

## Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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**Sunday, November 29, 2020 | 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**  
Tone 8– Martyr Paramon and 370 Martyrs in Bithynia (250). Martyr Philumenus of Ancyra, and with him Martyrs Valerian & Phaedrus Venerable Acacius of Sinai, who is mentioned in *The Ladder* (6<sup>th</sup> c.)

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### Weekly Schedule

- Today:      Quarterly Parish Council Meeting (Tentatively Scheduled).  
ATTENTION: please note that meeting may be held remotely (via ZOOM) and may be schedule on a different day. Check with parish president for more details.
- Saturday:    December 5 – Saturday Divine Liturgy at **10:00AM**
- Saturday:    December 5 – “Mini” indoor parish cleaning after Liturgy
- Saturday:    December 5 - Great Vespers at **4:00PM!**
- Sunday:      December 6 – Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker  
Reading of Hours – 9:30am  
Divine Liturgy – 10:00am  
Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy
- Tuesday:    December 8 - 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 4 – Martyrs)**

Thy holy martyrs Paramon and Philumenus and those with them, O Lord, / through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from Thee, our God. / For having Thy strength, they laid low their adversaries, / and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. / Through their intercession, save our souls!

### **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 4 – Martyrs)**

Urged on by the commandments of God, / with patience, you cleansed thy souls from all defilement. / Ye reached perfection as spiritual athletes; / and renounced sacrifice to idols. / Imitating Christ, you were slain with a spear, / O most blessed Paramon and Philumenus. // Always fervently intercede with Christ on behalf of the world!

### **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: Ephesians 4:1-6**

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

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 13:10-17**

Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day." The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound – think of it – for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath? And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

**Communion Hymn:**

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! 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

The parish is very thankful, humble, and grateful for the most generous donation that it has received from the Estate of Margaret Pellack. As many of you know, Margaret was an extremely active parishioner of the church. She loved her church as so did her husband John, which is also reflective in her children and their families. In addition, the parish also received a most generous donation in Memory of Margaret Pellack from her son, David. These donations have been designated for the Church Building Fund. We pray Memory Eternal for the handmaiden of God Margaret Pellack and that God may grant many blessed years to her children: David Pellack, Peggy Walker & her Family, and to John Pellack & his family.

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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 (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.

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**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!

**Announcements** (cont.)

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

**Health for the Living:**

Lena Helen and Family offered by Nina Patterson  
Simon and Mary Herbert offered by Sandra Hourahan & Family  
Jack and Lynn Drimak offered by Sandra Hourahan & Family  
Family and Parishioners offered by Catherine Kavalkovich

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

**Memory for the Departed:**

John and Julia Jugan offered by David Pellack

**May Their Memories Be Eternal**

**Vigil Cross Candles – 11/22/20:**

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**Please remember in your prayers:**

Newly Departed servant of God John Wanenchak. Also please keep in your prayers his daughter Sharon Wanenchak Orr, her husband James, and for John’s siblings: Michael, Eugene, Robert, and Timothy Wanenchak.

His Eminence Archbishop David of Sitka and Alaska, Deacon Michael McCartney (contusion); 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); David Pellack (contusion); 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 22):**

In Memory of Helen & John Wanenchak Sr and Helen & Andrew Gerasimoff  
– James & Sharon Orr and Emily Gerasimoff

Sidewalk Repair Donation – Mr. Edward Gerasimoff

## 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 15 to Sat Nov 21

November Month to date

Attendance: 37 39 (average)  
*(COVID19 Pandemic Limitations on gathering of groups of no more than 50 people)*

Funds In: \$15,254.55 \$20,111.87  
Funds Out: \$31,308.60 \$34,066.10

Net Surplus/(Deficit): **(\$16,054.05)** **(\$13,954.23)**

**Payment to SJL Cement Contractors of \$29,000 for the sidewalk & driveway**

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 (Nov 29)</u>	<u>Next Week (Dec 6)</u>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour :	David Albrecht	Michael Spack
6 <sup>th</sup> Hour:	Subdeacon Daniel Kavalkovich	Simon Herbert
Epistle:	John Spack	Subdeacon Daniel Kavalkovich and Reader Mark Klus

### 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.

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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 November/December.**

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

**Today** – Parish Council Meeting (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Month)

**Tomorrow** – 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)

### **Martyr Paramon and 370 Martyrs in Bithynia [November 29<sup>th</sup>]**



The Holy Martyr Paramon and the 370 Martyrs with him suffered for their faith in Christ in the year 250 during the rule of the emperor Decius (249-251). The governor of the Eastern regions, Aquianus, had locked up 370 Christians in prison, urging them to abjure Christ and instead offer sacrifice to idols.

They subjected the captives to beatings, hoping by torture and the threat of death to persuade them to renounce Christ and worship the pagan gods. One of the local inhabitants, Paramon by name,

openly denounced the cruel governor and confessed his faith in the One True God, the Lord Jesus Christ. They beheaded Saint

Paramon after fierce tortures, together with the other 370 martyrs.

### **Martyr Philoumenus of Ancyra [November 29<sup>th</sup>]**

The Holy Martyr Philoumenus suffered for Christ in the year 274, during the persecution against Christians by the emperor Aurelian (270-275). Saint Philoumenus was a bread merchant in Ancyra. Envious persons reported to the governor Felix that Philoumenus was a Christian, and so he came before a judge.

Saint Philoumenus did not renounce Christ. For this they hammered nails into his hands, feet and head, and they forced him to walk. The holy martyr bravely endured the torments and he died from loss of blood, giving up his soul to God.

