

## Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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### Sunday, June 28, 2020 | 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 2 – Translation of the Relics of the Holy and  
Wonderworking Unmercenaries Cyrus and John (412)  
All Saints of Britain and Ireland

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### Weekly Schedule

The city and state are **STILL** in the **Yellow Zone**. What this means for the parish is that it can host up to 25 parishioners for the liturgical services.

Please note that attendance for the services listed below for this week while the city is in the **Yellow Zone** will still be by the invitation-only guidelines set by the parish council.

Monday: June 29 – Divine Liturgy at **9:00AM** for the Feast of The Holy, Glorious, and All Praised Leaders of the Apostles, Peter and Paul

Saturday: July 4 - Great Vespers at **4:00PM!**

Sunday: July 5 – Ven. Athanasius, Founder of the Great Lavra  
Reading of Hours – 9:30am  
Divine Liturgy – 10:00am

## 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 5 – Cyrus and John)**

Thou hast given us the miracles of Thy martyrs, Cyrus and John, / as an invincible rampart, O Christ God; / through their prayers, frustrate the plans of the heathens, / and strengthen the faith of the Orthodox Christians, // for Thou alone art good and the lover of man.

### **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 3 – Cyrus and John)**

Having received the gift of miracles through divine grace, O saints, / ye work wonders in the world unceasingly. / Ye remove all of our passions through your invisible surgery, / divinely-wise Cyrus and glorious John, // for ye are truly divine physicians.

### **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: Romans 5:1-10**

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

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: Matthew 6:22-33**

The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

**Communion Hymn:**

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise him in the highest! Alleluia (3x's)

**“Be the first to arrive at church for services and the last to leave, especially for the Divine Liturgy.”**

*St Symeon the Studite (also called Symeon the Pious; +1021)*

**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

A special **Thank You** goes out to Matthew Andrews and Subdeacon Daniel (Ken) Kavalkovich [remotely] who spent late Tuesday afternoon getting the air conditioning unit up and running for use during Vespers Liturgy Tuesday night and the rest of the summer. Hopefully with their mechanical knowledge and skills, we will not incur any more problems in the A/C unit this summer. May God Grant them many healthy and blessed years...(and a comfortable summer!!!)

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While the city is still in the **YELLOW ZONE PHASE**, the parish is still taking precautions regarding the guidelines established by the civil authorities, the CDC, and our own spiritual leaders in the OCA and our Diocese. When attending services in church, please follow what has been established and approved by our parish council. Besides the safe distancing at all times, wearing mask, and getting your temperature checked before entering the church, additional items will be followed:

- \* entering and exiting the church will occur through the upper front doors with temperature checks when entering. The front door will remain open to reduce hand contact with the door,
- \* Community candles will be on the candle stands and lit prior to liturgy to reduce movement of parishioners within the church. Please leave any candle donations in the basket near the candle desk. Also, please identify the donation is for candles and if you choose, record who you are praying for by writing the names on the candle list,
- \* No collection/donation baskets will be passed and used. Please leave your offering in the basket near the candle desk in the vestibule.

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### **YELLOW ZONE PHASE in the city and state:**

In this phase, the most severe restrictions go away, including the stay at home order. But other mitigation efforts remain in place as more of the economy begins to reopen. Restrictions are adjusted as necessary based on public health indicators.

**Events:** Large gatherings of more than 25 people are prohibited.

**Business:** Businesses with in-person operations must follow safety orders, but working remotely must continue when feasible. Personal care services, such as hair salons and barbershops, remain closed. In-person retail allowed, but curbside and delivery service is preferable.

**Dining and Recreation:** Restaurants and bars remain limited to takeout and delivery only, but restaurants can open for outdoor dining. Indoor recreation, gyms, spas, and entertainment facilities (including casinos and theaters) remain closed.

Once a county is in the yellow phase, it will closely be monitored for increased risk, such as significant outbreaks. If the risk remains low for 14 days, it will be cleared to move to the **GREEN** Phase.



**Announcements** (cont.)

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

**Health for the Living:**

M/M Gregory D Walker (1st Anniversary) offered by Pellack Family  
Anthony and Lisa (newly Chrismated) offered by the Pellack Family  
All Fathers on this Father's Day offered by the Parish

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

**Memory for the Departed:**

Margaret Pellack offered by Jan Ursinyi  
All Fathers on this Father's Day offered by the Parish

**May Their Memories Be Eternal**

**Vigil Cross Candles – 6/21/20:**

Two Small Vigil Crosses – Memory of John and Margaret Pellack offered  
by David Pellack and the Pellack & Walker Family

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**Please remember in your prayers:**

Anthony and Lisa Colona on their Chrismation into the church that occurred on Saturday, June 20 before Great Vespers.  
May God Grant the both of you Many Happy, Healthy Years!!

Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary to Michael and Joyce Spack on Saturday, June 20! May God Grant the both of you Many Happy, Healthy Years!!

The Brown Family; Grace Corba; Emily Gerasimoff (rehab after surgery); Protodeacon Joseph Edwards; The Gerty Family; Sandra Hourahan (recovery from surgery); Albert Kavalkovich (hospitalization); Ronald Kavalkovich (continuous recovery); Jane Kelly (surgery); Sheba Patton (hospitalization); Heather Parsells and her unborn child; Robert Wanenchak (rehab after surgery); Father John Bohush (retired); and all those who are serving in our Armed Forces!

Peter Witiak wishes to "Thank" everyone for their cards and prayers while he was recovering from surgery. It truly meant a lot to him for you thinking of him during his recovery.

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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 (June)

Week of Sun Jun 14 to Sat Jun 20

June Month to Date

Attendance:	25	23 (average)
<i>(COVID19 Pandemic Limitations on gathering of groups of no more than 25 people)</i>		
Funds In:	\$ 1,281.00	\$ 6,328.68
Funds Out:	\$11,226.24	\$23,144.41
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	(\$ 9,945.24)	(\$16,815.73)

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** – Currently no permanent event is scheduled.
- 5th Sunday of each quarter** – Quarterly Parish Council Meeting after Liturgy.

### **Readers Schedule:**

	Today (Jun 28)	Next Week (Jul 5)
3rd Hour :	Michael Wanenchak	Matthew Andrews
6th Hour:	Matthew Andrews	Lena Helen
Epiistle:	Dr. David Albrecht	Subdeacon Daniel Kavalkovich & John Spack

### **Fellowship Coffee Hour & Cleaning Teams:**

Today (Jun 28): Saint Agatha of Belo-Russia  
(Nina Patterson, Natalie Patterson, Michael Spack).

Next Week (Jul 5): Saint Elizabeth - New Martyr  
(Emily Gerasimoff and Sandra Hourahan).

**(NOTE: Once the parish resumes the Fellowship Coffee Hour in a normal fashion, we will continue with the Teams where we let off back on Sunday, March 22, which will be the Saint Agatha of Belo Russia group (Nina Patterson, Natalie Patterson, and Michael Spack).**

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### **Service Schedule at our Parish (Month of June/July)**

**Our State & City civil authorities have eased restrictions on the number of parishioners who can attend services (up to 25 individuals in an indoor facility).**

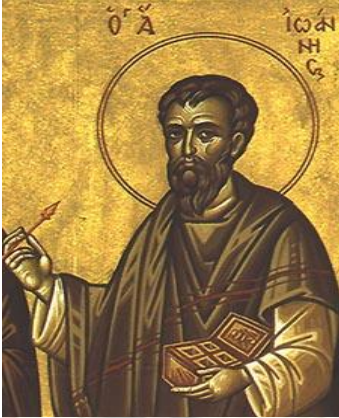
**Please continue to check our parish website, social media pages, and your emails regularly for updated information on the parish regarding parish services in the month of June and July.**

Services scheduled to be held and Live Streamed in June and July

- \*\* Monday, June 29 – Divine Liturgy – 9:00am \*\*
- \*\* Saturday, July 4 - Great Vespers – 4:00pm \*\*
- \*\* Sunday, July 5 – Divine Liturgy – 10:00am \*\*

[The above services are planned to be streamed & by invitation only guidelines]





## **Translation of the Relics of the holy and wonderworking Unmercenaries Cyrus and John [June 28th]**

The Transfer of the Relics of the Holy Martyrs, Unmercenaries and Wonderworkers, Cyrus and John from the city of Konopa, near Alexandria (where they suffered in the year 311) to the nearby village of Manuphin, took place in the year 412. This Egyptian village prompted fear in everyone, since in a former time there was a pagan temple inhabited by evil spirits. Patriarch Theophilus (385-412) wanted to cleanse this place of demons, but he died. His wish was fulfilled by his successor in the See of Alexandria, the holy Patriarch Cyril (412-444). He prayed fervently in carrying out this project. An angel of the Lord appeared in a vision to the hierarch and commanded the venerable relics of Saints Cyrus and John be transferred to Manuphin. His Holiness Patriarch Cyril did the angel's bidding and built a church at Manuphin in the name of the holy martyrs.

From that time this place was purified of the Enemy's influence, and by the prayers of the holy Martyrs Cyrus and John there began to occur many miracles, healings of the sick and infirm. An account Saints Cyrus and John is located under January 31.





**Re-Opening Plan: Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church (May 19, 2020)**  
**Timing of the opening:**

We are under church, city, state, and federal requirements with **NO DATE** or **TIME** to open our church. We await, especially, our local authorities.

**Required regular cleaning of the church nave and altar:**

Follow CDC guidelines, cleaning after every service. There should be no veneration of icons, crosses, the chalice, or the priest's hand. We can use a blend of our coffee hour crews and others for cleaning. This is not a one or two-person job. The altar will be cleaned after all services by the priest, the deacon, the sacristan, and altar servers. The nave, the narthex, and the choir loft will also be cleaned after each service.

**List of regular and guest participants in services:**

This could be difficult but Father Mark is generating a list with all parish members, their function, and their status (age, med. condition, and such). Due to privacy, this **WILL NOT** be published for the parish. He believes that the vast majority of our parishioners will fit into the first tier, permitted to go to all services. There is a small minority that will be in the second tier right now due to age mostly.

*\*As Rector, he is going to recommend to the Archbishop that the age requirement be waived because it is arbitrary in our parish life. We have no parishioners in nursing homes, the hospital, symptoms of the virus, so we can be more flexible. However, coming to church is voluntary. Some folks may desire to wait for various reasons. They will not be judged for caution.*

**Other Liturgical and Sacramental events:**

The priest may now visit none virus parishioners at home.

We will be restarting weekly Saturday Vespers on Saturday, May 23, 2020. This is **NOT OPEN** to anyone. Father Mark will email or call the parishioners that can attend. If you **DO NOT** receive an email or call, you **ARE NOT** permitted to attend.

Baptisms, Full Marriages, Chrismation's, and Funerals in the church are still **Prohibited!**

**Streaming services and Education:**

Streaming services will continue indefinitely. We have an IT group that is working on new equipment. The monthly bible study will be zoomed, along with virtual coffee hour. Our Adult Education classes are now weekly. They are available on our Facebook and our website. The church school has had one zooming class so far and planning another very soon.

**Other Mandatory items from the Archbishop:**

Masks are required for everyone excluding altar servers and choir.

The social distance must be maintained and will be marked at 6 feet.

It is possible because of the size of our building to have about 30 folks in the nave and then add choir members and altar servers. This will be about 50 spaces. Families may sit together.

The choir will need to go back to the front of the nave. (*\*Father Mark is trying to talk to the Archbishop about this requirement. If it changes, we will let you know.*)

The canonical method of receiving communion will remain the same.

**Practical matters:**

We have usually every Liturgy two folks that stand in the narthex. They will become our door wardens and regulate masks and temperatures.

We have 200 masks and will disturb those who don't have any. If you do have one, please make sure you bring it with you to church.

We have purchased a thermometer and our door wardens will be taking everyone's temperature when they arrive. As per the CDC, a person is considered to have a fever when he or she has a measured temperature of 100.4° F (38° C) or greater.

If your temperature is above the 100.4° F (38° C) or greater, you will be asked to **NOT** attend for the safety of others.

Coffee Hour **WILL NOT** resume until further notice.

In addition, the following will also be applied during church services:

Community candles will be on the candle stands and lit prior to liturgy to reduce movement of parishioners within the church. Please leave any candle donations in the basket near the candle desk. Also, please identify the donation is for candles and if you choose, record who you are praying for by writing the names on the candle

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