

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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Sunday, October 11, 2020 | 18th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 1 – Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council.
Martyrs Zenais (Zinaida) & Philonilla, of Tarsus in Cilicia.
Holy Apostle Philip of the Seventy, one of the Seven Deacons (1st c.)

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Weekly Schedule

- Tuesday: Bible Study at **6:30PM** in the church basement.
Social Distancing guidelines will be followed!
- Saturday: October 17 at **10:00AM** the Baptism of Theodore Charles Parsells
will be held at our parish.
- Saturday: October 17 - Great Vespers at **4:00PM!**
- Sunday: October 18 – Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke
Reading of Hours – 9:30am
Divine Liturgy – 10:00am
Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Texts for the Liturgical Service

Troparion (Tone 1)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, / while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, / Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, / granting life to the world. / The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: / “Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! / Glory to Thy Kingdom! // Glory to Thy dispensation, O thou who lovest of mankind!”

Troparion (Tone 8 – Holy Fathers)

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God! / Thou hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth. / Through them Thou hast guided us to the true Faith. // O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

Kontakion (Tone 1)

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, / raising the world with Thyself. / Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. / Adam exults, O Master! / Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee: // “Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

Kontakion (Tone 6 – Holy Fathers)

The Son who shone forth from the Father / was ineffably born, two-fold in nature, of a woman. / Having beheld Him, we do not deny the image of His form, / but depict it piously and revere it faithfully. / Thus, keeping the True Faith, // the Church venerates the icon of Christ Incarnate.

Prokeimenon (Tone 1)

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!

Another Prokeimenon (Tone 4 – Song of the Fathers)

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever!

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: “He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.” Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 1)

- v. God gives vengeance to me, and subdues people under me! Alleluia (3x's)
- v. He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David,
His anointed, and his seed forever. Alleluia (3x's)
- v. The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the
sun to its setting. [TONE 1] Alleluia (3x's)

Gospel Reading: Luke 7:11-16

Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."

Communion Hymn:

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise him in the highest!
Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the upright! Alleluia (3x's)

*[Note: The readings for the Commemoration of the Holy Fathers are as follows:
Epistle – Hebrews 13:7-16 and Gospel – John 17:1-13]*

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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

Fall General Parish Meeting - Sunday, November 1, 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. Discussions will include events since the Annual Parish Meeting; Parish Committee reports; and the election of parish council members for 2021-22 terms (Vice-President, Treasurer, & Trustee (odd-year term) positions).

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!

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.

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:

Frank B offered by David Pellack

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

John Herbert offered by M/M Herbert

May Their Memories Be Eternal

Vigil Cross Candles – 10/4/20:

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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.

His Eminence Archbishop David of Sitka and Alaska, who has been diagnosis with renal cancer. Archbishop David served as a priest in our diocese in Old Forge, Pottstown, and Bethlehem; and also served as Dean of the Philadelphia Deanery.

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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Sidewalk Repair Donations (Week of October 4):

In Memory of John Herbert: Extra Large Block – M/M Sal & Matesy Herbert, Daniel Herbert, and M/M Thomas & Kimberly Herbert.

In Memory of John Herbert: Medium Block – Deacon Michael & Matuska Janine McCartney, Emily Gerasimoff, Julia Forte, and Helen Sheers.

Sidewalk Repair Large Block Donation – Tish Berchtold & Reader Mark Klus

Sidewalk Repair Small Block Donations – Father Mark & Matushka Jan Kozcak | Sheba Patton | M/M Anthony & Lisa Colona

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/October)

Week of Sun Sep 27 to Sat Oct 3

September Month (Unaudited)

Attendance:	45	41 (average)
<i>(COVID19 Pandemic Limitations on gathering of groups of no more than 50 people)</i>		
Funds In:	\$ 3,724.71	\$11,670.60
Funds Out:	\$ 2,661.81	\$ 6,289.37
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 1,062.90	\$ 5,381.23

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 (Oct 11)</u>	<u>Next Week (Oct 18)</u>
3 rd Hour :	David Albrecht	David Pellack
6 th Hour:	Simon Herbert	John Spack
Epistle:	Subdeacon Kavalkovich and Michael Spack	Mark Klus and Matthew Andrews

Fellowship Coffee Hour & Cleaning Teams:

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

Next Week (Oct 18): Saint Bridget of Ireland
(Catherine Kavalkovich, Simon Herbert)

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.

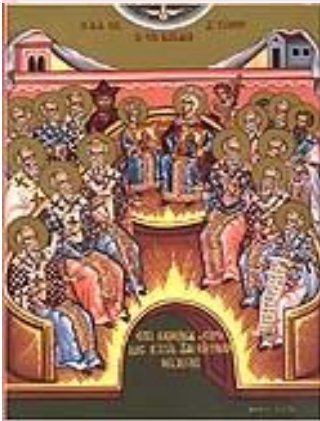
Tuesday, October 13 – Bible Study at 6:30PM in the church basement AND is planned to be shown via ZOOM!

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.



Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council [October 11th]

Today the Church remembers the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council under the holy Patriarch Tarasius (February 25).

The Synod of 787, the second to meet at Nicea, refuted the Iconoclast heresy during the reign of Empress Irene and her son Constantine Porphyrogenitos.

The Council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype (the person depicted). It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because “no man has seen God at any time” (John 1:18).

In Greek practice, the holy God-bearing Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council are commemorated on October 11 (if it is a Sunday), or on the Sunday which follows October 11. According to the Slavic MENAION, however, if the eleventh falls on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, the service is moved to the preceding Sunday.

