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Sunday, August 1, 2021 | 6th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 5 – Procession of the Honorable Wood of the Lifegiving Cross of the Lord | Holy Seven Maccabean Martyrs: Abimus, Antoninus, Gurias, Eleazar, Eusabonus, Alimus, and Marcellus

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Weekly Schedule

Today: August 1 – ***Beginning of the Dormition Fast!***

Thursday: August 5 – Vespers Divine Liturgy at **6:00PM** for Holy Transfiguration of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ!
[\[Please bring fruit \(vegetables\) to be blessed after Service\]](#)

Saturday: August 7 – Great Vespers at **4:00PM**

Sunday: August 8 – Saint Emilian the Confessor
Reading of Hours – 8:30am
Divine Liturgy – **9:00am [Summer Hours!!!]**
Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Monday: August 9 – Saint Herman of Alaska

Tuesday: August 10 – Bible Study at 6:30PM in the church basement and on the ZOOM media platform.

Texts for the Liturgical Service

Troparion (Tone 5)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, / co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, / born for our salvation from the Virgin; / for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, / to endure death, / and to raise the dead // by His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion (Tone 1 – Cross)

O Lord, save Thy people / and bless Thine inheritance! / Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians / over their adversaries; / and by virtue of Thy Cross, // preserve Thy habitation!

Troparion (Tone 1 – Maccabees)

We beseech Thee, O Lover of mankind, / to accept in supplication / the suffering which the Saints endured for Thee, O Lord, // and heal all our infirmities!

Kontakion (Tone 5)

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, / shattering its gates as Almighty, / resurrecting the dead as Creator, / and destroying the sting of death. / Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, // and we cry to Thee: “O Lord, save us!”

Kontakion (Tone 2 – Macabees)

Seven pillars of the Wisdom of God / and seven lampstands of the divine Light, / all-wise Maccabees, greatest of the martyrs before the time of the martyrs, // with them ask the God of all to save those who honor you!

Kontakion (Tone 4 – Cross)

As Thou wast voluntarily raised upon the Cross for our sake, / grant mercy to those who are called by Thy Name, O Christ God; / make all Orthodox Christians glad by Thy power, / granting them victories over their adversaries // by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Thy weapon of peace!

Prokeimenon (Tone 6)

O Lord, save thy people / and bless Thine inheritance!
v. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

Prokeimenon (Tone 4 – Maccabees)

The Lord has shown the wonders of His will / to the saints who are in His land.

Epistle Reading: Romans 12:6-14

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 4)

- v. Remember Thy congregation, which Thou hast purchased of old! Alleluia (3x's)
- v. God is our King before the ages; He hath wrought salvation in the midst of the earth! Alleluia (3x's)
- v. The righteous cried and the Lord heard them, and He delivered them from all their afflictions. Alleluia (3x's) [TONE 4]

Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:1-8

So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you." And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!" But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins – then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." And he arose and departed to his house. Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

Communion Hymn:

The light of Thy countenance has shone on us, O Lord.
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright! Alleluia (3x's)

*[Note: Today's readings for the Cross are as follows:
Epistle – 1 Corinthians 1:18-24 and Gospel – John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35*

*[Note: Today's readings for Maccabees are as follows:
Epistle – Hebrews 11:33-12:2 and Gospel – Matthew 10:32-36; 11:1*

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

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 and also of the 1” 3 Ring Binders**. 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 * 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!!!

Christmas card project

The Charity Committee has already begun putting Christmas cards together which will be sent to our U.S. troops overseas sometime in mid-Fall. If anyone wishes to assist in this note worthy project, of if you have any Christmas cards to still donate, please see either Matushka Janine McCartney or Mother Catherine. Thank You!

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!!

***** 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 that week and someone was able to unplug it before the following weekend! Thank You!!!

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Family and Parishioners offered by Nina Patterson
Family and Friends offered by Daria LeRoy
Family and Parishioners offered by Catherine Kavalkovich

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Kevin Acevedo offered by Ashley-Kristine Essey
Helen, Olga, Peter Zuzulock offered by David Pellack

May Their Memories Be Eternal

Vigil Cross Candles – 7/25/21:

Two Small Votive Crosses – Memory of Mrs. Anna McCartney offered by
Deacon Michael & Matushka Janine McCartney

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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!

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 25)

Sidewalk Repair Block Donation – \$0 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 (July)

<u>Week of Sun Jul 18 to Sat Jul 24</u>	<u>July Month to Date</u>
Attendance: 34	46 (average)
Funds In: \$ 2,514.00	\$ 8,035.84
Funds Out: (\$ 528.90) reimbursements	\$12,522.65
Net Surplus/(Deficit): \$ 2,197.90	(\$ 4,486.81)

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 (August 1)</u>	<u>Next Week (Aug 8)</u>
3 rd Hour :	John Spack	Michael Spack
6 th Hour:	Reader Mark Klus	David Pellack
Epistle:	Subdeacon Daniel Kavalkovich and Michael Wanenchak	Matthew Andrews

Fellowship Coffee Hour & Cleaning Teams:

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

Next Week (Aug 8): Saint Juvenaly [*Lenten Meal*]
(Deacon Michael, Matushka Janine, Catherine Kavalkovich, David Pellack)

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 August 2021.

From Now until Sunday, August 15

Summer Charity Project - Back to School Backpack School Supplies Drive

From Now until at least the end of September

Christmas Card Project as started (Begin putting cards together)

Thursday, August 5 – Vespers Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ - Time: 6:00PM

[Remember to bring your bowls of fruit (and vegetables) to the service to be blessed!]

Tuesday, August 10 – Bible Study at 6:30pm in the church basement and on the ZOOM media platform



Proession of the Honorable Wood of the Life-Giving Cross of the Lord **[August 1st]**

The origin of this Feast is explained in the Greek *Horologion* of 1897: "Because of the illnesses which occur during the month of August, it was customary at Constantinople to carry the Precious Wood of the Cross in procession throughout the city for its sanctification, and to deliver it from sickness."

On the eve (July 31), the Cross was removed from the imperial treasury and placed it upon the Holy Table of the Great Church of Hagia Sophia (which is dedicated to Christ, the Wisdom of God). From August 1 until the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos, there was a procession throughout the entire the city, and then the Cross was placed where all the people could venerate it.

In the Russian Church this Feast is combined with the remembrance of the Baptism of Rus on August 1, 988. In the "The order of services for the holy, catholic, and apostolic Great Church of the Dormition," which was compiled in 1627 by order of Patriarch Philaret of Moscow and All Rus, there is a similar explanation of the Feast: "On the day of the Procession of the Precious Cross there is a Cross Procession with the Sanctification of Water, for the enlightenment of the people, in all the towns and places."

Knowledge of the day of the actual Baptism of Rus is preserved in the Chronicles of the XVI century: "The Baptism of the Great Prince Vladimir of Kiev and of all Rus took place on August 1."

In the current practice of the Russian Church, the service of the Lesser Sanctification of Water on August 1 takes place either before or after Liturgy. Because of the Blessing of Water, this first Feast of the Savior in August is sometimes called "the Savior of the Water." Along with the Blessing of Water, there may also be a Blessing of Honey (thus it is also called "the Savior of the Honey)," because on this day, the newly-gathered honey is blessed and tasted.

