

## Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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### Sunday, October 18, 2020 | 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 2 – Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke

Martyr Marinus the Elder at Anazarbus

Venerable Julian the Hermit, of Mesopotamia (4<sup>th</sup> c.)

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### Weekly Schedule

Friday: Holy Apostle James (Jacob), the Brother of the Lord

Saturday: October 24 - Beginning at **10:00AM** until **3:00PM**  
the Fall Outdoor Clean-Up Day around the Parish Properties.  
*[ Rain Date is Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> ]*

Saturday: October 24 - Great Vespers at **4:00PM!**

Sunday: October 25 – Martyrs Marcian and Martyrius the Notaries  
Reading of Hours – 9:30am  
Divine Liturgy – 10:00am  
*Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the 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 5 – Saint Luke)**

Let us praise with sacred songs the holy Apostle Luke, / the recorder of the joyous Gospel of Christ / and the scribe of the Acts of the Apostles; / for his writings are a testimony of the Church of Christ. / He is the physician of human weaknesses and infirmities. / He heals the wounds of our souls, // and constantly intercedes for our salvation.

### **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 – Saint Luke)**

Let us praise the godly Luke; / he is the true preacher of piety, / the orator of ineffable mysteries / and the star of the Church, / for the Word, Who alone knows the hearts of men, // chose him, with the wise Paul, to be a teacher of the Gentiles!

### **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 (Tone 8 – Saint Luke)**

Their Proclamation has gone out into all the earth, / and their words to the ends of the universe!

### **Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9**

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands. It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago – whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows – such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows – how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me. And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 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. The heavens will praise Thy wonders, O Lord, and Thy truth in the congregation of the saints. [TONE 1] Alleluia (3x's)

**Gospel Reading: Luke 8:5-15**

A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold. When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?" And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.' Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out & are choked with cares, riches, & pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it & bear fruit with patience.

**Communion Hymn:**

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise him in the highest!  
 Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe! Alleluia (3x's)

*[Note: The readings for Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke are as follows: Epistle – Colossians 4:5-9, 14, 18 and Gospel – Luke 10:16-21]*

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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 #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. 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).

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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 = \$520                      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:**

Family and Parishioners offered by Nina Patterson

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

**Memory for the Departed:**

Wayne Paulsen offered by Hourahan Family

John Herbert offered by M/M Herbert

**May Their Memories Be Eternal**

**Vigil Cross Candles – 10/11/20:**

One Large Votive Crosses – Memory of Mr. Albert Kavalkovich offered by Stephen Thack.

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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.

The newly baptized Theodore Charles Parsells (October 17) and his parents Peter & Heather and big brother Luke. May God Grant Theodore and the Parsells 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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**Sidewalk Repair Donations (Week of October 11):**

In Memory of John and Anna Homa: Extra Large Block – M/M Ron and Cherly Homa

Sidewalk Repair Donation – Peter Witiak

## 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 (October)**

Week of Sun Oct 4 to Sat Oct 10

October Month to Date

Attendance:	36	36 (average)
<i>(COVID19 Pandemic Limitations on gathering of groups of no more than 50 people)</i>		
Funds In:	\$ 1,061.00	\$ 1,061.84
Funds Out:	\$ 1,234.31	\$ 3,305.03
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	<b>(\$ 173.31)</b>	<b>(\$ 2,243.19)</b>

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:

	<u>Today (Oct 18)</u>	<u>Next Week (Oct 25)</u>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour :	David Pellack	Subdeacon Daniel Kavalkovich
6 <sup>th</sup> Hour:	John Spack	Michael Spack
Epistle:	Mark Klus and Matthew Andrews	David Albrecht

### Fellowship Coffee Hour & Cleaning Teams:

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

Next Week (Oct 25): Saint Raphael of Brooklyn  
(Mark Klus, Tish Berchtold, Barbara Andrews, Sheba Patton).

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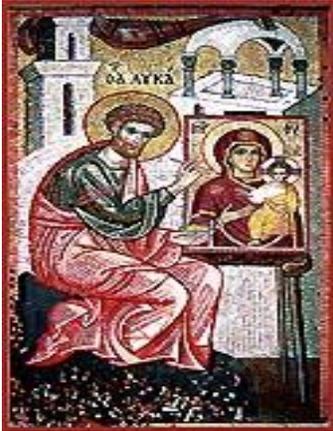
**Please continue to check our parish website, social media pages, and your emails regularly for updated information on the parish regarding parish services in October.**

### **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.**



## Apostle and Evangelist Luke [October 18<sup>th</sup>]

Today the Church remembers the Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke, who was a native of Syrian Antioch, a companion of the holy Apostle Paul (Phil.1:24, 2 Tim. 4:10-11), and a physician enlightened in the Greek medical arts. Hearing about Christ, Luke arrived in Palestine and fervently accepted the preaching of salvation from the Lord Himself. As one of the Seventy Apostles, St Luke was sent by the Lord with the others to preach the Kingdom of Heaven during the Savior's earthly life (Luke 10:1-3). After the Resurrection, the Lord Jesus Christ appeared to Saints Luke and Cleopas on the road to Emmaus.

Luke accompanied St Paul on his second missionary journey, and from that time they were inseparable. When Paul's coworkers had forsaken him, only

Luke remained to assist him in his ministry (2 Tim. 4:10-11). After the martyric death of the First-Ranked Apostles Peter and Paul, St Luke left Rome to preach in Achaia, Libya, Egypt and the Thebaid. He ended his life by suffering martyrdom in the city of Thebes.

Tradition credits St Luke with painting the first icons of the Mother of God. "Let the grace of Him Who was born of Me and My mercy be with these Icons," said the All-Pure Virgin after seeing the icons. St Luke also painted icons of the First-Ranked Apostles Peter and Paul. St Luke's Gospel was written in the years 62-63 at Rome, under the guidance of the Apostle Paul. In the preliminary verses (1:1-3), St Luke precisely sets forth the purpose of his work. He proposes to record, in chronological order, everything known by Christians about Jesus Christ and His teachings. By doing this, he provided a firmer historical basis for Christian teaching (1:4). He carefully investigated the facts, and made generous use of the oral tradition of the Church and of what the All-Pure Virgin Mary Herself had told him (2:19, 51).

In St Luke's Gospel, the message of the salvation made possible by the Lord Jesus Christ, and the preaching of the Gospel, are of primary importance.

St Luke also wrote the Acts of the Holy Apostles at Rome around 62-63 A.D. The Book of Acts, which is a continuation of the four Gospels, speaks about the works and the fruits of the holy Apostles after the Ascension of the Savior. At the center of the narrative is the Council of the holy Apostles at Jerusalem in the year 51, a Church event of great significance, which resulted in the separation of Christianity from Judaism and its independent dissemination into the world (Acts 15:6-29). The theological focus of the Book of Acts is the coming of the Holy Spirit, Who will guide the Church "into all truth" (John 16:13) until the Second Coming of Christ.

The holy relics of St Luke were taken from Constantinople and brought to Padua, Italy at some point in history. Perhaps this was during the infamous Crusade of 1204. In 1992, Metropolitan Hieronymus (Jerome) of Thebes requested the Roman Catholic bishop in Thebes to obtain a portion of St Luke's relics for the saint's empty sepulchre in the Orthodox cathedral in Thebes.

The Roman Catholic bishop Antonio Mattiazzo of Padua, noting that Orthodox pilgrims came to Padua to venerate the relics while many Catholics did not even know that the relics were there, appointed a committee to investigate the relics in Padua, and the skull of St Luke in the Catholic Cathedral of St Vico in Prague.

The skeleton was determined to be that of an elderly man of strong build. In 2001, a tooth found in the coffin was judged to be consistent with the DNA of Syrians living near the area of Antioch dating from 72-416 A.D. The skull in Prague perfectly fit the neck bone of the skeleton. The tooth found in the coffin in Padua was also found to fit the jawbone of the skull.