

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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Sunday, January 12, 2020 | 30th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 5 – Sunday After the Theophany

Afterfeast of the Theophany

Martyr Tatiana of Rome | Saint Sava I, Archbishop of Serbia

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Weekly Schedule

Today: **CANCELLED!!** Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy in the church basement schoolroom.

Tuesday: Bible Study at **6:30PM** in the church basement.

Saturday: January 18 - Great Vespers at **4:00PM!**

Sunday: January 19 – Ven Macarius the Great of Egypt

Reading of Hours – 9:30am

Divine Liturgy – 10:00am

Fellowship & coffee hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Texts for the Liturgical Service

Troparion (Tone 5)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, / co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; / for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, / and to raise the dead // by His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion (Tone 1 – Feast of Theophany)

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, / the worship of the Trinity was made manifest. / For the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, / and called Thee His beloved Son; / and the Spirit in the form of a dove / confirmed the truthfulness of His word. / O Christ our God, Who hast revealed Thyself // and hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

Kontakion (Tone 5)

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, / shattering its gates as Almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator, / and destroying the sting of death. / Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, // and we cry to Thee: O Lord, save us!

Kontakion (Tone 4 – Martyr Tatiana of Rome)

In thy sufferings thou didst shine brightly / in the royal purple of thy blood, / and like a beautiful dove thou didst fly to heaven, / passion-bearer Tatiana. // Therefore, always pray for those who honor thee!

Kontakion (Tone 8 – St Sava, Enlightener of Serbia)

Thy church glorifies thee as its first great hierarch and the Apostles' companion, O ven'erable one. / Since thou hast boldness before Christ God, / Save us by thy prayers from every tribulation, so that we may cry out to thee: // "Rejoice, O divinely-wise Father Sava!"

Kontakion (Tone 4 – Feast of Theophany)

Today Thou hast shone forth to the world, O Lord, / and the light of Thy countenance has been marked on us. / Knowing Thee, we sing Thy praises. / Thou hast come and revealed Thyself, // O unapproachable Light.

Prokeimenon (Tone 1 – Sunday After Theophany)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on Thee.
v. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the upright!

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 4:7-13 (Sunday After Theophany)

But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men." (Now this, "He ascended" – what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;
Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 5 – Sunday After Theophany)

- v. I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation. Alleluia (3x's)
- v. For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens. Alleluia (3x's)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:12-17 (Sunday After Theophany)

Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

[Instead of "It is truly meet.." we sing the Hymn to the Theotokos]

Magnify, O my soul, the most-pure Virgin Theotokos,
more honorable and more glorious than the heavenly hosts!

No tongue knows how to praise thee worthily, O Theotokos;
even Angels are overcome with awe praising thee.
But since thou art good, accept our faith;
for thou knowest our love inspired by God.
Thou art the defender of Christians, and we magnify thee.

Communion Hymn:

The grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all.
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

2020 House Blessing

If you wish to have your home blessed, please speak with Father Mark for date availability to schedule a house blessing. The blessing of houses will begin after Theophany, which is Monday, January 6. Items of importance when having your home blessed: 1) have a candle available to be burned during the house blessing, 2) a bowl of blessed holy water, 3) an icon (preferably the icon of Christ being baptized in the Jordan River), and 4) please make enough space for Father Mark to maneuver in the rooms you wish him to bless.

THANK YOU:

Father Mark & Matushka Jan Koczak wish to thank you for all of your kind cards, gifts, and well-wishes that they received this Christmas Season and for Matushka Jan's birthday cards and gifts. May God bless you all and yours in this New Year!

Cards for Our Troops! Save your Christmas Cards!

Please save your Christmas cards this year. Matushka Janine is collecting Christmas cards to send to the troops for next year. We will use the front cover and paste it on a new card, write an appropriate verse on the inside of the card, and address the card to our soldiers. Please consider donating your cards you received this year. Please see Matushka Janine as to where to drop off your Christmas cards at a designated area in the church basement, or whether she will collect them directly. As always, thank you for your generosity!

Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26, 2020 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. The Spiritual Advisor's report, the Treasurer's report, the voting on the 2020 budget, along with any other business that needs to be discussed. The election of the 2020 parish council officers took place during the Fall Parish meeting back in October 2019.

The **56th Diocesan Assembly** will be held in 2 weeks (January 23 & 24) at Christ our Savior Church in Harrisburg, PA. Father Mark and Deacon Michael will attend the Assembly as parish representatives.

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Friends and Relatives offered by Joseph Rabik
Family and Friends offered by Nina Patterson
Fania Wanenchak offered by Robert Wanenchak
Family and Friends offered by Pellack Family

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Joseph Herbert offered by M/M Herbert
Sarah Amato offered by M/M Herbert

May Their Memories Be Eternal

Vigil Cross Candles – 1/5/20:

Two Small Votive Cross – Health of newlyweds Matthew Andrews and his bride Christina Velez Andrews on their wedding day offered by grandparents Albert and Catherine Kavalkovich. Mnohaya I Blahaya L'yta!

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Please remember in your prayers:

Grace Corba; Kathy Gerty and her unborn child; Protodeacon Joseph Edwards; Ronald Kavalkovich (continuous recovery); Sheba Patton; Margaret Pellack; Father John Bohush (retired); and all those who are serving in our Armed Forces!

Also, please remember the 176 Ukrainian, Canadian, and Persian passengers who tragically perished in the senseless attack on Ukrainian International Airline Flight 752.

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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
- 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 (December/January)

<u>Week of December 29 to January 4</u>		<u>December Month-to-Date</u>
Attendance:	33	43 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 1,263.45	\$12,758.11
Funds Out:	\$ 1,595.19	\$ 8,611.62
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	(\$ 331.74)	\$ 4,146.49

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 (Jan 12)	Next Week (Jan 19)
3rd Hour :	Michael Spack	Kyra Skoog
6th Hour:	David Albrecht	Mark Klus
Epistle:	David Pellack	Matthew Andrews

Fellowship Coffee Hour & Cleaning Teams:

Today (Jan 12): Saint Elizabeth - New Martyr
(Emily Gerasimoff and Sandra Hourahan).

Next Week (Jan 19): Saint John Kochurov
(Daria and Rick LeRoy, Michael Wanenchak).

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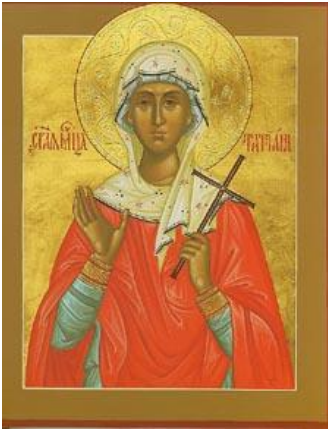
Tuesday, January 14th – Bible Study at 6:30pm in the church basement

Great Blessing of Water – Time, Date, and Location TBD

The Pan-Orthodox Christian Brotherhood of Greater Philadelphia has NOT announced as of the printing of the bulletin any information regarding the Great Blessing of Water in Philadelphia. Once information has been confirmed, it will be announced in church, in the bulletin, thru emails, and on our parish's media platforms.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – SUNDAY JANUARY 26, 2020 after Divine Liturgy in the church basement

Soup N' Bowl V Challenge – Sunday February 2, 2020 after Divine Liturgy (including Stews & Chili)! We are looking for participants to prepare their best soup, stew, or chili and faceoff against each other once again. The parishioners & guest will indulge in each dish & cast a ballot for which one they enjoy the most. Additional details to follow!



Martyr Tatiana of Rome, and those who suffered with Her [January 12th]

The Holy Virgin Martyr Tatiana was born into an illustrious Roman family, and her father was elected consul three times. He was secretly a Christian and raised his daughter to be devoted to God and the Church. When she reached the age of maturity, Tatiana decided to remain a virgin, betrothing herself to Christ. Disdaining earthly riches, she sought instead the imperishable wealth of Heaven. She was made a deaconess in one of the Roman churches and served God in fasting and prayer, tending the sick and helping the needy.

When Rome was ruled by the sixteen-year-old Alexander Severus (222-235), all power was concentrated in the hands of the regent Ulpian, an evil enemy and persecutor of Christians. Christian blood flowed like water. Tatiana was also arrested, and they brought her into the temple of Apollo to force her to offer sacrifice to the idol. The saint began praying, and suddenly there was an earthquake. The idol was smashed into pieces, and part of the temple collapsed and fell down on the pagan priests and many pagans. The demon inhabiting the idol fled screeching from that place. Those present saw its shadow flying through the air.

Then they tore holy virgin's eyes out with hooks, but she bravely endured everything, praying for her tormentors that the Lord would open their spiritual eyes. And the Lord heard the prayer of His servant. The executioners saw four angels encircle the saint and beat her tormentors. A voice was heard from the heavens speaking to the holy virgin. Eight men believed in Christ and fell on their knees before Saint Tatiana, begging them to forgive them their sin against her. For confessing themselves Christians they were tortured and executed, receiving Baptism by blood.

The next day Saint Tatiana was brought before the wicked judge. Seeing her completely healed of all her wounds, they stripped her and beat her, and slashed her body with razors. A wondrous fragrance then filled the air. Then she was stretched out on the ground and beaten for so long that the servants had to be replaced several times. The torturers became exhausted and said that an invisible power was beating them with iron rods. Indeed, the angels warded off the blows directed at her and turned them upon the tormentors, causing nine of them to fall dead. They then threw the saint in prison, where she prayed all night and sang praises to the Lord with the angels.

A new morning began, and they took Saint Tatiana to the tribunal once more. The torturers beheld with astonishment that after such terrible torments she appeared completely healthy and even more radiant and beautiful than before. They began to urge her to offer sacrifice to the goddess Diana. The saint seemed agreeable, and they took her to the heathen temple. Saint Tatiana made the Sign of the Cross and began to pray. Suddenly, there was a crash of deafening thunder, and lightning struck the idol, the sacrificial offerings and the pagan priests.

Once again, the martyr was fiercely tortured. She was hung up and scraped with iron claws, and her breasts were cut off. That night, angels appeared to her in prison and healed her wounds as before. On the following day, they took Saint Tatiana to the circus and loosed a hungry lion on her. The beast did not harm the saint, but meekly licked her feet.

As they were taking the lion back to its cage, it killed one of the torturers. They threw Tatiana into a fire, but the fire did not harm the martyr. The pagans, thinking that she was a sorceress, cut her hair to take away her magical powers, then locked her up in the temple of Zeus.

On the third day, pagan priests came to the temple intending to offer sacrifice to Zeus. They beheld the idol on the floor, shattered to pieces, and the holy martyr Tatiana joyously praising the Lord Jesus Christ. The judge then condemned the valiant sufferer to be beheaded with a sword. Her father was also executed with her, because he had raised her to love Christ.