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Sunday, November 10, 2019 | 21st Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 4 – Apostles of the Seventy: Erastus, Olympas, Herodion
Sosipater, Quartus and Tertius and their companions (1st c.)
Martyr Orestes of Cappadocia (204)

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Weekly Schedule

Today: St. Herman's of Alaska Food Festival – 12PM to 4PM

Today: Happy 244th Birthday to the United States Marine Corp.

Friday: Beginning of the Nativity (St Phillip's) Fast

ADVENT FAST BEGINS!

Saturday: November 16 - Great Vespers at **4:00PM!**

Sunday: November 17 – Saint Gregory the Wonderworker
Reading of Hours – 9:30am
Divine Liturgy – 10:00am
Fellowship & coffee hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Sunday: November 17 – A Very Brief Property Committee Meeting will
be held in the church basement. *[NOTE CHANGE OF DATE]*

Sunday: November 17 – Parish Council Meeting after Divine Liturgy.
Meeting to discuss the 5-year Strategic Planning for the parish.

Tuesday: November 19 - Bible Study at 6:30pm in the church basement.
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Texts for the Liturgical Service

Troparion (Tone 4)

When the women disciples of the Lord / learned from the angel the joyous message of thy Resurrection, / they cast away the ancestral curse / and elatedly told the apostles: / “Death is overthrown! / Christ God is risen, // granting the world great mercy!”

Troparion (Tone 3 – Apostles of the Seventy)

Holy Apostles, Erástus, Olýmpas, Heródion, Sosipáter, Qúartus and Tértius, / entreat the merciful God, // to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

Kontakion (Tone 4)

My Savior and Redeemer / as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. / He has shattered the gates of hell, / and as Master, // He has risen on the third day!

Kontakion (Tone 2 – Apostles of the Seventy)

Illumined by divine light, O holy Apostles, / ye wisely destroyed the works of idolatry. / When ye caught all the pagans ye brought them to the Master / and taught them to glorify the Trinity.

Prokeimenon (Tone 4)

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works / in wisdom hast Thou made them all!
v. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great!

Epistle Reading: Galatians 2:16-20

Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 4)

- v. Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth! Alleluia (3x's)
- v. For Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest iniquity. Alleluia (3x's)

Gospel Reading: Luke 10:25-37

And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" So he answered and said, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'" And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.'" So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves? And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

Advent Season Tutelage - 2019

We are once again providing an Advent tutelage for those who are unable to attend or view either the Bible Study or Church Life Discussion Classes during the Advent Season but wish to still remain closer to God as we prepare for the Holy Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

This season we will provide information on the Life of another North American Saint. The past two years we provided information on the life of Saint Alexis Toth and Saint Juvenal of Alaska. This year we will offer information on the life of Saint Alexander Hotovitzky, Missionary to America & Hieromartyr under Bolshevik. So let's begin...

The New Martyr of Russia Alexander Hotovitzky was born on February 11, 1872 in the city of Kremenetz, into the pious family of Archpriest Alexander, who was Rector of the Volhynia Theological Seminary and would later be long remembered in the hearts of the Orthodox inhabitants of Volhynia as a good shepherd. Young Alexander received a good Christian upbringing from his parents, who instilled in him love for the Orthodox Church and for the people of God.

The future pastor was educated at the Volhynia Seminary and the Saint Petersburg Theological Academy, from which he graduated with a Master's degree in 1895.

After graduation from the Academy, he was sent for missionary service to the Diocese of the Aleutians and North America, where he was assigned to the position of reader at the newly-established Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church in New York City. Following his marriage to Maria Scherbuhina, a graduate of the Pavlovsk Institute in Saint Petersburg, the Hieromartyr Alexander was ordained to the diaconate, and soon after, on February 25, 1896, to the priesthood by Bishop Nicholas (Ziorov) of the Aleutians, whom Father Alexander would always later remember with gratitude and love.

Saint Alexander Hotovitzky's Life to be continued in next week's bulletin.

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.



GOD BLESS OUR VETERANS!!!



Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Thomas and Kimberly Herbert (anniversary) offered by M/M Herbert
Mother Catherine offered by M/M Herbert
Joseph and Katherine Renzetti offered by Joseph Rabik

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Mary Herbert offered by M/M Herbert
Irene Kavcsak offered by Nina Patterson
Irene Kavcsak offered by M/M Rick LeRoy

May Their Memories Be Eternal

Vigil Cross Candles – 11/3/19:

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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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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.

TODAY is the Final Day for ordering extra calendars for your household!

Announcements (cont.)

Please ensure that your Mobile Phone is set to Silent (or at least set on vibrate) during the Divine Liturgy! Thank You!!!

*******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/November)

Week of October 28 to November 3	October Month (Unaudited)
Attendance: 32	41 (average)
Funds In: \$ 1,451.95	\$ 7,247.75
Funds Out: \$ 1,500.00	\$ 8,092.18
Net Surplus/(Deficit): (\$ 48.05)	(\$ 844.43)

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.
- 5th Sunday of each quarter** – Quarterly Parish Council Meeting after Liturgy.

Readers Schedule:

	Today (Nov 10)	Next Week (Nov 17)
3rd Hour :	Michael Wanenchak	Dave Albrecht
6th Hour:	John Spack	Mark Klus
Epistle:	Michael Spack	David Pellack

Fellowship Coffee Hour & Cleaning Teams:

Today (Nov 10): Saint Alexander Hotovitzky
(Brett McKenna, Tanya Krawchuk, Pete Witiak).

Next Week (Nov 17): Saint Bridget of Ireland
(Catherine & Albert Kavalkovich, Simon Herbert)

Today, November 10 – PARISH FALL FESTIVAL

St Herman of Alaska Orthodox Church – Annual Food Festival – 12:00P to 4:00P
1855 Middletown Road (Rt 352) – Glen Mills, PA 19342

Please see Flyers for this festival on the church bulletin boards!

Sunday, November 10 17 – A Very Brief Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy in the Church School Room! (2nd 3rd Sunday this month)!
(Rescheduled from last Sunday, November 10)

Sunday, November 17– Parish Council Meeting after Divine Liturgy.
This meeting will consist of the council's preparations for a 5-year Strategic Plan for the parish.

Bible Study – Tuesday, November 12 19 at 6:30pm in the church basement.
(Rescheduled from Sunday, November 12)



Apostles of the Seventy: Erastus, Olympas, Herodion, Sosipater, Quartus, & Tertius [November 10th]

The holy Apostles Erastus, Sosipater (April 28), Olympas (January 4), Rodion (April 8), Quartus and Tertius (October 30) were disciples of Saint Paul. They all lived during the first century.

The Apostle to the Gentiles speaks of them in the Epistle to the Romans, “And Erastus, the city treasurer, greets you, and Quartus, a brother” (Rom 16: 23).

Saint Sosipater, a native of Achaia, was Bishop of Iconium, where he also died. Saint Paul mentions him in Romans 16:21.

Saint Olympas was mentioned by the holy Apostle Paul (Rom 16:15). He was also a companion of the Apostle Peter. Saint Rodion (Herodion), was a kinsman of the Apostle Paul (Romans 16:11), and left the bishop’s throne at Patras to go to Rome with the Apostle Peter. Saints Rodion and Olympas were beheaded on the very day and hour when Saint Peter was crucified.

Saint Quartus endured much suffering for his piety and converted many pagans to Christ, dying peacefully as a bishop in the city of Beirut.

Saint Tertius is mentioned in the Epistle to the Romans, “I, Tertius, who wrote this epistle, salute you in the Lord” (Rom 16:22). Saint Tertius, to whom Saint Paul dictated the Epistle to the Romans, was the second Bishop of Iconium, where also he died.

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.