

## Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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### Sunday, October 27, 2019 | 19th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 2 – Martyr Nestor of Thessalonica (ca 306)  
Martyrs Capitolina and Erotheis of Cappadocia (304)  
Martyr Mark and those with him, on the Isle of Thasos.

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### Weekly Schedule

- Today: Church Life Discussion Class after Divine Liturgy.  
The Topic: Don't Be Tone Deaf! Understanding the Arrangements and Beauty of the Eight Tones during all Liturgical Services.
- Today: IOCC 8th Annual Benefit Banquet at Adelphia's Restaurant in Deptford, NJ beginning at 3:30PM.
- Saturday: Area Parish Fall Festivals (see page 7 for location & times)
- Saturday: November 2 - Great Vespers at **4:00PM!**
- Sunday: November 3 – Martyrs Acepsimas, Joseph, & Aithalas  
Reading of Hours – 9:30am  
Divine Liturgy – 10:00am  
*Fellowship & coffee hour to follow the Divine Liturgy*
- Sunday: November 3 – Daylight Savings Time Ends.

## 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 4 – Martyr Nestor)**

Thy holy martyr Nestor, O Lord, / through his sufferings has received an incorruptible crown from Thee, our God. / For having Thy strength, he laid low his adversaries, / and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. // Through his intercessions, save our souls!

### **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 – Martyr Nestor)**

Having fought the good fight, / thou didst win immortal glory, O Nestor. / Thou didst become a perfect soldier for the Master / through the prayers of the martyr Demetrius. // Together with him thou art praying unceasingly to Christ God for us all.

### **Prokeimenon (Tone 2)**

The Lord is my strength and my song / He has become my salvation.  
v. The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.

### **Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9**

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands. It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago – whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows – such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows – how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me. And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Alleluia (3x’s) (Tone 2)

- v. May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect thee! Alleluia (3x's)
- v. Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call to Thee! Alleluia (3x's)

**Gospel Reading: Luke 8:26-39**

Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!" For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness. Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him. And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned. When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed. Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned. Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you. And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

**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

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

The 40 Days For Life Fall Campaign is coming to a conclusion (last day 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

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### **Parish Community Work Projects**

In the October 13 bulletin, 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 are 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.

**Update:** As of yesterday, the parish received donations of just under \$700 for the St Isaac of Syria Men's Monastery. Thank you for your support to this cause!

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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:**

David Albrecht Sr offered by Nina Patterson  
David Albrecht Jr offered by Nina Patterson  
Kevin Fox offered by Hourahan 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  
Joseph Herbert offered by M/M Herbert  
Julia Brasko offered by Nancy Brasko Rabik

**May Their Memories Be Eternal**

**Vigil Cross Candles – 10/20/19:**

Both Large Votive Crosses – For the Health of Deacon Michael and Matushka Janine McCartney on their wedding anniversary.

May God Grant both of you many Happy, Healthy, and Joyous Years!

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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 (October)**

Week of October 14 to October 20		October Month to Date
Attendance:	39	40 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 2,024.00	\$ 6,084.50
Funds Out:	\$ 3,854.58	\$ 7,877.18
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	<b>(\$ 1,830.58)</b>	<b>(\$ 1,792.68)</b>

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 - 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.

### TODAY – 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: [ioccc.org/Philadelphia](http://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.

### Saturday, November 2 – PARISH FALL FESTIVALS

St Stephens Orthodox Cathedral – 10:00AM to 5:00AM  
8598 Verree Road – Philadelphia, PA

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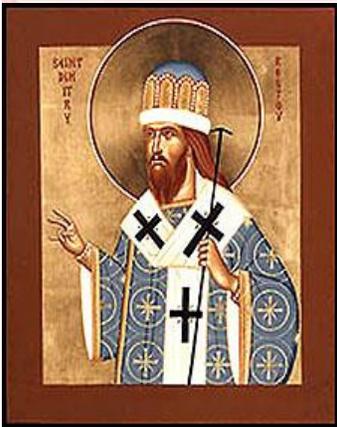
Holy Trinity Orthodox Church – 8:00AM to 2:00PM  
1236 Juniper Street – Pottstown, PA 19464 Phone: 610.327.1542

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St Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church – Pierogi Festival (2 day weekend)  
Saturday, November 2 12:00PM to 9:00PM, and  
Sunday, November 3, 12:00PM to 5:00PM  
817 North 7th Street (Corner of Brown Street) - Philadelphia, PA  
Ethnic Food | Baked Goods | Vendors | Live Music | Beer Garden | Free Parking

**Thursday, November 7 – Vespereal Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Synaxis of the Archangel Michael (November 8th) at 6:30PM!**

**Cleaning Teams:** Today (Oct 27): Saint Elizabeth - New Martyr (Emily Gerasimoff, Sandra Hourahan, Samantha Hourahan).  
Next Week (Nov 3): Saint John Kochurov (Daria and Rick LeRoy, Michael Wanenchak).



## **Saint Demetrius (Dimitri), Metropolitan of Rostov** [October 28<sup>th</sup>]

Saint Demetrius, Metropolitan of Rostov (in the world Daniel Savvich Tuptalo), was born in December 1651 in the locale of Makarovo, not far from Kiev. He was born into a pious family and grew up a deeply believing Christian. In 1662, soon after his parents resettled to Kiev, Daniel was sent to the Kiev-Mogilyansk college, where the gifts and remarkable abilities of the youth were first discovered. He successfully learned the Greek and Latin languages and the entire series of classical sciences. On July 9, 1668 Daniel accepted monastic tonsure with the name Demetrius, in honor of the Great Martyr Demetrius of Thessalonica. Prior to the spring of 1675 he progressed through the monastic obediences at Kiev's Kirillov monastery,

where he began his literary and preaching activity.

The Archbishop of Chernigov Lazar (Baranovich) ordained Demetrius as hieromonk on May 23, 1675. For several years Hieromonk Demetrius lived as an ascetic and preached the Word of God at various monasteries and churches in the Ukraine, Lithuania and Belarus. It was while he was Igumen of the Maximov monastery, and later the Baturinsk Nikol'sk monastery, in 1684 he was summoned to the Kiev Caves Lavra. The Superior of the Lavra, Archimandrite Barlaam (Yasinsky), knowing the high spiritual disposition of his former disciple, his education, his proclivity for scientific work, and also his undoubted literary talent, entrusted the hieromonk Demetrius with organizing the MENAION, the Lives of the Saints for the whole year.

From this time, all the rest of Saint Demetrius's life was devoted to the fulfilling of this ascetic work, grandiose in its scope. The work demanded an enormous exertion of strength, since it necessitated the gathering and analyzing of a multitude of various sources and to expound them in a fluent language, worthy of the lofty subject of exposition and at the same time accessible to all believers. Divine assistance did not abandon the saint for his twenty year labor.

According to the testimony of Saint Demetrius himself, his soul was filled with impressions of the saints, which strengthened him both in spirit and body, and they encouraged faith in the felicitous completion of his noble task. At this time, the venerable Demetrius was head of several monasteries (in succession).

The works of the ascetic brought him to the attention of Patriarch Adrian. In 1701, by decree of Tsar Peter I, Archimandrite Demetrius was summoned to Moscow, where on March 23 at the Dormition cathedral of the Kremlin he was consecrated as Metropolitan of the Siberian city of Tobolsk. But after a certain while, because of the importance of his scientific work and the frailty of his health, the saint received a new appointment to Rostov-Yaroslavl, and on March 1, 1702 assumed his duties as Metropolitan of Rostov.

Just as before, he continued to be concerned about the strengthening of the unity of the Russian Orthodox Church, weakened by the "Old Believers" schism.

From his inspired works and preachings many generations of Russian theologians drew spiritual strength for creativity and prayer. He remains an example of a saintly, ascetic, non-covetous life for all Orthodox Christians. Upon his death on October 28, 1709, it was discovered that he had few possessions, except for books and manuscripts.

The glorification of Saint Demetrius, Metropolitan of Rostov, took place on April 22, 1757. He is also remembered on September 21, the day of the uncovering of his holy relics.

## **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.