

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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Sunday, July 11, 2021 | 3rd Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 2 – Greatmartyr Euphemia the All-Praised (451)
Blessed Olga, Princess of Rus'. in Baptism Elena (Helen) – (969)
All Saints of Britain and Ireland

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Weekly Schedule

- Today: Panikhida service for Albert Kavalkovich (1yr anniversary)
and Margaret Pellack after Divine Liturgy
- Today: Breakfast Luncheon hosted by the Kavalkovich and Pellack Families
(In Memory of Albert Kavalkovich and Margaret Pellack).
- Tuesday: Bible Study at 6:30PM in the church basement
and on the ZOOM media platform.
- Saturday: July 17 – Great Vespers at **4:00PM**
- Sunday: July 18 – Holy Fathers of the 1st Six Ecumenical Councils
Reading of Hours – 8:30am
Divine Liturgy – **9:00am [Summer Hours!!!]**
Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Texts for the Liturgical Service

Troparion (Tone 2)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, / Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. / And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, / all the powers of heaven cried out: // “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

Troparion (Tone 3 – Saint Euphemia)

Thou didst bring joy to the Orthodox / and shame to the defenders of heresy, / for thou didst confirm what the Fathers of the Fourth Council had correctly taught. / O glorious martyr Euphemia, fair virgin of Christ, // entreat Christ God to grant us His great mercy!

Troparion (Tone 1 – Saint Olga)

Giving thy mind the wings of divine understanding, / thou didst soar above visible creation seeking God the Creator of all. / When thou hadst found Him, thou didst receive re-birth through baptism. / As one who enjoys the Tree of Life, thou remainest eternally incorrupt, // O ever-glorious Olga.

Kontakion (Tone 2)

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, / seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! / The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, // and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

Kontakion (Tone 6 – Saint Euphemia)

For the sake of Christ thy Bridegroom / thou didst undergo struggles in both martyrdom and faith. / Now intercede with the Mother of God / that heresies and the insolent enemies of the Orthodox be placed underfoot. / Thou didst receive and guard that which was defined by the six hundred and thirty God-bearing Fathers, // O all-praised Euphemia.

Kontakion (Tone 4 – Saint Olga)

Today let us praise god the Benefactor of all, / Who glorified divinely-wise Olga, // that through her prayers, He may grant our souls remission of sins.

Prokeimenon (Tone 2)

The Lord is my strength and my song / He has become my salvation.
v. The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.

Epistle Reading: Romans 5:1-10

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 2)

- v. May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect thee! Alleluia (3x's)
v. Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call to Thee! Alleluia (3x's)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:22-33

The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

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

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After an invasion by the Persians during the seventh century, the relics of Saint Euphemia were transferred from Chalcedon to Constantinople, into a newly built church dedicated to her. Many years later, during the period of the Iconoclast heresy, the reliquary with the relics of the saint was cast into the sea by order of the Iconoclast emperor Leo the Isaurian (716-741). The reliquary was rescued from the sea by the ship-owning brothers Sergius and Sergonos, who gave it over to the local bishop. The holy bishop ordered that the relics be preserved in secret, beneath a crypt, since the Iconoclast heresy was continuing to rage. A small church was built over the relics, and over the reliquary was put a board with an inscription stating whose relics rested within. When the Iconoclast heresy was finally condemned at the holy Seventh Ecumenical Council (in the year 787), during the time of Saint Tarasius, Patriarch of Constantinople (784-806) and the emperor Constantine VI (780-797) and his mother Saint Irene (797-802), the relics of the holy Great Martyr Euphemia were once again solemnly transferred to Constantinople.

Now that the Fourth of July has passed, it is time for the next great American event...

“Getting ready to go Back to School” – Annual Backpack Program

With this in mind, the parish is looking to put together 48 backpacks this year. The parish **has already received donations of the backpacks themselves.** It is the school supplies that we are looking for donations.

Here is a list of school supply items we would like to include in the backpacks for those who wish to donate to this annual parish project:

- * Pencils * Colored Pencils * Pencil Cases * Erasers * Folders
- * 3 Ring Binders (already have them!!!) * Rulers * Notebooks * Index Cards (3 1/2 x 5)

For more information, please see one of the Parish Council members or Matushka Janine McCartney. Thank You!!!

***** ATTENTION – IF YOU’RE THE LAST ONE LEAVING CHURCH *****

PLEASE make sure that all of the lights are out, all the candles are put out, the windows are closed, the food appliances are unplugged (not the refrigerator), the trash cans are empty, the trash is taken out, and all the doors and gates are locked.

A few weeks ago the coffee maker was still plugged in. Luckily, we had services during the week and someone was able to unplug it before last weekend! Thank You!!!

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Family and Parishioners offered by Nina Patterson
Frank offered by David Pellack
New borns Elton and Scarlett, Kenneth, Anastasia offered by Debbie Kavalkovich
Anastasia, Catherine, Patricia, Family and Friends offered by M/M Ken Kavalkovich

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Albert Kavalkovich offered by Steven Thack
Albert Kavalkovich offered by Catherine Kavalkovich
Albert Kavalkovich offered by David Pellack

May Their Memories Be Eternal

Vigil Cross Candles – 7/4/21:

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Please remember in your prayers:

Infant child Elton David Andrews (born June 28 – 6lb. 2oz.) and his parents David & Allison.
May God Grant Elton David & his family Many Blessed Years!

Mary Popelak (1 year anniversary – July 6); 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
(surgery & recovery); Father John Bohush (retired); and all those who are serving in our Armed
Forces!

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Sidewalk Repair Donations (Week of July 4)

Sidewalk Repair Block Donation – \$20 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/July)

Week of Sun Jun 27 to Sat Jul 3

June Month (Unaudited)

Attendance:	40	37 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 1,798.76	\$ 6,393.79
Funds Out:	\$ 1,973.46	\$ 4,734.11
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	(\$ 174.70)	\$ 1,659.68

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 (July 11)</u>	<u>Next Week (July 18)</u>
3 rd Hour :	Subdeacon Daniel Kavalkovich	Reader Mark Klus
6 th Hour:	Michael Spack	Anthony Colona
Epistle:	John Spack	Subdeacon Daniel Kavalkovich and David Pellack

Fellowship Coffee Hour & Cleaning Teams:

Today (Jul 11): Breakfast Luncheon hosted by Kavalkovich and Pellack families
(In memory of Albert Kavalkovich and Margaret Pellack).

Next Week (Jul 18): Saint Raphael of Brooklyn
(Brett McKenna, Tanya Krawchuk, Darcy Stafford, Jerome Stafford)

Two Week (Jul 25): Saint Herman of Alaska
(Matthew Andrews, Christina Andrews, Barbara Andrews)

Three Week (Aug 1): Saint John of Kronstadt [*Lenten Meal*]
(Herbert Family)

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 July 2021.

From Sunday, July 11 to Sunday, August 15

Summer Charity Project - Back to School Backpack School Supplies Drive

Sunday, July 11 – Christmas Card Project (Begin placing cards together)



Greatmartyr Euphemia the All-praised **[July 11th]**

The Miracle of Saint Euphemia the All-Praised: The holy Great Martyr Euphemia (September 16) suffered martyrdom in the city of Chalcedon in the year 304, during the time of the persecution against Christians by the emperor Diocletian (284-305). One and a half centuries later, at a time when the Christian Church had become victorious within the Roman Empire, God deigned that Euphemia the All-Praised should again be a witness and confessor of the purity of the Orthodox teaching.

In the year 451 in the city of Chalcedon, in the very church where the glorified relics of the holy Great Martyr Euphemia rested, the sessions of the Fourth Ecumenical Council (July 16) took place. The Council was convened for determining the precise dogmatic formulae of the Orthodox Church concerning the nature of the God-Man Jesus Christ. This was necessary because of the widespread heresy of the Monophysites [“mono-physis” meaning “one nature”], who opposed the Orthodox teaching of the two natures in Jesus Christ, the Divine and the Human natures (in one Divine Person). The Monophysites falsely affirmed that in Christ was only one nature, the Divine [i.e. that Jesus is God but not man, by nature], causing discord and unrest within the Church. At the Council were present 630 representatives from all the local Christian Churches. On the Orthodox side Anatolius, Patriarch of Constantinople (July 3), Juvenal, Patriarch of Jerusalem (July 2), and representatives of Saint Leo, Pope of Rome (February 18) participated in the conciliar deliberations. The Monophysites were present in large numbers, headed by Dioscorus, the Patriarch of Alexandria, and the Constantinople archimandrite Eutychius.

After prolonged discussions the two sides could not come to a decisive agreement.

The holy Patriarch Anatolius of Constantinople proposed that the Council submit the decision of the Church dispute to the Holy Spirit, through His undoubted bearer Saint Euphemia the All-Praised, whose wonderworking relics had been discovered during the Council’s discussions. The Orthodox hierarchs and their opponents wrote down their confessions of faith on separate scrolls and sealed them with their seals. They opened the tomb of the holy Great Martyr Euphemia and placed both scrolls upon her bosom. Then, in the presence of the emperor Marcian (450-457), the participants of the Council sealed the tomb, putting on it the imperial seal and setting a guard to watch over it for three days. During these days both sides imposed upon themselves strict fast and made intense prayer. After three days the patriarch and the emperor in the presence of the Council opened the tomb with its relics: the scroll with the Orthodox confession was held by Saint Euphemia in her right hand, and the scroll of the heretics lay at her feet. Saint Euphemia, as though alive, raised her hand and gave the scroll to the patriarch. After this miracle many of the hesitant accepted the Orthodox confession, while those remaining obstinant in the heresy were consigned to the Council’s condemnation and excommunication.

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