2 – Saint Simeon)

Seeking the things of the Highest, / and having made a fiery chariot, thou wast joined to the heights. / Therefore, thou hast become a companion to the angels, O venerable Simeon, // and with them thou art praying incessantly to Christ God for us all.

Kontakion (Tone 4 – Indiction)

O Creator and Master of time and the ages, / Triune and Merciful God of all: / grant blessings for the course of this year, / and in Thy boundless mercy save those who worship Thee and cry out in fear: // O Savior, grant blessings to all mankind!

Prokeimenon (Tone 3 - Indiction)

Great is our Lord and abundant in power / His understanding is beyond measure!
v. Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God.

Another Prokeimenon (Tone 7 – Saint Simeon)

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:2-12

If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. My defense to those who examine me is this: Do we have no right to eat and drink? Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working? Who ever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock? Do I say these things as a mere man? Or does not the law say the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses, “You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain.” Is it oxen God is concerned about? Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things? If others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ. Alleluia (3x’s) (Tone 4)

- v. Praise is due to Thee, O God, in Zion, and to Thee shall vows be performed. Alleluia (3x's)
- v. Bless the crown of the year with Thy goodness, O Lord! Alleluia (3x's)
- v. Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments! Alleluia (3x's)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:23-35

Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. 'Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses.

Communion Hymn:

Bless the crown of the year with Thy goodness, O Lord!
The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil tidings! Alleluia (3x's)

*[Note: Today's readings for the Indiction are as follows:
Epistle – 1 Timothy 2:1-7 and Gospel – Luke 4:16-22*

*[Note: Today's readings for Saint Simeon are as follows:
Epistle – Colossians 3:12-16 and Gospel – Matthew 11:27-30*

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:

Gary Race offered by the Pellack Family
William Knodor offered by the Pellack Family
Deacon Michael McCartney offered by the Joseph Rabik
Kavalkovich and Andrews Families offered by Albert Kavalkovich
Edward Gerasimoff offered by the Ken Kavalkovich Family

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Patricia Gerasimoff offered by Emily Gerasimoff
Patricia Gerasimoff offered by Ken Kavalkovich Family

May Their Memories Be Eternal

Vigil Cross Candles – 8/25/19:

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Please remember in your prayers:

Grace Corba; Ronald Kavalkovich (continuous recovery); 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 (August)

	<u>Week of August 19 to August 25</u>	<u>August Month-to-Date</u>
Attendance:	39	39 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 700.00	\$ 7,290.22
Funds Out:	(\$ 70.00) <i>Reimbursement</i>	\$ 4,904.77
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 770.00	\$ 2,385.45

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.

Bible Study – Tuesday, September 10 at 6:30pm in the church basement.

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

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:

Beginning next Sunday, September 8, September 15, and September 22 for approximately 20 minutes. Class to be held during the time between right after communion and before coffee hour begins. The facilitators will be Father Mark Kozak, Lena Helen, and Jennifer Cantrell.

Sunday, September 22 - Church Life Discussion class (The 4th Sunday of the month)

The Topic: Don't Be Tone Deaf! Understanding the Arrangements and Beauty of the Eight Tones during all Liturgical Services.

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 (Sep 1): Saint Bridget of Ireland
(Catherine & Albert Kavalkovich, Simon Herbert).

Next Week (Sep 8): Saint Raphael of Brooklyn
(Mark Klus, Tish Berchtold, Barbara Andrews, Sheba Patton).



Church New Year (Indiction) [September 1st]

The first day of the Church New Year is also called the beginning of the Indiction. The term Indiction comes from a Latin word meaning, “to impose.” It was originally applied to the imposition of taxes in Egypt. The first worldwide Indiction was in 312 when the Emperor Constantine (May 21) saw a miraculous vision of the Cross in the sky. Before the introduction of the Julian calendar, Rome began the New Year on September 1.

According to Holy Tradition, Christ entered the synagogue on September 1 to announce His mission to mankind (Luke 4:16-22). Quoting Isaiah 61:1-2), the Savior proclaimed, “The spirit of the Lord is upon me; because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent me to proclaim release to captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord...” This scene is depicted in a Vatican manuscript (Vatican, Biblioteca. Cod. Gr. 1613, p.1).

Tradition says that the Hebrews entered the Promised Land in September.

Venerable Martha, mother of Saint Simeon Stylites [September 1st]

Saint Martha lived in Cilicia of Asia Minor during the fourth and fifth centuries, and came from a poor family. She and her husband Sisotian were the parents of Saint Simeon the Stylite.

At the age of eighteen, Simeon received the monastic tonsure without his parents’ knowledge. Many years later, Martha came to the saint’s pillar in order to see him. Simeon sent word to her not to come, for if they were worthy, they would see each other in the life to come. Martha insisted on seeing him, and he had someone tell her to wait for a while in silence. Saint Martha agreed to this, and waited at the foot of the hill where her son’s pillar stood. There she departed to the Lord.

When he heard that his mother had died, Saint Simeon ordered that her body be brought to the foot of his pillar. He prayed over his mother’s body for some time shedding many tears, and witnesses said that a smile appeared on Saint Martha’s face.