

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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Sunday, November 22, 2020 | 24th Sunday After Pentecost
Tone 7– Afterfeast of the Entrance into the Temple. Apostles of the
Seventy Philemon and Archippus, Martyr Apphia, wife of Philemon and
Equal-to-the-Apostles, and Onesius, disciple of St Paul

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Weekly Schedule

Thursday: November 26 - Thanksgiving! Remember to Give Thanks to
God for the Blessings You Have In Your Life!

Saturday: November 28 – Saturday Divine Liturgy at 10:00AM

Saturday: November 28 - Great Vespers at **4:00PM!**

Sunday: November 29 – Martyr Paramon & 370 Martyrs in Bithynia
Reading of Hours – 9:30am
Divine Liturgy – 10:00am
Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Sunday: November 29 – Quarterly Parish Council Meeting after Divine Liturgy
(Tentatively Scheduled).
ATTENTION Council members: please note that meeting may be held
remotely (via ZOOM) and may be schedule on a different day. Check with the
parish president for more details.

Texts for the Liturgical Service

Troparion (Tone 7)

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. / To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. / For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy, / and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, / to proclaim that Thou art risen, // granting the world great mercy.

Troparion (Tone 4 – Afterfeast of Theotokos Into the Temple)

Today is the prelude of the good will of God, / of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. / The Virgin appears in the Temple of God, / in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all. / Let us rejoice and sing to her: // “Rejoice, O Fulfillment of the Creator’s dispensation!”

Troparion (Tone 3 – Apostles)

Holy Apostles Philemon, Archipus, Apphia, and Onesimus, / entreat the merciful God // to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

Kontakion (Tone 7)

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, / for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. / Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: / “The Savior has come to those in faith; // enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

Kontakion (Tone 2 - Apostles)

Let us praise the Apostles of Christ, / who illumine the ends of the earth like all-radiant stars: / glorious Philemon and dedicated Archippus, / Onesimus, together with Mark and Apollos, and the all-wise Apphia. / Let us cry to them: // “Unceasingly pray for us all!”

Kontakion (Tone 4 – Afterfeast of Theotokos Into the Temple)

The most pure Temple of the Savior; / the precious Chamber and Virgin; / the sacred Treasure of the glory of God, / is presented today to the House of the Lord. / She brings with her the grace of the Spirit, / therefore, the angels of God praise her: / “Truly this woman is the abode of Heaven!”

Prokeimenon (Tone 7)

The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace.
v. Offer to the Lord, O ye sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

Another Prokeimenon (Tone 3)

My soul doth magnify the Lord / and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 2:14-22

For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 7)

- v. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High. Alleluia (3x's)
- v. To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night. Alleluia (3x's)
- v. Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline thine ear! Alleluia (3x's) [Tone 8]

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:16-21

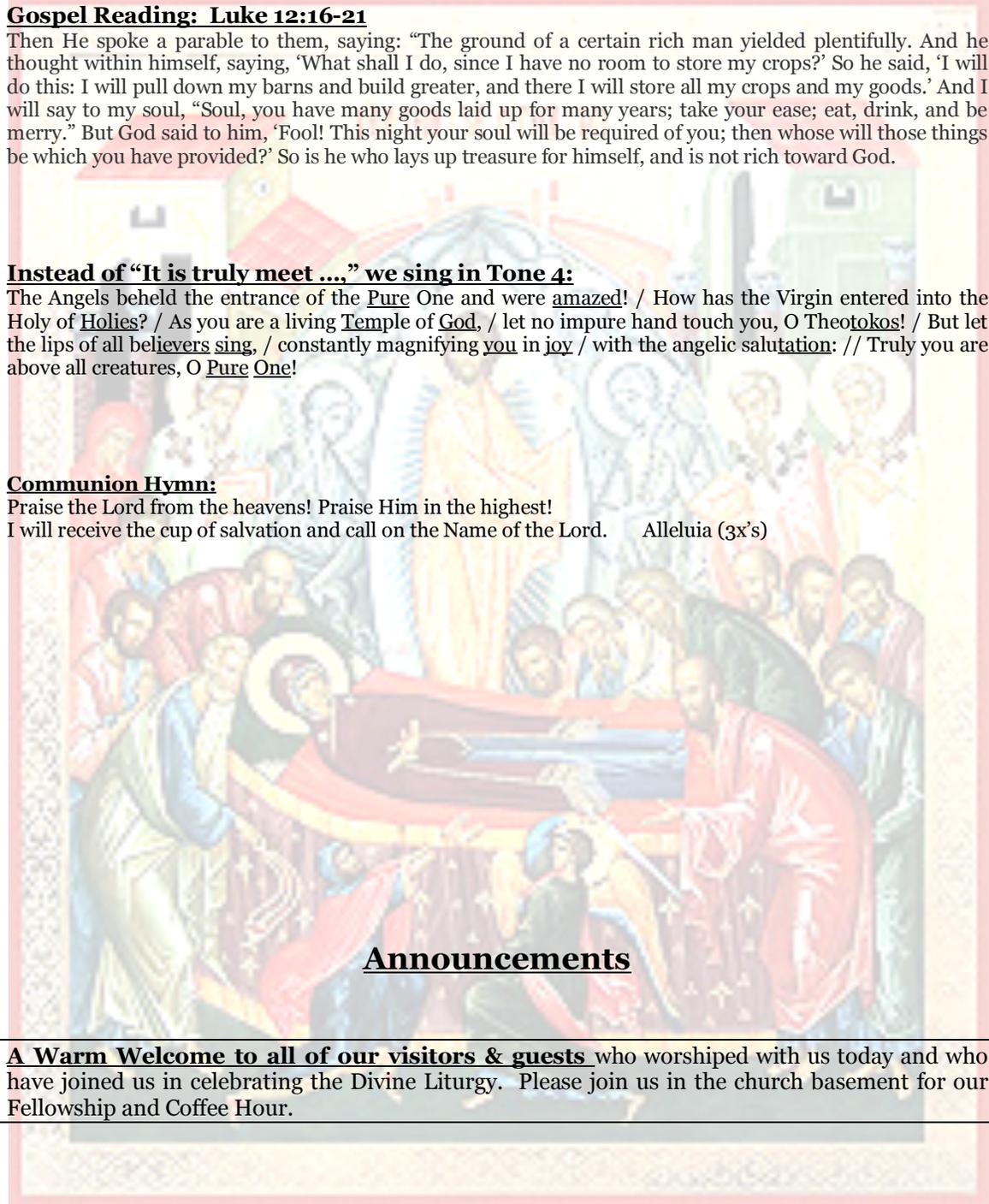
Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods.' And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.'" But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing in Tone 4:

The Angels beheld the entrance of the Pure One and were amazed! / How has the Virgin entered into the Holy of Holies? / As you are a living Temple of God, / let no impure hand touch you, O Theotokos! / But let the lips of all believers sing, / constantly magnifying you in joy / with the angelic salutation: // Truly you are above all creatures, O Pure One!

Communion Hymn:

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest!
I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord. Alleluia (3x's)



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

As a result of the new Covid restrictions set by City of Philadelphia officials, the following changes will occur at the parish until at least the end of December 2020:

- * NO coffee hour after services;
- * NO Sunday school in church basement, however, ZOOM classes to be held instead; and
- * Father will serve a Saturday Divine Liturgy for those who wish to attend Liturgy in a smaller gathering. Now, if the Saturday Divine Liturgy attendance reaches levels near the maximum restriction amount, the parish may...repeat may, split the parishioners into two grouping with one group attending on Saturday and the other attending on Sunday.

ALSO, due to the Saturday Divine Liturgy being held, the parish will have “mini” church cleaning days in the afternoon on Sat. Dec 5, 12, & 19 & on Sun. Dec 13 & 20.

Thank you to all who gave turkeys and money for Deacon’s Turkey for Needy Families last Sunday. It was a great success. We collected \$400 and some turkeys that were given to Mother Catherine last Sunday.

New Community Advent Project: Deacon’s Advent Project - Coats for the Homeless and Needy – December 2020! Due date to bring in coats to Deacon Michael & Matushka Janine is Sunday, December 13, 2020!

Holy Assumption will be collecting used coats in good condition for Adults who are homeless and needy families. The coats will be going to Touch NJ Food Pantry and the St. Paul’s Soup and Song Food Pantry for the Homeless.

If you are able to donate any coats, the adult coats for the Homeless should be Adult sizes, women and men. The coats for the needy families should be Men and Women Adult sizes and coats for children should be children and toddler sizes. Please ensure that the coats are in good condition. We thank you for your generosity in advance. We will be distributing the coats to Mother Catherine on Sunday, December 13, 2020. Deacon Michael would like you to donate used coats that you have in your closet and are not using anymore for this project. The giving action is to give any extra you have to the poor, needy and homeless. Thank you once again!

Sidewalk Repair Donations (Week of November 15):

Large Block – Robert P. Wanenchak

Extra Large Block – Sandra Hourahan and Family

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Dorothy, Anthony, Ronald offered by Anna Coan
Ron Homa, Anna Coan, Emily Gerasimoff, Edward Gerasimoff offered by Catherine Kavalkovich
Kenneth, Patricia, Cortney, Allison, Matt & Christina, Alex & Selena, Ana & Colin, Barbara, Marc Jr., Family and Friends offered by M/M K Kavalkovich
Albrecht Family offered by David Pellack

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Richard Coan, Albert Kavalkovich offered by Anna Coan
Christopher John Homa offered by Catherine Kavalkovich
Marc Ferguson,, Albert, Helen, Anne, Patricia, Margaret, Al offered by M/M K Kavalkovich
Jerrod Gibbs offered by Nina Patterson

May Their Memories Be Eternal

Vigil Cross Candles – 11/15/20:

Two Small Votive Crosses – Health of Dr. Gale and Joseph Rutan for their good deeds
offered by Emily Gerasimoff

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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.

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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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 (November)

Week of Sun Nov 8 to Sat Nov 14

November Month to date

Attendance:	32	40 (average)
<i>(COVID19 Pandemic Limitations on gathering of groups of no more than 50 people)</i>		
Funds In:	\$ 2,691.45	\$ 4,857.32
Funds Out:	\$ 412.50	\$ 2,757.50
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 2,278.95	\$ 2,099.82

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 22)</u>	<u>Next Week (Nov 29)</u>
3 rd Hour :	John Spack	David Albrecht
6 th Hour:	Matthew Andrews	Subdeacon Dan Kavalkovich
Epistle:	Michael Wanenchak	John Spack

Fellowship Coffee Hour & Cleaning Teams:

As a result of new Covid restrictions set by City of Philadelphia officials on Monday, November 16 which went into effect on Friday, November 20, the formal coffee hour event held after Sunday Divine Liturgy has been suspended until further notice.

Once city officials ease restrictions relating to Covid, coffee hour will then resume.

When the coffee hour resumes (currently not until at least January 2021), a new coffee schedule with new team parishioners will be in the rotation as per the action taken during the Fall General Parish Meeting held back on Sunday, November 1.

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/December.

Saturdays in November & December 2020 – Divine Liturgy @ 10:00AM

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

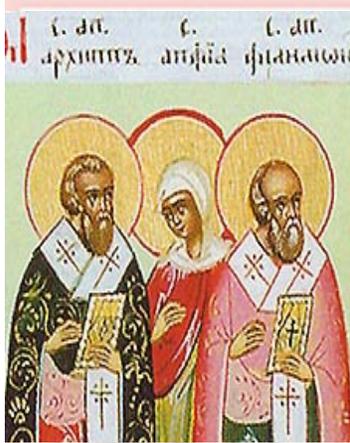
Monday, November 30 – Holy Apostle Andrew, the First-Called

Saturday, December 5 – Indoor Parish Cleaning & Christmas Decorating

Sunday, December 6 – Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker

Tuesday, December 8 – Bible Study at 6:30pm via Zoom media platform

Sunday, December 13 – Deacon's Advent Project – Coats for the Needy
(Last Day Coat Donations will be accepted)



Apostles of the Seventy Philemon & Archippus, Martyr Apphia and Onesimus [November 22nd]

The Holy Apostles of the Seventy Philemon and his wife Apphia lived in the city of Colossa in Phrygia. After they were baptized by the holy Apostle Paul, they converted their house into a house of prayer, where all those who believed in Christ gathered and attended services. They devoted themselves to serving the sick and downcast.

Saint Philemon became bishop of the city of Gaza, and he preached the Word of God throughout Phrygia. The holy Apostle Paul continued to be his guide, and addressed to him in his Epistle

filled with love, and in which he sends blessings “to Philemon our dearly beloved, and fellow laborer, and to our beloved Apphia, and to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in thy house” (Phil 1:1-3).

Saint Onesimus (February 15), also mentioned in the Epistle, was Saint Philemon’s former slave.

Saints Philemon and Apphia, and also Saint Archippus (who also lived at Colossa), all received the crown of martyrdom during the persecution of Nero (54-68). During a pagan festival an enraged crowd rushed into the Christian church when services were going on. All fled in terror, and only Saints Philemon, Archippus and Apphia remained. They seized them and led them off to the city prefect. The crowd beat and stabbed Saint Archippus with knives, and he died on the way to the court. Saints Philemon and Apphia were stoned to death by order of the prefect.

The memory of the holy Apostles Archippus, Philemon, and Apphia is celebrated also on February 19.

