

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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Sunday, November 8, 2020 | 22nd Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 5– Synaxis of the Archangel Michael and the other Bodiless Powers:
Archangel Gabriel, Archangel Raphael, Archangel Uriel, Archangel Selaphiel,
Archangel Jeguidiel, and Archangel Barachiel.

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Weekly Schedule

Tuesday: November 10 - Bible Study at **6:30PM** in the church basement.
Social Distancing guidelines will be followed!

Wednesday: November 11 - Veterans Day

Saturday: November 14 – Silent Auction and Baking Project

Saturday: November 14 - Great Vespers at **4:00PM!**

Sunday: November 15 – Holy Martyrs Gurias, Samonas, & Abibus
Reading of Hours – 9:30am
Divine Liturgy – 10:00am
Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Sunday: November 15 – Beginning of Advent (The Nativity Fast!!!)

Sunday: November 15 - Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy
in the church basement school room.

Sunday: November 15 – Deacon's Turkey for the Food Pantry Project

Texts for the Liturgical Service

Troparion (Tone 5)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, / co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, / born for our salvation from the Virgin; / for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, / to endure death, / and to raise the dead // by His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion (Tone 4 – Bodiless Powers)

O Commanders of the heavenly hosts, / we who are unworthy beseech you: / by your prayers encompass us beneath the wings of your immaterial glory, / and faithfully preserve us who fall down and cry to you: // Deliver us from all harm, for you are the Commanders of the Powers on high!

Kontakion (Tone 5)

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, / shattering its gates as Almighty, / resurrecting the dead as Creator, / and destroying the sting of death. / Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, // and we cry to Thee: “O Lord, save us!”

Kontakion (Tone 2 – Bodiless Powers)

Commanders of God’s armies / and ministers of the divine glory, / princes of the bodiless angels / and guides of mankind; / ask for what is good for us, and for great mercy, // O Supreme Commanders of the Bodiless Hosts.

Prokeimenon (Tone 5)

Thou, O Lord, shall protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever!
v. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.

Another Prokeimenon (Tone 4)

He makes His Angels spirits, / and His ministers a flame of fire.

Epistle Reading: Galatians 6:11-18

See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 5)

- v. I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation. Alleluia (3x's)
- v. For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens. Alleluia (3x's)
- v. Praise Him, all His Angels, praise Him, all His hosts! [TONE 5] Alleluia (3x's)

Gospel Reading: Luke 8:41-56

And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him. Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me." Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace." While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher." But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well." When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl. Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead. But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Little girl, arise." Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat. And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

Communion Hymn:

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest!
He makes His Angels spirits, and His ministers a flame of fire. Alleluia (3x's)

*[Note: The readings for the Bodiless Powers are as follows:
Epistle – Hebrews 2:2-10 and Gospel - Luke 10:16-21]*

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

2020 Fall General Parish Meeting (Summation):

On Sunday, November 1, 2020, the parish held its Fall General Parish Meeting. Along with holding the election of parish council officers for the 2021-2022 calendar years, the meeting consisted of a visual presentation by the Parish President on the work performed this summer on the church roof and cupulas; a report update by the parish property committee, led by Sandra Hourahan, on the parish properties; and detail conversation on the new parish development committee and its suggestions and upcoming goals. Also, the parish had to vote between two parishioners running for the parish Vice-President position.

Minutes for this meeting will be made available and posted on the bulletin board once they have been compiled by the secretary and reviewed by the parish council.

With that said, here are your 2021 Parish Council Officers:

- Parish Spiritual Leader: Father Mark Koczak
- Parish President: Matthew Andrews (2020-2021)
- Parish Vice President: Brett McKenna (2021-2022)
- Parish Secretary: Natalie Patterson (2020-2021)
- Parish Treasurer: Kenneth Kavalkovich (2021-2022) - [2nd consecutive term on council]
- Parish Trustee (Even Year): Peter Parsells (2020-2021)
- Parish Trustee (Odd Year): Eric Anderson (2021-2022)
- Parish Immediate Past President: Peter Parsells

We would like to thank out-going council members Lena Helen (vice president) and Martha Palubniak (trustee) for their time and work performed while serving on the parish council over the past few years.

Next year at the Fall General Parish Meeting, the positions of Parish President, Parish Secretary, and Parish Trustee (Even Year) will be the only positions available to elect parish council officers for a two-year

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 = \$660

Thank you for your support!

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Thomas and Kimberly Herbert (Anniversary) offered by M/M Herbert
Damian Kavalkovich (18th Birthday) offered by Catherine Kavalkovich

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Mary Herbert (Anniversary), John Herbert offered by M/M Herbert
Irene Kavcsak offered by Nina Patterson
Marc Ferguson offered by Catherine Kavalkovich

May Their Memories Be Eternal

Vigil Cross Candles – 11/1/20:

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Please remember in your prayers:

+ His Beatitude, Metropolitan Theodosius who fell asleep in the Lord on Monday, October 19.
May His Memory Be Eternal! Vetchnaya Pamyat!

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, the Parsells Family, and Godparents Matthew
Andrews and Tanya Krawchuk Many Blessed Years!

Debbie Kavalkovich and the Ferguson Family on the falling asleep of her brother Marc; 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 November 1):

In Memory of Albert Kavalkovich: Small Block – Catherine Kavalkovich

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 25 to Sat Oct 31

October Month-to-Date

Attendance:	38	40 (average)
<i>(COVID19 Pandemic Limitations on gathering of groups of no more than 50 people)</i>		
Funds In:	\$ 1,760.08	\$14,875.09
Funds Out:	\$ 0.00	\$11,585.34
Net Surplus/ (Deficit) :	\$ 1,760.08	\$ 3,289.75

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 (Nov 8)</u>	<u>Next Week (Nov 15)</u>
3 rd Hour :	Matthew Andrews	Reader Mark Klus
6 th Hour:	David Albrecht	Michael Wanenchak
Epistle:	Subdeacon D. Kavalkovich and David Pellack	Lena Helen

Fellowship Coffee Hour & Cleaning Teams:

Today (Nov 8): Saint John of Kronstadt
(Lena Helen, Paul Filanowski, Matthew Andres, Martha Palubniak).

Next Week (Nov 15): Saint Alexis of Wilkes-Barre
(John Spack, Debbie Kavalkovich, David Pellack).

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

Tuesday, November 10 – Bible Study at 6:30PM in Church Basement and on the ZOOM Media platform.

Saturday, November 14 – Parish Silent Auction and Baking Project

Sunday, November 15 – Property Committee Meeting after Liturgy

Sunday, November 15 – Deacon's Turkey for the Food Pantry Project
(Frozen Turkey Donations to be accepted on this day)

Saturday, November 21 – Divine Liturgy at 10:00AM for the Feast Day
(Entrance of Holy Theotokos into the Temple)

Thursday, November 26 - Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 29 – Parish Council Meeting (5th Sunday of Month)

Saturday, December 5 – Indoor Parish Cleaning & Christmas Decorating



Synaxis of the Archangel Michael and the Other Bodiless Powers [November 8th]

The Synaxis of the Chief of the Heavenly Hosts, Archangel Michael and the Other Heavenly Bodiless Powers: Archangels Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Selaphiel, Jehudiel, Barachiel, and Jeremiel was established at the beginning of the fourth century at the Council of Laodicea, which met several years before the First Ecumenical Council. The 35th Canon of the Council of Laodicea condemned and denounced as heretical the worship of angels as gods and rulers of the world, but affirmed their proper veneration.

A Feastday was established in November, the ninth month after March (with which the year began in ancient times) since there are Nine Ranks of Angels. The eighth day of the month was chosen for the Synaxis of all the Bodiless Powers of Heaven since the Day of the Dread Last Judgment is called the Eighth Day by the holy Fathers. After the end of this age (characterized by its seven days of Creation) will come the Eighth Day, and then “the Son of Man shall come in His Glory and all the holy Angels with Him” (Mt. 25:31).

The Angelic Ranks are divided into three Hierarchies: highest, middle, and lowest.

The Highest Hierarchy includes: the Seraphim, Cherubim and Thrones.

The Middle Angelic Hierarchy consists of three Ranks: Dominions, Powers, and Authorities.

The Lowest Hierarchy includes the three Ranks: Principalities, Archangels, and Angels.

Holy Scripture and Tradition give us the names of the other Archangels:

Gabriel: strength (power) of God, herald and servitor of Divine omnipotence (Dan 8:16, Luke 1:26). He announces the mysteries of God. The icon depicts Gabriel with a branch from Paradise, presented by him to the Most Holy Virgin, or with a shining lantern in his right hand and with a mirror made of jasper in his left.

Raphael: the healing of God, the curer of human infirmities (Tobit 3:16, 12:15). The icon shows Raphael holding a vessel with healing medications in his left hand, and with his right hand leads Tobias, carrying a fish for healing (Tobit 5-8).

Uriel: the fire or light of God, enlightener (3 Ezdras 5:20). We pray for him to enlighten those with darkened minds. The icon shows Uriel in his raised right hand holding a naked sword at the level of his chest, and in his lowered left hand “a fiery flame.”

Selaphiel: the prayer of God, impelling to prayer (3 Ezdras 5:16). He prays to God for mankind. Icon depicts Selaphiel in a prayerful posture, gazing downwards, hands folded on the chest.

Jehudiel: the glorifying of God, encouraging exertion for the glory of the Lord and interceding for the reward of efforts. The icon shows Jehudiel holding a golden crown in his right hand, in his left, a whip of three red (or black) thongs.

Barachiel: distributor of the blessings of God for good deeds, entreats the mercy of God for people. The icon depicts Barachiel with a white rose on his breast.

Jeremiel: the raising up to God (3 Ezdras 4:36). The icon shows Jeremiel holding balance-scales in his hand.