

## Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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### Sunday, September 29, 2019 | 15th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 6 – Venerable Kyriacus the Hermit of Palestine (556)  
Prophet Martyrs Dada, Gabdelas, and Casdoa of Persia (4th c.)  
Venerable Theophan the Merciful of Gaza

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### Weekly Schedule

Today: Joint Picnic Luncheon with our neighbors God House after the Divine Liturgy over in the Church Hall  
*[Note: Event Rescheduled from Saturday, September 14]*

Tuesday: October 1 - The Protection (Pokrov) of Our Most-Holy Lady Theotokos and the Ever-Virgin Mary

Saturday: October 5 - Great Vespers at **4:00PM!**

Sunday: October 6 – Holy Apostle Thomas  
Reading of Hours – 9:30am  
Divine Liturgy – 10:00am  
*Fellowship & coffee hour to follow the Divine Liturgy*

Sunday: October 6 – Parish Council Meeting after the Divine Liturgy in the Church basement.

Next

Weekend: October 4 to 6 – St Michael Russian Orthodox Church's 43rd Annual Russian Festival. 4th & Fairmount – Phila., PA

## **Texts for the Liturgical Service**

### **Troparion (Tone 6)**

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; / the guards became as dead men. / Mary stood by Thy grave, / seeking Thy most pure body. / Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. / Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. // O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

### **Troparion (Tone 1 – Venerable Kyriakus)**

Dweller of the desert and angel in the body, / Thou wast shown to be a wonder-worker, our God-bearing Father Kyriakus. / Thou didst receive heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil, and prayer; / healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to thee by faith. / Glory to Him who gave thee strength! / Glory to Him Who granted thee a crown! // Glory to Him Who through thee grants healing to all!

### **Kontakion (Tone 6)**

When Christ God the Giver of Life, / raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, / He bestowed resurrection on the human race. // He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

### **Kontakion (Tone 8 – Venerable Kyriakus)**

The sacred Lavra honors thee as a mighty champion and helper, / and yearly celebrates thy memory. / As thou hast boldness before the Lord: preserve us from our enemies // so that we may sing: “Rejoice, thrice-blessed Kyriakus!”

### **Prokeimenon (Tone 6)**

O Lord, save Thy people / and bless Thine inheritance!  
v. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

### **Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15**

For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed – always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you. And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, “I believed and therefore I spoke,” we also believe and therefore speak, knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 6)



- v. He that dwelleth in the aid of the Most High shall abide under the protection of the God of heaven. Alleluia (3x's)
- v. He shall say to the Lord: Thou art my protector and my refuge, my God. In Him will I trust! Alleluia (3x's)

**Gospel Reading: Luke 6:31-36**

And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

**Communion Hymn:**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Alleluia (3x's)

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**2020 Saint Tikhon's Monastery Calendar - Taking orders now:**

The parish will once again be ordering 2020 calendars from Saint Tikhon's Monastery. As a result from a generous benefactor, a donation was made to the church to cover the cost of one calendar per household for parishioners of the church.

If you wish to order additional calendars besides the one that will be ordered for your household, there is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board downstairs to do so.

The cost of the 2020 St Tikhon's calendars is \$6 per calendar. The deadline for ordering these calendars will be: Sunday, November 3, 2019!

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**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

### **40 Days For Life – Philadelphia Campaign – Fall Season:**

The 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign has begun (from September 25 to November 3). This campaign of peaceful vigils will occur in ALL 50 states at the same time!

#### **Information:**

- \* Contacts: Monique Ruberu or Pat Stanton at 469.231.9084
- \* Email: roobearoo@hotmail.com
- \* Website: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/philadelphia>
- \* Prayer vigil located at 12<sup>th</sup> & Locust St, Philadelphia – Planned Parenthood
- \* Prayer vigil located at 777 Appletree Street, Philadelphia – Phila. Women Center
- \* Vigils open Monday-Saturday from 8am-5pm.

The 40 Days For Life is not a political organization or a protest group. They stand and pray as a peaceful physical presence and witness for the lives of the unborn, who cannot speak for themselves.

Other peaceful vigils located in the surrounding areas include:

New Jersey – Cherry Hill & Galloway Twp    Delaware - Dover & Wilmington  
Pennsylvania – Northeast Philadelphia, Bryn Mawr, Norristown, and West Chester

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### **Collecting Old Eyeglasses for Lions Club (From Now to December 6)!**

Our parish is collecting old eyeglasses for the Lions Club. Anyone who has eyeglasses that they are no longer using is encourage to donate them to this worthy cause. Please see Matushka Janine with any questions or donations. The eyeglass donations will be taken to the Lions Club after December 6, 2019. Thank you for your generosity in advance.

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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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### **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: [iocc.org/Philadelphia](http://iocc.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:**

Herbert Family offered by M/M Herbert  
Family and Friends offered by Pellack Family  
Family and Friends offered by Barbara Andrews  
Family offered by M/M Al Kavalkovich  
Kevin Fox (surgery and recuperation) offered by Hourahan Family

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

**Memory for the Departed:**

Herbert Family offered by M/M Herbert  
Rabik Family offered by Joseph Rabik  
Anna Homa (on her birthday) offered by Ron Homa  
Anna Homa (anniversary) offered by Ron Homa

**May Their Memories Be Eternal**

**Vigil Cross Candles – 9/22/19:**

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**Please remember in your prayers:**

Grace Corba; Ronald Kavalkovich (continuous recovery); Sheba Patton; Margaret Pellack; Father John Bohush (retired); Father Gregory Winsky (retired); Father Vincent Saverion (1 year anniversary of his passing away); Robert Helms (1 year anniversary of his passing away); 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 (September)**

	<u>Week of September 16 to September 22</u>	<u>September Month-to-date</u>
Attendance:	43	39 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 2,417.00	\$ 8,147.09
Funds Out:	(\$ 27.06) <i>reimbursements</i>	\$ 4,556.53
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 2,200.65	\$ 3,590.56

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 either David Pellack or Ken Kavalkovich 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 - Fellowship Luncheon Picnic with Gods House**

Our parish along with Gods House congregation will have a joint picnic luncheon next Sunday following Divine Liturgy over at our Church Hall.

### **St. Michael Russian Orthodox Church 43rd Annual Russian Festival**

**4th St & Fairmount Avenue – Philadelphia, PA October 4 to 6 2019.**

The parish's popular and festive event will be held the first full weekend of October (this year from Friday, October 4 to Sunday, October 6). The weekend will feature a range of Russian food delights for lunch through dinner, live accordion music, the Sunday School's Russian Dancers, and specialty shops from Russian made artifacts, books of interest, handmade decorations, drawing opportunities, and a variety of collectibles and treasures for ones enjoyment.

### **Quarterly Parish Council Meeting to be held on Sunday, October 6 after the Fellowship Coffee Hour in the church basement.**

### **Bible Study – Tuesday, October 8 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.

### **Sunday, October 13 – 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 information being presented to the parish during the upcoming Fall General Parish Meeting and any other property committee business needing addressing.

### **Fall General Parish Meeting - Sunday, October 20, 2019 after Divine Liturgy in the church basement. This is Notice #1 of 3.**

According to Article IV, Section 2, Subsection A. of the Parish By-Laws, notice of all Annual and General Parish Meetings shall be announced in the Parish Bulletin and read by the Parish Rector from the amvon on three consecutive Sundays preceding the date of the meeting. Discussions will include events since the Spring General Parish Meeting; Property Committee report on the parish owned properties; and the election of parish council members for 2020-21 terms (President, Secretary, Trustee positions).

**Cleaning Teams:** Today (Sep 29): Saint Alexis of Wilkes-Barre (John Spack, Debbie Kavalkovich, David Pellack).

Next Week (Oct 6): Saint Juvenaly (Jennifer Cantrell & Family, Ronald & Cherly Homa).



**Venerable Theophanes the Merciful of Gaza**  
[September 29<sup>th</sup>]

Saint Theophanes the Merciful was an inhabitant of the Syrian city of Gaza. He was very kind and merciful. He took in vagrants, he helped the poor and the sick, and he spent all his substance on help for the needy, while he himself remained in want.

Saint Theophanes did not grieve at all over the loss of his property, but he lost his health, and sickness caused him great suffering. His body began to swell up, to rot, and to give off a stench. This ordeal he also endured in good spirit, giving thanks to God for all things.

A fierce storm raged while he was dying, and his wife grieved that she would not be able to give him proper burial. The saint comforted her: “Weep not, woman, for up to now the trial has lasted, but here comes help from the Merciful God, since in the hour of my death the storm will cease, by the will of God.” So it occurred: just as he gave up his soul to God, calmness prevailed. After death the body of Saint Theophanes became completely cleansed of wounds and decay and became fragrant, giving forth abundant healing myrrh.

