

## Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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### Sunday, October 4, 2020 | 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 8 – Hieromartyr Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens (1<sup>st</sup> c.)

Martyrs Gaius, Faustus, Eusebius, and Chaeremon of Alexandria.

Martyr Peter of Capetolis (3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> c.)

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### Weekly Schedule

Today: Exactly 5 years ago this Sunday, Father Mark served for the first time as an Acting Rector at the parish. He was “on loan” to us from the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. ***May God Grant You Many Blessed Years!!!***

Tuesday: October 6 – Glorification of Saint Innocent

Thursday: October 9 – Glorification of Saint Tikhon

Saturday: October 10 - Great Vespers at **4:00PM!**

Sunday: October 11 – Holy Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council

Reading of Hours – 9:30am

Divine Liturgy – 10:00am

*Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy*

Tuesday: October 13 – Bible Study at **6:30PM** in the church basement.  
Social Distancing guidelines will be followed!

## Texts for the Liturgical Service

### **Troparion (Tone 8)**

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! / Thou didst accept the three day burial / to free us from our sufferings! // O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to thee!

### **Troparion (Tone 1 – Hieromartyr Hierotheus)**

We the faithful all praise Hierótheus, the disciple of Paul, / Hierarch of Athens, / the world's teacher and a preacher of the Faith, / who revealed to us Christ's Mysteries / and poured forth streams of godly ^doctrine. // His life was well-pleasing to God, Who is greatly merciful.

### **Kontakion (Tone 8)**

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrected Adam. / Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, / and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

### **Kontakion (Tone 8 – Hieromartyr Hierotheus)**

Hierarch of Athens, we praise thee / for thou hast instructed us in awesome and ineffable things, / and thou wast revealed to be a divinely-inspired writer of hymns. / Pray that we be delivered from every kind of sin, so that we may cry to thee: // Rejoice, divinely-wise Father Hierotheus!

### **Prokeimenon (Tone 8)**

Pray and make your vows / before the Lord our God!  
v. In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel.

### **Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1**

And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people." Therefore Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you." I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the LORD Almighty." Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 8)

v. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!  
Alleluia (3x's)  
v. Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him  
with songs of praise! Alleluia (3x's)

**Gospel Reading: Luke 6:31-36**

And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

**Communion Hymn:**

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

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**2021 Saint Tikhon's Monastery Calendar - Taking orders now:**

The parish will once again be ordering 2021 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 2021 St Tikhon's calendars is \$6 per calendar. The deadline for ordering these calendars will be: Sunday, November 1, 2020!

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**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**

On **Saturday, October 17 at 10:00AM** here at the parish, the baptism of Theodore Charles Parsells will take place. Peter, Heather, and big brother Luke would like to invite the parishioners in joining with them during this joyous occasion for Theodore

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### **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 = \$125

Thank you for your support!

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### **40 Days For Life – Philadelphia Campaign – Fall Season:**

The 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign has begun (from September 25 to November 1). This campaign of peaceful vigils will occur in ALL 50 states at the same time!

For More Information on the Fall Campaign:

\* Contacts: Monique Ruberu or Pat Stanton at 469.231.9084

\* Email: roobearoo@hotmail.com

\* Website: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/philadelphia>

The 40 Days For Life is not a political organization or a protest group. They stand and pray as a peaceful physical presence and witness for the lives of the unborn, who cannot speak for themselves.

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### **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!

**Announcements** (cont.)

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

**Health for the Living:**

Jane Holefelder offered by Nina Patterson  
Margaret Pich offered by David Pellack  
Lynn, John, and Marc Drimak offered by Sandra Hourahan  
Patricia, Catherine, Barbara, Cortney, offered by K Kavalkovich & Family  
Friends and Family offered by M/M K Kavalkovich & Family

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

**Memory for the Departed:**

John and Julia Drimak offered by Sandra Hourahan  
Albert Kavalkovich offered by M/M K Kavalkovich & Family  
Julia & William Brasko, William Brasko Jr, Marie Fortner, Mary & John Libak, Anna & Michael Bondira, Mary & Michael Spack, Julia & John Drimakl, John Herbert, Joseph Herbert, Christine Ferraro, Albert Kavalkoich, Margaret Pellack, Mary Popelak offered by Nancy Brasko Rabik

**May Their Memories Be Eternal**

**Vigil Cross Candles – 9/27/20:**

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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!

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 20 to Sat Sep 26

September Month-to-Date

Attendance:	35	39 (average)
<i>(COVID19 Pandemic Limitations on gathering of groups of no more than 50 people)</i>		
Funds In:	\$ 1,022.00	\$ 7,946.73
Funds Out:	\$ 239.98	\$ 5,698.28
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 782.02	\$ 2,248.45

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month** – Monthly Panikhida immediately after Divine Liturgy.  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month** – Bible Study at 6:30pm in church basement.  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month** – Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy.  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month** – Currently no permanent event is scheduled.  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month** – Currently no permanent event is scheduled.  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each quarter** – Quarterly Parish Council Meeting after Liturgy.

### Readers Schedule:

	Today (Oct 4)	Next Week (Oct 11)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour :	Matthew Andrews	David Albrecht
6 <sup>th</sup> Hour:	Lena Helen	Simon Herbert
Epistle:	David Albrecht	Subdeacon Kavalkovich and Michael Spack

### Fellowship Coffee Hour & Cleaning Teams:

Today (Oct 4): Saint John Kochurov  
(Daria and Rick LeRoy, Michael Wanenchak).

Next Week (Oct 11): Saint Alexander Hotovitzky  
(Brett McKenna, Tanya Krawchuk, Pete Witiak).

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

**Tuesday, October 13 – Bible Study at 6:30PM in the church basement  
AND is planned to be shown via ZOOM!**

**Saturday, October 24 from 10AM to 3PM– FALL Clean-Up Day Outside of the Parish Properties!**

With the beauty of Autumn comes the falling of the leaves, so the Parish Council and Property Committee are asking everyone available to join them on Saturday, October 24 to help clean up outside the parish properties. Bring your energy, face mask, work gloves, rakes, trash bags, pruners, clippers, loppers, hedge trimmers, weed wackers, etc... Your assistance will be very much appreciated.

*Rain Date: Saturday, October 31 from 10AM to 3PM*

**Sunday, November 1 – Fall General Parish Meeting to be held after Divine Liturgy! This meeting will include the election of parish officers for the following positions: Vice-President (Lena Helen), Treasurer (Ken Kavalkovich), Trustee (Odd Year Term) – (Martha Palubniak). Please remember these are 2-year terms covering 2021-2022 calendar years.**



## Hieromartyr Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens [October 4<sup>th</sup>]

The Hieromartyr Hierotheus, the first Bishop of Athens, was a member of the Athenian Areopagos and was converted to Christ by the Apostle Paul together with Saint Dionysius the Areopagite (October 3).

The saint was consecrated by the Apostle Paul to the rank of bishop. According to Tradition, Bishop Hierotheus was present with Saint Dionysius at the funeral of the Most Holy Theotokos.

Saint Hierotheus died a martyr's death in the first century.

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## The Uncovering of the relics of Saint Gurias, First Archbishop of Kazan, and Saint Barsanuphius, Bishop of Tver [October 4<sup>th</sup>]

The Uncovering of the relics of Saint Gurias, First Archbishop of Kazan, and Saint Barsanuphius, Bishop of Tver, occurred at Kazan in the year 1595. During the construction of a new stone church in honor of the Transfiguration of the Lord at the Savior-Transfiguration monastery, which had been founded by Saint Barsanuphius, graves with the bodies of the holy hierarchs in the altar-wall were uncovered beneath the former wooden church. The unusual aspect of incorrupt graves filled Saint Hermogenes (February 17) with a pious desire to open the graves before a large crowd of the people.

Saint Hermogenes described this event, "We beheld a marvel we had not hoped for. The coffin of the saint was full of fragrant myrrh, like pure water, and the relics of Saint Gurias were above the myrrh, like a sponge. God gave his venerable and hard-working body incorruption, as is now seen by all. Decay touched only very little of the upper lip, his other limbs were whole, and nothing has disappeared. We touched his burial robe and it held up very firm. Then we opened up the coffin of Saint Barsanuphius and we looked upon the relics of Saint Barsanuphius which were blessed by God with little corruption. Decay had touched the feet of the monk, however the bones were not destroyed, and held up quite well. There was no other sign of corruption in the condition of the rest of his relics, the same was for the relics of Saint Gurias. The burial robe of both saints was strong and like new."

Many sick were healed, having been anointed with the holy myrrh flowing from the relics of Saint Gurias.

There is a description of the saints in the Iconographer's Manual under October 4: "In appearance Gurias is grey and bearded, like Basil of Caesarea, with a mitre, omophorion, holding a Gospel in his hands, and dressed in the robes of a hierarch. Barsanuphius is grey and bearded like Gurias, but his is parted at the end. He wears a mitre, the robes of a hierarch, an omophorion and carries the Gospel."

The Life Saint Gurias is found on December 5; and the Life of Saint Barsanuphius on April 11.

In the correspondence from a report of the Archbishop of Cheboksarsk and Chuvash Benjamin (Novitsky), + 14 October 1976, His Holiness Pimen, Patriarch of Moscow gave a blessing to commemorate the Synaxis of all the Kazan hierarchs on the first Sunday after October 4<sup>th</sup>.