

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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Sunday, June 20, 2021 | Holy Pentecost

Eight Sunday of Pascha! Feast of the Holy Spirit!
Tone 7 – Hieromartyr Methodius, Bishop of Patar (312)
Martyrs Innas, Pinnas, & Rimmas, disciples of Apostle Andrews

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Weekly Schedule

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!!

Today: Pentecost Vespers with kneeling service immediately after Divine Liturgy.
General dispensation from all fasting throughout the week (June 20 to June 27)

Wednesday: June 23 – Vespers Liturgy at **6:00PM** for the Feast of the
Nativity of Saint John the Baptist (June 24)

Saturday: June 26 – Great Vespers at **4:00PM**

Sunday: June 27 – Sunday of All Saints
Reading of Hours – 8:30am
Divine Liturgy – **9:00am [Summer Hours!!!]**
Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy
(POSTPONED UNTIL SUNDAY, JULY 18TH!!!!!!)
[See page 4 of this bulletin for details]

Sunday: June 27 – Annual Parish Pentecostal Dinner with Pascha food in the
church basement.

Texts for the Liturgical Service

Troparion (Tone 8)

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, / Who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise/ by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, / and through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net. // O Lover of Man, glory to Thee!

Kontakion (Tone 8)

When the Most High came down and confused the tongues, / He divided the nations; but when He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all to unity. // Therefore, with one voice we glorify the All-holy Spirit.

(In Place of the Trisagion, we sing:)

As many as have been baptized into Christ, / have put on Christ.

Alleluia. (3x's)

Prokeimenon (Tone 8)

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth / and their words to the ends of the universe!
v. The heavens are telling the Glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork!

Epistle Reading: Acts 2:1-11

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 1)

- v. By the Word of the Lord the heavens were made; and all their host by the Spirit of His mount.
Alleluia (3x's)
- v. The Lord looks down from Heaven and beholds the sons of men. Alleluia (3x's)

Gospel Reading: John 7:37-52; 8:12

On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water. But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, "Truly this is the Prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Will the Christ come out of Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was? So there was a division among the people because of Him. Now some of them wanted to take Him, but no one laid hands on Him. Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why have you not brought Him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this Man!" Then the Pharisees answered them, "Are you also deceived? Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him? But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed. Nicodemus (he who came to Jesus by night, being one of them) said to them, Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing? They answered and said to him, "Are you also from Galilee? Search and look, for no prophet has arisen out of Galilee." Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

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

Rejoice, O Queen! Glory of mothers and virgins! / No mouth, however sweet or fluent, / is eloquent enough to praise thee worthily! / Every mind is overawed by thy childbearing / Therefore with one voice we glorify thee!

Communion Hymn:

Let Thy good Spirit lead me forth on a level path. 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

Fellowship Coffee Hour Scheduling Update!

As you are aware, with Covid restrictions were lifted on Friday, June 4 in the City of Philadelphia, allowing the parish to officially have Fellowship Coffee Hour after the Divine Liturgy. However, with the revised Covid restrictions being lifted a week earlier than scheduled, the parish has not fully finalized the groupings for those to host the Fellowship Coffee Hour. In addition, there are three parish events/services/luncheons and one Federal Holiday to contend with over the next three Sundays. Therefore, the parish will begin the Fellowship Coffee Hour with groups hosting the coffee hour beginning on Sunday, July 18!

The parish does not want to begin the group scheduling to host coffee hour one week and then delay the next group a few weeks later due to a parish function. We would like to start off with a clean slate, provide a continuing weekly schedule, and get into a proper rhythm as the parish resumes the Fellowship Coffee Hour.

RECYCLING POLICY AT THE PARSIH

As of June 13, 2021, the following are acceptable recycling items and should be placed in the **Blue** container next to the Black trash can:

- Paper and Cardboard (ensure cardboard boxes are flatten)
- Empty Plastic Bottles/Containers/Jugs (#1-2) where the neck is smaller than the base.
- Empty Glass Bottles/Jars - Empty Cartons - Empty Metal Cans

DO NOT RECYCLE THE FOLLOWING:

Aerosol Cans	Aluminum foil	Broken Glass
Bubble Wrap	Clam shell containers	Dishes
Frozen food boxes	Flower pots	Hangers (Metal or Plastic)
Hardback books	Ice cream containers	Light Bulbs
Mirrors	Paint cans (full & empty)	Paper plates/cups/towels
Pizza boxes	Plastics (#3-7)	Plastic utensils/cups
Plastic Candle Cups	Plastic bags	Pots & pans
Rigid plastic	Shredded paper	Styrofoam (All Types)
Sugar Packets	Tissue paper	Vases (Glass or Plastic)
Waxed paper	Wrapping paper	Yogurt/Food cups

All plastic and metal lids/caps - They are to be tossed into the trashcan.

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:

Daria & Rick LeRoy offered by Nina Patterson
Gerome Stafford offered by Christine Essey
Brianna Herbert on her high school graduation offered by MM Herbert
Richard Mackiewicz offered by David Pellack

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Debbie Archie offered by David Pellack
Paul Kavcsak offered by Nina Patterson
John Herbert offered by MM Herbert
John Drimak Sr offered by MM Herbert

May Their Memories Be Eternal

Vigil Cross Candles – Today 6/20/21:

Two Small Vigil Crosses – Memory of John and Margaret Pellack offered by
The Pellack and Walker Families

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Please remember in your prayers:

Infant child Scarlett Andrews (born May 22) and her parents Christopher & Allison and big brother Lucas. May God Grant Scarlett & her family Many Blessed Years!

Allison (David) Andrews and her unborn child; Christina (Matthew) Andrews and her unborn child; Grace Corba; Protodeacon Joseph Edwards; The Gerty Family; Subdeacon Daniel Kavalkovich (recovery); Ronald Kavalkovich (continuous recovery); Jane Kelly (recovery); Sheba Patton (recovery); Father John Bohush (retired); and all those who are serving in our Armed Forces!

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Sidewalk Repair Donations (Week of June 13)

Sidewalk Repair Block Donation – \$5 from the Candy Sale

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. By the action taken at the Spring General Parish Meeting held on Sunday, June 13, the parish body approved that all future special collections be earmarked towards the repairing/fixing/replacing of the roofs of both houses that the parish owns (this collection will begin on Sunday, June 20).

The funds collected from your donations will assist in underwriting the cost to repair/fix/replace the roofs of both houses.

Please take note; the above-approved action did **NOT** affect the current financial balances of the other Funds the parish collected for as of June 13, 2021 (i.e. Kitchen, Youth, Restoration, & Charity).

Please be generous with your offering. Every little bit counts. Thank You!

Cash Flow Activity (June)

<u>Week of Sun Jun 6 to Sat Jun 12</u>	<u>June Month to Date</u>
Attendance: 43	43 (average)
Funds In: \$ 1,141.00	\$ 1,141.87
Funds Out: \$ 1,444.04	\$ 3,789.04
Net Surplus/(Deficit): (\$ 303.04)	(\$ 2,647.17)

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 (June 20)</u>	<u>Next Week (Jun 27)</u>
3 rd Hour :	Simon Herbert	Michael Wanenchak
6 th Hour:	David Pellack	John Spack
Epistle:	Anthony Colona	Simon Herbert

Fellowship Coffee Hour & Cleaning Teams:

UPDATE (Updated Again) !

As many of you know by now, on Tuesday, May 11 the City of Philadelphia officials notified the public that the Covid restrictions in place since November 20, 2020 will be lifted within the city limits beginning on Friday, June 11.

[Update: On Friday, May 28, City of Philadelphia officials revised the lifting of Covid restrictions date to now begin a week earlier on Friday, June 4].

This action by city officials will allow the parish to relax the number of parishioners attending services and will allow the parish to resume its regular coffee hour event held after Sunday Divine Liturgy.

Beginning Sunday, July 18 (not June 13 - see page four of this bulletin for details), the coffee hour will resume and the parish plans on having a new coffee hour schedule with new team parishioners in the rotation as per the action taken during the Fall General Parish Meeting held back on Sunday, November 1, 2020.

Please continue to check our parish website, social media pages, and your emails regularly for updated information on the parish regarding parish services & events in June & July 2021.

Thursday, June 24 - Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

(Vesperal Divine Liturgy on Wednesday, June 23 at 6:00PM!)

Sunday, June 27 - Parish Pentecost Dinner after Divine Liturgy

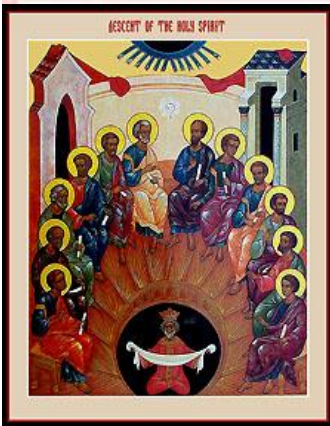
Monday, June 28 – Saints Peter and Paul Fast (1 Day)

Tuesday, June 29 - Saints Peter & Paul Feast Day

(Vesperal Divine Liturgy on Monday, June 28 at 6:00PM!)

Sunday, July 4 – Independence Day

Sunday, July 11 – Breakfast Luncheon hosted by Kavalkovichs & Pellacks



Holy Pentecost [June 20th]

In the Church's annual liturgical cycle, Pentecost is "the last and great day." It is the celebration by the Church of the coming of the Holy Spirit as the end—the achievement and fulfillment—of the entire history of salvation. For the same reason, however, it is also the celebration of the beginning: it is the "birthday" of the Church as the presence among us of the Holy Spirit, of the new life in Christ, of grace, knowledge, adoption to God and holiness.

This double meaning and double is revealed to us, first of all, in the very name of the feast. Pentecost in Greek means fifty,

and in the sacred biblical symbolism of numbers, the number fifty symbolizes both the fulness of time and that which is beyond time: the Kingdom of God itself. It symbolizes the fulness of time by its first component: 49, which is the fulness of seven (7 x 7): the number of time. And, it symbolizes that which is beyond time by its second component: 49 + 1, this one being the new day, the "day without evening" of God's eternal Kingdom. With the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Christ's disciples, the time of salvation, the Divine work of redemption has been completed, the fulness revealed, all gifts bestowed: it belongs to us now to "appropriate" these gifts, to be that which we have become in Christ: participants and citizens of His Kingdom...

THE VESPERS OF PENTECOST

The liturgical peculiarity of Pentecost is a very special Vespers of the day itself. Usually this service follows immediately the Divine Liturgy, is "added" to it as its own fulfillment. The service begins as a solemn "summing up" of the entire celebration, as its liturgical synthesis. We hold flowers in our hands symbolizing the joy of the eternal spring, inaugurated by the coming of the Holy Spirit. After the festal Entrance, this joy reaches its climax in the singing of the Great Prokeimenon:

"Who is so great a God as our God?"

Then, having reached this climax, we are invited to kneel. This is our first kneeling since Easter. It signifies that after these fifty days of Paschal joy and fulness, of experiencing the Kingdom of God, the Church now is about to begin her pilgrimage through time and history. It is evening again, and the night approaches, during which temptations and failures await us, when, more than anything else, we need Divine help, that presence and power of the Holy Spirit, who has already revealed to us the joyful End, who now will help us in our effort towards fulfillment and salvation.

All this is revealed in the three prayers which the celebrant reads now as we all kneel and listen to him. In the first prayer, we bring to God our repentance, our increased appeal for forgiveness of sins, the first condition for entering into the Kingdom of God. In the second prayer, we ask the Holy Spirit to help us, to teach us to pray and to follow the true path in the dark and difficult night of our earthly existence. Finally, in the third prayer, we remember all those who have achieved their earthly journey, but who are united with us in the eternal God of Love.

The joy of Easter has been completed and we again have to wait for the dawn of the Eternal Day. Yet, knowing our weakness, humbling ourselves by kneeling, we also know the joy and the power of the Holy Spirit who has come. We know that God is with us, that in Him is our victory.

Thus is completed the feast of Pentecost and we enter "the ordinary time" of the year. Yet, every Sunday now will be called "after Pentecost"—and this means that it is from the power and light of these fifty days that we shall receive our own power, the Divine help in our daily struggle. At Pentecost we decorate our churches with flowers and green branches—for the Church "never grows old, but is always young." It is an evergreen, ever-living Tree of grace and life, of joy and comfort. For the Holy Spirit—"the Treasury of Blessings and Giver of Life—comes and abides in us, and cleanses us from all impurity," and fills our life with meaning, love, faith and hope. *Father Alexandar Schmemmann (1974)*