

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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Sunday, September 20, 2020 | 15th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 6 – Sunday After the Exaltation of the Cross

Afterfeast of the Exaltation of the Cross

Greatmartyr Eustathius (Eustace), his wife, and their children

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Weekly Schedule

Saturday: September 26 – First Day of Church School beginning at **1:45PM.**

Saturday: September 26 - Great Vespers at **4:00PM!**

Sunday: September 27 – Martyr Callistratus and his company

Reading of Hours – 9:30am

Divine Liturgy – 10:00am

Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Sunday: September 27 – Sunday Church School after communion.

Sunday: September 27 – Special Parish Meeting after Divine Liturgy. Only ONE topic will be discussed: Repairs to the concrete sidewalk on the Snyder Avenue side of the church.

Texts for the Liturgical Service

Troparion (Tone 6)

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; / the guards became as dead men. / Mary stood by Thy grave, / seeking Thy most pure body. / Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. / Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. // O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

Troparion (Tone 1 – Elevation of the Cross)

O Lord, save Thy people / and bless Thine inheritance! / Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians / over their adversaries; / and by virtue of Thy Cross, // preserve Thy habitation!

Troparion (Tone 4 – Greatmartyr Eustathius)

Thy holy martyr Eustáthius and his wife and sons, O Lord, / through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from Thee, our God. / For having Thy strength, they laid low their adversaries, / and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. // Through their intercessions, save our souls!

Kontakion (Tone 6)

When Christ God the Giver of Life, / raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, / He bestowed resurrection on the human race. // He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Kontakion (Tone 2 – Greatmartyr Eustathius)

Having openly imitated the Passion of Christ, / and having eagerly drunk of His cup, O Eustáthius, / thou becamest a partaker and fellow-heir of His glory, // receiving divine forgiveness from on high from the God of all.

Kontakion (Tone 4 – Elevation of the Cross)

As Thou wast voluntarily raised upon the Cross for our sake, / grant mercy to those who are called by Thy Name, O Christ God; / make all Orthodox Christians glad by thy power, / granting them victories over their adversaries // by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Thy weapon of peace!

Prokeimenon (Tone 7)

Extol the Lord our God; / worship at His footstool for He is holy!
v. The Lord reigns; let the people tremble!

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15

For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed – always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you. And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 1)

- v. Remember Thy congregation, which Thou hast purchased of old! Alleluia (3x's)
- v. God is our King before the ages; He hath worked salvation in the midst of the earth. Alleluia (3x's)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:35-46

Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said to him, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?" They said to Him, "The Son of David." He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying: The LORD said to my Lord, Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool"? If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his Son? And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.

(Instead of "It is truly meet ..., " we sing:)

Magnify, O my soul, the most precious Cross of the Lord!

Thou art a mystical Paradise, O Theotokos, / who, though untilled, hast brought forth Christ; / through Him the life-bearing wood of the Cross was planted on earth. / Now at its exaltation, // as we bow in worship before it, we magnify thee.

Communion Hymn:

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise him in the highest!
The light of Thy countenance has been signed upon us, O Lord. Alleluia (3x's)

*[Note: The readings for the Sunday After the Elevation of the Cross are as follows:
Epistle – Galatians 2:16-20 and Gospel – Mark 8:34-9:1]*

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 Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 27, 2020 after Divine Liturgy in the church basement. This is Notice #2 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. Furthermore, Article IV, Section 4 states The Special Parish Meeting shall be called only for a specific purpose(s), and the said purpose(s) must be stated in the required notice to the Parish members regarding the Special Parish Meeting. The agenda of any Special Parish Meeting shall be limited to the purpose(s) stated in the notice pertaining to same.

Purpose of The Special Parish Meeting - ONE Topic Only on the Agenda: *The discussion and decision on repairs to the concrete sidewalk on the Snyder Avenue side of the church building!*

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.

Fundraising Received to Date = \$120 Thank you for your support!

CLEAN UP OF CHURCH SCHOOL ROOM

The church schoolroom has been cleaned up and organized for the upcoming church school calendar year. There are items/articles that are no longer needed to remain in the schoolroom. These items have been placed in the church basement on the table where the food donations are collected and stored.

If you wish, please claim and take any of these items by **TODAY (September 20)!** After Today, they will be either donated to Goodwill or collected during a Bulk Trash pick up day. Thank You!

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Children, Family, and Friends offered by Debbie Kavalkovich
Newborn Adian offered by Debbie Kavalkovich
Angelo Rizzo offered by David Pellack

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Albert Kavalkovich offered by Debbie Kavalkovich
Anna Homa offered by M/M R Homa
Michael & Mary Popelak offered by SMSGT Andrew & Tracy DeVito

May Their Memories Be Eternal

Vigil Cross Candles – 9/13/20:

Two Small Votive Crosses – Memory of Mr. & Mrs. John Pellack offered by the Pellack and Walker Families.

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Please remember in your prayers:

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Theodosius (Retired – Metropolitan of All-America and Canada) as his health has been drastically declining.

The newly baptized Owen Brown (August 29) and his parents Micah & Danielle and siblings Lydia, Everet & Thaddeus. May God Grant Owen and the Brown Family Many Blessed Years!

The infant child Theodore Charles Parsells (born August 23) and his parents Peter & Heather and big brother Luke. May God Grant Theodore and the Parsells Family Many Blessed Years!

Jerome and Darcy Stafford who were chrismated last month (Thursday, August 6 – Feast of the Transfiguration) and for their children Ilija and Moses who were also baptized and chrismated last month (Saturday, August 15 – Feast of the Dormition). May God Grant the Stafford Family Many Blessed Years!

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

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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 (September)

Week of Sun Sep 6 to Sat Sep 12

September Month-to-Date

Attendance:	39	39 (average)
<i>(COVID19 Pandemic Limitations on gathering of groups of no more than 50 people)</i>		
Funds In:	\$ 2,556.26	\$ 3,016.65
Funds Out:	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,213.11
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 2,556.26	\$ 803.54

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:

	<u>Today (Sep 20)</u>	<u>Next Week (Sep 27)</u>
3 rd Hour :	Simon Herbert	Lena Helen
6 th Hour:	David Albrecht	David Pellack
Epistle:	Mark Klus and Michael Spack	Michael Wanenchak

Fellowship Coffee Hour & Cleaning Teams:

Today (Sep 20): Saint Agatha of Belo-Russia
(Nina Patterson, Natalie Patterson, Michael Spack).

Next Week (Sep 27): Saint Elizabeth - New Martyr
(Emily Gerasimoff & Sandra Hourahan).

(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 September.

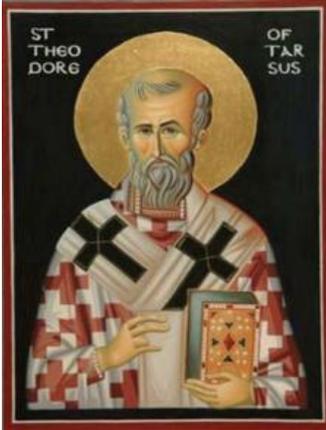
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ATTENTION PARENTS: CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS – SEPTEMBER 26

Church School will be held once a calendar season (a calendar quarter) on a Saturday; and then on Sundays after communion.

Beginning on Saturday, September 26, class will begin at 1:45PM.
At 2:00PM - Discussion with Father Mark in the Sanctuary of the church.
At 2:30PM – Snack Social. At 3:00PM - Crafts and Games. Then at 4:00PM – Vespers.

On Sunday, September 27, the Sunday church school class will be held after communion.



Saint Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury [September 19th]

Saint Theodore was the eighth Archbishop of Canterbury (668-690), and one of England's great saints. He was a Greek from Tarsus, the home of Saint Paul. He was a highly-educated monk living in Rome who was quickly advanced through all the clerical ranks and consecrated as Archbishop of Canterbury at the age of sixty-five. Saint Adrian (January 9), an African who was the abbot of a monastery near Naples, was sent to assist Saint Theodore.

Saint Theodore arrived in Kent in 669, when he was almost seventy. In spite of his age, he was quite energetic, traveling throughout England founding churches and consecrating bishops to fill those Sees which were left vacant by an outbreak of plague. He also created new Sees and established a school in Canterbury where Greek was taught.

In Northumbria, Saint Theodore settled a dispute involving episcopal succession. Saint Wilfrid (October 12) had been elected Bishop of Lindisfarne (the See was later transferred to York), and he traveled to Gaul to be consecrated by a Roman bishop, because he would not accept consecration from a Celtic bishop. In the meantime, Saint Chad, or Ceadda (March 2), had been elected and uncanonically consecrated because Wilfrid remained in Gaul for three years. Although Saint Theodore deposed Saint Chad, he recognized his worthiness to be a bishop. He regularized the consecration, then sent Saint Chad to be Bishop of Mercia. Saint Wilfrid was restored to his See.

Saint Theodore summoned a council of the entire English Church at Hertford in 672. Not only was this the first church council in England, it was the first assembly of any kind attended by representatives from all over the country. In 679 he convened another synod at Hatfield to maintain the purity of Orthodox doctrine and to condemn the heresy of Monothelism.

Saint Theodore fell asleep in the Lord in 690, and his body remained incorrupt for a long time. Under his leadership, the English Church became united in a way that the various tribal kingdoms did not. The diocesan structures which he established continue to serve as the basis for church administration in England. He was respected for his administrative skills, and also for his moral and canonical decisions.