

## Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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### Sunday, October 13, 2019 | 17th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 8 – Commemoration of the Holy Fathers  
of the 7th Ecumenical Council

Martyrs Carpus, Papyrus, Agathadonus, and Agathonica at Pergamus

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### Weekly Schedule

Today: Property Committee Meeting after the Divine Liturgy in the church basement.

Friday: October 18 – Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke

Saturday: October 19 - Great Vespers at **4:00PM!**

Sunday: October 20 – Greatmartyr Artemius at Antioch

Reading of Hours – 9:30am

Divine Liturgy – 10:00am

*Fellowship & coffee hour to follow the Divine Liturgy*

Sunday: October 20 – Fall General Parish Meeting after Divine Liturgy and fellowship coffee hour in the church basement. The election of 2020-21 officers will take place at this meeting, along with a discussion about the parish owned properties by the Property Committee and Parish Council.

## **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 8 – Holy Fathers)**

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God! / Thou hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth. / Through them Thou hast guided us to the true Faith. // O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

### **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 6 – Holy Fathers)**

The Son who shone forth from the Eather / was ineffably born, two-fold in nature, of a woman. / Having beheld Him, we do not deny the image of His form, / but depict it piously and revere it faithfully. / Thus, keeping the True Faith, // the Church venerates the icon of Christ Incarnate.

### **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.

### **Another Prokeimenon (Tone 4)**

Blessed art Thou, O Lord god of our Fathers and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever!

### **Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1**

And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people." Therefore Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you." I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the LORD Almighty." Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.  
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. The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising sun to its setting. Alleluia (3x's) (TONE 1)

**Gospel Reading: Luke 8:5-15**

A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold. When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?" And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.' Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

**Communion Hymn:**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest!  
Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the upright! 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

### **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

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### **Parish Community Work Projects**

In this week's bulletin (October 13), and posted on the parish bulletin boards, there is an informational flyer on some of the projects the parish is undertaking. Besides the donations of yarn and old eyeglasses, along with our parish cookbook sales, there is also opportunities for our Advent projects such as craft fair and basket sale, along with donations towards St Herman's of Alaska Seminary, St Tikhon's Seminary, and the Veterans Center in Philadelphia.

For more information and donation giving on our Parish Community Work Projects, please read the information flyers or see Matushka Janine McCartyney for details. Thank you in advance for your support to these projects.

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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!**

**Announcements** (cont.)

**Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed**

**Health for the Living:**

Family members offered by Nina Patterson  
Kevin Fox offered by Hourahan Family  
Family and Friends offered by Nancy Brasko Rabik  
Marc Jr, Marc Sr, Albert, Catherine, Patricia, Matthew, Anastasia, Alexander, Colin, Selena, Susan, Katherine, Barbara, Sharon, Lucas, those who are sick, those suffering with cancer offered by M/M Kenneth Kavalkovich and Family

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

**Memory for the Departed:**

Mary Herbert offered by M/M Herbert  
Reader Leonty Macalush offered by M/M Herbert  
John and Julia Drimak offered by Hourahan Family

**May Their Memories Be Eternal**

**Vigil Cross Candles – 10/6/19:**

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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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**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)**

Week of September 30 to October 6	September Month (Unaudited)	
Attendance:	47	40 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 2,008.90	\$10,261.49
Funds Out:	\$ 3,123.20	\$ 4,556.53
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	(\$ 1,114.30)	\$ 5,704.96

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.

### **TODDAY – 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 #3 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).

### **Sunday, October 27, 2019 – IOCC 8th Annual Benefit Banquet**

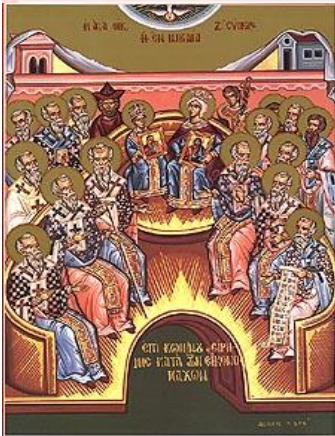
Adelphia Restaurant's Pan Athenian Grand Ballroom – 1750 Clements Bridge Road – Deptford, NJ 08096. The reception and silent auction will begin at 3:30pm, followed at 5:00pm by dinner and a special program highlighting IOCC's U.S. programs, made possible by your generosity.

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.

**Cleaning Teams:** Today (Oct 13): Saint Innocent  
(Dave Albrecht, Melanie Albrecht).  
Next Week (Oct 20): Saint Agatha of Belo-Russia  
(Nina Patterson, Natalie Patterson, Michael Spack).



## Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council [October 13<sup>th</sup>]

Today the Church remembers the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council under the holy Patriarch Tarasius (February 25).

The Synod of 787, the second to meet at Nicea, refuted the Iconoclast heresy during the reign of Empress Irene and her son Constantine VI.

The Council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype (the person depicted). It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because “no man has seen God at any time” (John 1:18).

In Greek practice, the holy God-bearing Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council are commemorated on October 11 (if it is a Sunday), or on the Sunday that follows October 11. According to the Slavic MENAION, however, if the eleventh falls on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, the service is moved to the preceding Sunday.

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**[Note:** Today’s readings for the Sunday of the Holy Fathers are as follows:  
Epistle – Hebrews 13:7-16 and Gospel – John 17:1-13]



## **Community Work of Holy Assumption**

### **Immediate Need:**

We are collecting Walmart Gift cards and for the purchase of Walmart Gift cards for St. Isaac of Syria Men's Monastery. They have sustained flood damage and rely on income from making icons. They are in need of day-to-day living items also. There is a Walmart store within 30 miles of the monastery, where they shop. Your donations of ever \$5 or \$10 could mean quite a lot! We will be collecting donations and Gift cards from October 13-20. Please see Matushka Janine with questions or donations.

**Yarn Donations** - We are accepting any yarn donations to continue our knitting and crocheting efforts. We have made at least 50 afghans this year for hospice patients, and 42 hats for the Veterans. Please consider donating any unused yarn that you have at home. We are also accepting monetary donations to cover the cost of the wool for the Advent Veterans Place project. Please see Matushka Janine with questions or donations

**Cookbook Sale** - Our Parish cookbook, *At our Table* is for sale. Proceeds will benefit the community projects for the parish. Please consider purchasing the cookbook as a Christmas present for someone. Cost of the cookbook is \$20/book. Please see Matushka Janine with questions or donations

**Craft Fair and Basket Sale** - On December 8, 2019 our parish is having a craft fair. We are selling hats and scarf sets and afghans and possibly other handmade items. Baskets will contain baskets of cheer, baskets of bath items and baskets of specialty foods. Proceeds will benefit the advent projects this year so we can purchase additional gift cards for St. Herman's of Alaska Seminary. If you are interested in donating a basket, please see Matushka Janine. Drop off of baskets is Saturday, December 7, 2019 by 4:00pm.

**Old Eyeglasses for the Lions Club** - We are collecting old prescription eyeglasses for the Lions Club. The donation box is located downstairs in our donation area and is labeled. Please consider donating any unused glasses with prescription lenses that you are no longer using. Please see Matushka Janine with questions.

### **Advent Opportunities:**

**St. Herman's of Alaska Seminary** - We are collecting Walmart Gift cards for St. Herman's of Alaska Seminary in Kodiak and would like to send gift cards in the denomination of \$25 per gift card. We will be collecting gift cards and donations from October 27-December 1, 2019. Please see Matushka Janine if you are interested in donating.

**St. Tikhon's Seminary** - Starting November 7, 2019, We will be collecting items on a giving tree this year for 6 seminarian families. We will set up a giving tree and parishioners will be encouraged to take a request off the tree and fulfill the need such as the purchase of clothes, toys for the Seminarian family members. The deadline for collection of the gifts is December 1, 2019. The gifts will be distributed on St. Nicholas Day in person to the seminarian families. We will have a location set aside for donations.

**Veterans Place** - We have made 42 hats, received donations of 42 pairs of socks and gloves. We are collecting toiletry items to make gift bags for the Veterans. Bars of soap, shaving cream and disposable razors are appreciated. We will need 42 sets of toiletry items so please see Matushka Janine before you donate so we can minimize duplication. We will be providing the gifts to the Veterans in the first week of December 2019.