

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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Sunday, August 23, 2020 | 11th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 2 – Leavetaking of the Dormition

Martyr Lupus, slave of Saint Demetrius of Thessalonica (4th c.)

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Weekly Schedule

Saturday: August 29 – Divine Liturgy at **10:00AM** for the Beheading of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord, John.

STRICT FAST DAY!

Saturday: August 29 - Great Vespers at **4:00PM!**

Sunday: August 30 – Saint Alexander, Saint John, and Saint Paul

Reading of Hours – 9:30am

Divine Liturgy – 10:00am

Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy.

Sunday: August 30 – Quarterly Parish Council Meeting to be held after Divine Liturgy.

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 1 – Dormition)

In giving birth thou didst preserve thy virginity. / In falling asleep thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos. / Thou wast translated to life, O Mother of Life, // and by thy prayers thou dost deliver our souls from death.

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 – Dormition)

Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos, / who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions. / For being the Mother of Life, / she was translated to life // by the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb.

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.

Another Prokeimenon (Theotokos) (Tone 3)

My soul doth magnify the Lord, / any my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:2-12

If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. My defense to those who examine me is this: Do we have no right to eat and drink? Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working? Who ever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock? Do I say these things as a mere man? Or does not the law say the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses, “You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain.” Is it oxen God is concerned about? Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things? If others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ.

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)
- v. Arise, O Lord, into Thy resting place: Thou and the Ark of Thy sanctification! Alleluia (3x's) [TONE 2]

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:23-35

Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses.

Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing in Tone 1:

Refrian: The Angels, as they looked upon the Dormition of the Virgin, were struck with wonder, seeing how the Virgin went up from earth to heaven.

Heirmos: The limits of nature are overcome in thee, O Pure Virgin: for birthgiving remains virginal, and life is united to death; a virgin after childbearing and alive after death, thou dost ever save thine inheritance, O Theotokos.

Communion Hymn:

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise him in the highest!
I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. Alleluia (3x's)

*[Note: Today's readings for the Leavetaking of the Dormition are as follows:
Epistle – Philippians 2:5-11 and Gospel - Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28]*

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

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO THE BACKPACK PROGRAM!

The Deadline has past for supply donations. The backpacks are being put together and will be forward shortly to the educational group in a timely manner so that the school children receive the backpacks by the start of the school year. A Thank You to Matushka Janine McCartney for spearheading this annual project.

Heating, Ventilation and Cooling Units Project!

The parish is beginning a campaign to raise \$40,000 to replace the old HVAC units. We will be offering the following as a fundraiser:

- 1) the commissioning of crocheted afghans and crocheted baby items;
- 2) accepting monetary donations;
- 3) the offering and scheduling of silent auctions; and
- 4) the offering of icons and rare hard to find icons for sale.

Proceeds will go to the HVAC project. All items will be preorders. If you are interested in purchasing commissioned afghans, baby items, or rare icons, please contact Matushka Janine for a full catalogue of items. Thank you for your support.

AMAZON SMILE!

When ordering online on Amazon.com, please make sure to click on Amazon Smile and select our church - Assumption of the Holy Virgin Russian Orthodox Church - to have a small percentage of your purchases (0.5%) to be contributed to our church. For more information on the Amazon purchase process, please speak with any member of the parish council. Thank You!

Wool Donations:

The Parish is now accepting either actual donations of wool or monetary donations to purchase wool to knit blankets and hats. Please see Dr. Janine McCartney for more details on this project.

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Barbara Andrews offered by David Pellack

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Albert Kavalkovich offered by Barbara Andrews
Albert Kavalkovich offered by M/M K Kavalkovich
Richard Coan offered by Anna Coan
Albert Kavalkovich offered by Anna Coan
Anna Homa offered by Ron Homa
Albert Kavalkovich offered by M/M C Jones
Albert Kavalkovich offered by Alex Kavalkovich

May Their Memories Be Eternal

Vigil Cross Candles – 8/16/20:

One Large Votive Cross – Memory of Albert Kavalkovich on his 40th Day
offered by Emily Gerasimoff.

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Please remember in your prayers:

The Brown Family; Grace Corba; Protodeacon Joseph Edwards; The Gerty Family; Ronald Kavalkovich (continuous recovery); Jane Kelly (recovery); Sheba Patton (recovery); Heather Parsells and her unborn child; Father John Bohush (retired); and all those who are serving in our Armed Forces!

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CORRECTIONS: Last Sunday’s Bulletin (August 16, 2020) erroneously noted that on Sunday, August 30 after Divine Liturgy there would be a “Quarterly Property Committee Meeting”. There is no Property Committee Meeting on that date!!! What it should have read instead was “Quarterly Parish Council Meeting”. We apologize for any confusion this has caused!!

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 (August)

Week of Sun Aug 9 to Sat Aug 15

August Month-to-Date

Attendance:	32	34 (average)
<i>(COVID19 Pandemic Limitations on gathering of groups of no more than 50 people)</i>		
Funds In:	\$ 2,060.05	\$ 4,455.91
Funds Out:	\$ 1,546.50	\$11,392.44
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 513.55	(\$ 6,936.53)

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 (Aug 23)	Next Week (Aug 30)
3rd Hour :	Michael Spack	Michael Wanenchak
6th Hour:	Matthew Andrews	Lena Helen
Epistle:	Reader Mark Klus and Michael Wanenchak	Matthew Andrews

Fellowship Coffee Hour & Cleaning Teams:

Today (Aug 23): Saint John of Kronstadt
(Lena Helen, Paul Filanowski, Matthew Andrews, Martha Palubniak).

Next Week (Aug 30): Saint Alexis of Wilkes-Barre
(John Spack, Debbie Kavalkovich, David Pellack).

(NOTE: The parish has now resumed the Fellowship Coffee Hour in its normal fashion and is continuing with the Team cycle).

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

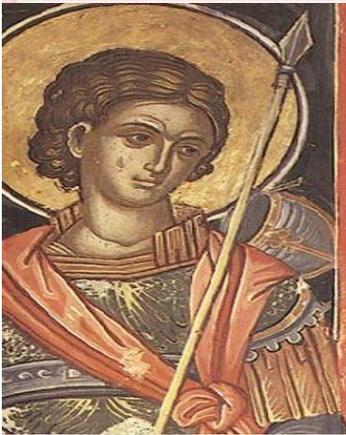
Saturday, August 29 – The Beheading of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord, John. *STRICT FAST DAY!*

Sunday, August 30 – Quarterly PARISH COUNCIL Meeting!

Tuesday, September 1 – Church New Year!

Tuesday, September 8 – Nativity of the Theotokos. The Service schedule for this Feast Day is still To Be Determined!

Monday, September 14 – Elevation of the Precious Cross. The Service schedule for this Holy Day is still To Be Determined! *STRICT FAST DAY!*



Martyr Lupus, slave of Saint Demetrius of Thessalonica
[August 23rd]

The Martyr Lupus lived at the end of the third century and beginning of the fourth century, and was a faithful servant of the holy Great Martyr Demetrius of Thessalonica (October 26). Being present at the death of his master, he soaked his own clothing with his blood and took a ring from his hand. With this clothing, and with the ring and the name of the Great Martyr Demetrius, Saint Lupus worked

many miracles at Thessalonica. He destroyed pagan idols, for which he was subjected to persecution by the pagans, but he was preserved unharmed by the power of God.

Saint Lupus voluntarily delivered himself into the hands of the torturers, and by order of the emperor Maximian Galerius, he was beheaded by the sword.

