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Sunday, October 6, 2019 | 16th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 7 – Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas (1st c.)

Glorification of St. Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow, Enlightener of the Aleuts, and
Apostle to the Americas (1977 – Sep 23rd)

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Weekly Schedule

Today: Parish Council Meeting after the Divine Liturgy in the Church basement.

Today: St Michael the Archangel Russian Orthodox Church's 43rd
Annual Russian Festival. 4th & Fairmount – Phila., PA

Tuesday: October 8 – Bible Study at 6:30pm in the church basement.

Saturday: October 12 - Great Vespers at **4:00PM!**

Sunday: October 13 – Commemoration of the Holy Fathers
of the 7th Ecumenical Council

Reading of Hours – 9:30am

Divine Liturgy – 10:00am

Fellowship & coffee hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Sunday: October 13 – Property Committee Meeting after the Divine Liturgy
in the church basement.

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 change 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 4 – Saint Innocent)

O Holy Father Innocent, / in obedience to the will of God, / thou didst accept dangers and tribulations, / bringing many peoples to the knowledge of truth. / Thou didst show us the way; / now by thy prayers help lead us // into the Kingdom of Heaven!

Troparion (Tone 2 – Saint Innocent)

Thou didst evangelize the Northern people of America and Asia, / proclaiming the Gospel of Christ to the natives in their own tongues, / O Holy Hierarch, Father Innocent, / Enlightener of Alaska and All America, whose ways were ordered by the Lord. // Pray to Him for the salvation of our souls in His Heavenly Kingdom!

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 2 – Saint Innocent)

Thy life, O holy Father Innocent, apostle to our land, / proclaims the dispensation and grace of God! / For, laboring in dangers and hardships for the Gospel of Christ, / thou wast kept unharmed and exalted in humility. // Pray that He may guide our steps in the way we should go!

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!

Another Prokeimenon (Tone 1)

My mouth shall speak wisdom, the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

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 mouth of the righteous shall proclaim wisdom, and his tongue shall speak of judgment. Alleluia (3x's) (TONE 2)

Gospel Reading: Luke 7:11-16

Now it happened, the day after that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."

Communion Hymn:

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest!
 The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. 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 12th & 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

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.

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: 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:

Melanie Albrecht offered by Nina Patterson
Nieces, Nephews, and Parishioners offered by Joseph Rabik
Family and Parishioners offered by Nina Patterson
Peace for the World offered by Alex Soroka
Margie Pich (Birthday) offered by Pellack Family
Family and Friends offered by M/M JK Walker
Ronald, Andrew, and Albert offered by M/M Al Kavalkovich

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Herbert Family offered by M/M Herbert
Spack Family offered by M/M Herbert
Mary and Paul Koran offered by Pellack Family
William and Julia Brasko offered by Nancy Brasko Rabik
William Brasko Jr., John Libak Sr. offered by Nancy Brasko Rabik

May Their Memories Be Eternal

Vigil Cross Candles – 9/29/19:

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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); 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 23 to September 29</u>	<u>September Month-to-date</u>
Attendance:	46	40 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 2,107.00	\$10,254.09
Funds Out:	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,556.53
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 2,107.00	\$ 5,697.56

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 - Quarterly Parish Council Meeting after the Fellowship Coffee Hour in the church basement.

TODAY - St. Michael Russian Orthodox Church 43rd Annual Russian Festival - 4th St & Fairmount Avenue – Philadelphia, PA.

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 one's enjoyment.

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 #2 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 (Oct 6): Saint Juvenaly
(Jennifer Cantrell & Family, Ronald & Cherly Homa).
Next Week (Oct 13): Saint Innocent
(Dave Albrecht, Melanie Albrecht).



Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas [October 6th]

Saint The Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas was born in the Galilean city of Pansada and was a fisherman. Hearing the good tidings of Jesus Christ, he left all and followed after Him. The Apostle Thomas is included in the number of the holy Twelve Apostles of the Savior.

According to Holy Scripture, the holy Apostle Thomas did not believe the reports of the other disciples about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ: “Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and

put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe” (John 20:25).

On the eighth day after the Resurrection, the Lord appeared to the Apostle Thomas and showed him His wounds. “My Lord and my God,” the Apostle cried out (John 20:28). “Thomas, being once weaker in faith than the other apostles,” says Saint John Chrysostom, “toiled through the grace of God more bravely, more zealously and tirelessly than them all, so that he went preaching over nearly all the earth, not fearing to proclaim the Word of God to savage nations.”

Some icons depicting this event are inscribed “The Doubting Thomas.” This is incorrect. In Greek, the inscription reads, “The Touching of Thomas.” In Slavonic, it says, “The Belief of Thomas.” When Saint Thomas touched the Life-giving side of the Lord, he no longer had any doubts.

According to Church Tradition, the holy Apostle Thomas founded Christian churches in Palestine, Mesopotamia, Parthia, Ethiopia and India. Preaching the Gospel earned him a martyr’s death. For having converted the wife and son of the prefect of the Indian city of Meliapur [Melipur], the holy apostle was locked up in prison, suffered torture, and finally, pierced with five spears, he departed to the Lord. Part of the relics of the holy Apostle Thomas are in India, in Hungary and on Mt. Athos. The name of the Apostle Thomas is associated with the Arabian (or Arapet) Icon of the Mother of God (September 6).

**[Note: Today’s readings for Saint Innocent are as follows:
Epistle – Hebrews 7:26-8:2 and Gospel – John 10:9-16]**