

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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Sunday, January 17, 2021 | 32nd Sunday After Pentecost
Tone 7 – Venerable and Godbearing Father Anthony the Great (356)
Venerable Anthony of Dymsk (Novgorod – ca 1224)
Venerable Anthony of Chemoezersk (16th c.)

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Weekly Schedule

Saturday: January 23 – Saturday Divine Liturgy at **10:00AM!**

Saturday: January 23 - Great Vespers at **4:00PM!**

Sunday: January 24 – Sanctity of Life Sunday Observed

Sunday: January 24 – New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia
Reading of Hours – 9:30am
Divine Liturgy – 10:00am
Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy
(CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!!!)

Saturday: January 30 – Saturday Divine Liturgy at **10:00AM**
Feast of the 3 Hierarchs: St Basil the Great, St Gregory
the Theologian, & St John Chrysostom.

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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 – Saint Anthony)

Thou didst imitate the ways of zealous Elijah, / and didst follow the straight path of John the Baptist. / Thou becamest a desert-dweller, strengthening the world by thy prayers. // O Father Anthony, intercede with Christ God that our souls may be saved!

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 – Saint Anthony)

Thou didst reject the tumult of this life / living thy life to the end in solitude, imitating the Baptist in every way. / With him we honor thee, most venerable Anthony, // thou foundation of the Fathers.

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 7)

Precious in the sight of the Lord / is the death of His saints.

Epistle Reading: Colossians 1:12-18

giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

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. Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments Alleluia (3x's) [Tone 6]

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:18-27

Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother.' And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth." So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich. And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. And those who heard it said, "Who then can be saved?" But He said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

Communion Hymn:

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest!
The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings.
Alleluia (3x's)

*[Note: The readings for Venerable Anthony the Great are as follows:
Epistle – Hebrews 13:17-21 and Gospel – Luke 6:17-23]*

PLEASE NOTE: With Covid health restrictions and for everyone's safety, the Great Blessing of the Water, which is sponsored by the Pan-Orthodox Christian Brotherhood of Greater Philadelphia, has been cancelled for this year.

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

Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 31, 2021 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. The Spiritual Advisor's report, the Treasurer's report, the voting on the 2021 budget, along with any other business that needs to be discussed. The election of the 2021 parish council officers took place during the Fall Parish meeting back in October 2020.

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.

CARDS FOR OUR TROOPS! SAVE YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS!

Please save your Christmas cards this year. Matushka Janine and the Charity Committee are collecting Christmas cards to send to the troops for next year. They will use the front cover and paste it on a new card, write an appropriate verse on the inside of the card, and address the card to our soldiers. Please consider donating your cards you received this year. Please see Matushka Janine as to where to drop off your Christmas cards at a designated area in the church basement, or whether she will collect them directly. As always, thank you for your generosity!

This year we collected and sent out just under **600** cards for our troops!

2021 House Blessing

If you wish to have your home blessed, please speak with Father Mark for date availability to schedule a house blessing. The blessing of houses will begin after Theophany, which is Wednesday, January 6. Items of importance when having your home blessed: 1) have a candle available to be burned during the house blessing, 2) a bowl of blessed holy water, 3) an icon (preferably the icon of Christ being baptized in the Jordan River), and 4) please make enough space for Father Mark to maneuver in the rooms you wish him to bless.

Please Note: House blessing schedule will also be based upon the current State and Local Civil Authority's travel and social gathering restrictions due to the Covid virus!

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Catherine Kavalkovich, Andrews Family, Alex, Ana, Kenneth, Patricia, Patricia, Steven offered by M/M K Kavakovich & Family
Albrecht Family offered by David Pellack
Kavalkovich Family offered by David Pellack
David Albrecht Sr offered by Nina Patterson
Thomas Herbert offered by M/M Herbert
Thomas Herbert offered by Daniel S Herbert

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Albert, Marc, Patrick offered by M/M K Kavalkovich & Family
Joseph Herbert offered by M/M Herbert
Edwin "Buddy" Ovington offered by M/M Herbert

May Their Memories Be Eternal

Vigil Cross Candles – 1/10/21:

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Please remember in your prayers:

+ Archpriest Ernesto Rios (Dec 15); Grace Corba; Protodeacon Joseph Edwards; The Gerty Family; Catherine Kavalkovich (recovery); Subdeacon Daniel Kavalkovich (treatment); 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 January 10):

The **57th Diocesan Assembly** will be held on Friday, January 29 via the ZOOM media platform. Along with Father Mark, our parish president Matthew Andrews and Deacon Michael McCartney will be in attendance (in front of their computer monitors). Keep them in your prayers that day & May God Grant them a blessed day!

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 (January)

Week of Sun Jan 3 to Sat Jan 9

January Month-to-Date

Attendance:	33	33 (average)
<i>(COVID19 Pandemic Limitations on gathering of groups of no more than 50 people)</i>		
Funds In:	\$ 1,729.00	\$ 1,729.00
Funds Out:	\$ 1,786.48	\$ 3,786.48
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	(\$ 57.48)	(\$ 2,057.48)

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 (Jan 17)</u>	<u>Next Week (Jan 24)</u>
3 rd Hour :	Anthony Colona	William Filanowski
6 th Hour:	Reader Mark Klus	John Spack
Epistle:	Subdeacon Daniel Kavalkovich and David Albrecht	Reader Mark Klus and Matthew Andrews

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 February 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 January 2021.

Saturdays in JANUARY 2021 – Divine Liturgy @ 10:00AM

Week of January 24 – Quarterly Parish Council Meeting! The Council members will be notified of the Date & Time when it is finalized.

Saturday, January 30 – Synaxis of the 3 Hierarchs

Sunday, January 31 – Annual Parish Meeting after Divine Liturgy!

Tuesday, February 2 – Meeting of the Lord into the Temple Service. The exact date(s) and time(s) have not yet been determined. Once they are finalized, they will be noted in the bulletin.

Soup N’ Bowl VI Challenge which is scheduled for Sunday, February 7 is now CANCELLED!!



Venerable Anthony of Dymensk, Novgorod [January 17th]

Saint Anthony of Dymensk was born at Novgorod in about the year 1157. Once in church he heard the words of Christ: “If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me” (Mt.16:24), the saint resolved to leave the world and receive monastic tonsure under Saint Barlaam of Khutyn (November 6) at his monastery.

When he was dying, Saint Barlaam, appointed Saint Anthony as igumen in his place; but Anthony, shunning glory, left the monastery and settled at the shores of Lake Dyma, on the outskirts of the city of Tikhvin.

Here he founded a monastery and struggled there until the end of his own life.

According to Tradition, Saint Anthony made a journey to Constantinople, and returned to his monastery on the day that the igumen Barlaam died. Saint Anthony fell asleep in the Lord on June 24, 1224. In the year 1330 his relics were found incorrupt, and from that time they were glorified by many miracles.

Venerable Anthony of Chernoezero [January 17th]

Saint Anthony of Black Lake founded the Mother of God monastery at Black Lake [Chernoezero] in the Novgorod area, not far from the city of Chernopovets. The monastery was on an island of the Schirsk countryside. The monastery twice suffered complete destruction: in 1581, from the Lithuanians; and in 1682, from the Swedes. The monastery was closed in 1764.

Venerable Anthony of Krasny Kholm [January 17th]

Saint Anthony of Krasny Kholm was initially a wilderness-dweller in the vicinity of White Lake. The hieromonk arrived in the region of Tver and settled near “Pretty Hillock” [“Krasny kholm”], at the bank of the River Mologa, building a chapel and cell there. After the discovery of an icon of Saint Nicholas, a stone church was built and a monastery founded, headed by the saint, who taught the brethren both by word and by example throughout his life. Saint Anthony died in 1481.

Emperor Theodosius the Great [January 17th]

The Holy Emperor Theodosius the Great during his reign (379-395) he delivered a decisive blow to paganism by issuing an edict, under which any sort of service to the pagan gods was considered a violation of the law. The zealous proponent of Orthodoxy promulgated many laws in defense of the Church and against heretics. He convened the Second Ecumenical Council (381).

He ended his life in Milan in 395 at the age of fifty. Saint Theodosius often said that he was more fortunate to be a member of Christ’s holy Church than an emperor.