

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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Sunday, September 12, 2021 | 12th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 3 – Leavetaking of the Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos
Sunday Before the Elevation of the Cross
Hieromartyr Autonomus, Bishop in Italy (313)

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Weekly Schedule

- Monday: Vespers Divine Liturgy at **6:00PM** for the
Universal Exaltation of the Precious & Life-Giving Cross (Sept 14)
STRICT FAST DAY on September 14!
- Tuesday: Bible Study at **6:30PM** in the church basement and on the ZOOM media platform.
- Saturday: September 18 – Great Vespers at **4:00PM**
- Sunday: September 19 – Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross
Reading of Hours – 9:30am
Divine Liturgy – **10:00am**
Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Texts for the Liturgical Service

Troparion (Tone 3)

Let the heavens rejoice! / Let the earth be glad! / For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. / He has trampled down death by death. / He has become the first born of the dead. / He has delivered us from the depths of hell, / and has granted to the world // great mercy.

Troparion (Tone 4 – Nativity of the Theotokos)

Thy nativity, O Virgin, / has proclaimed joy to the whole universe! / The Sun of righteousness, Christ our God, / has shone from thee, O Theotokos. / By annulling the curse, / He bestowed a blessing. // By destroying death, He has granted us eternal life.

Kontakion (Tone 3)

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, / leading us from the gates of death. / On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; / with the Prophets and Patriarchs // they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

Kontakion (Tone 4 – Nativity of the Theotokos)

By thy nativity, most pure Virgin, / Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness, / Adam and Eve – from the corruption of death. / And we, thy people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to thee: //“The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of our Life.”

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!

Another Prokeimenon (Tone 3)

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you – unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 1)

- v. I have exalted one chosen out of My people. Alleluia (3x's)
- v. For My hand shall defend him and My arm shall strengthen him. Alleluia (3x's)
- v. Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline thine ear! Alleluia (3x's) [TONE 8]

Gospel Reading: Matthew 19:16-26

Now behold, one came and said to Him, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments." He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, "You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' "The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. And again I say to you, 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. When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing Irmos of Ode 9:

Magnify, O my soul, / the most glorious birth of the Mother of God! / Virginité is foreign to mothers; / childbearing is strange for virgins. / But in thee, O Theotokos, / both were accomplished. // Therefore all we nations of the earth unceasingly magnify thee.

Communion Hymn:

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise him in the highest!
I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord! Alleluia (3x's)

[Note: Today's readings for Sunday before Exaltation of the Cross:

Epistle – Galatians 6:11-18 and Gospel – John 3:13-17]

The above two readings and the regular Sunday readings of the Epistle and Gospel are read as one!

[Note: Today's readings for Nativity of the Holy Theotokos:

Epistle – Philippians 2:5-11 and Gospel – Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28]

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

8 Things About Leadership From the Life of the Prophet Moses

Moses is considered one of the greatest leaders who ever lived, and his life has inspired over time other religious, entrepreneur, military, and political leaders. Here is a list of 8 aspects from his life to incorporate and improve your leadership skills:

- 1) He defended his people, taking risks (Exodus 32:9-13)
- 2) He taught and walked amongst people (Exodus 34:29-32)
- 3) He clearly expressed his conviction (Exodus 5-10)
- 4) He had a good deputy: Aaron (Exodus 4:13-16)
- 5) Knowing his Limitations, he sought consultation (Exodus 3:11, 4:10, 4:29-31)
- 6) He encouraged constructive criticism (Leviticus 19:17)
- 7) He delegated wisely (Exodus 18:14-26)
- 8) He matched people to their strengths (Exodus 18:14-26)

[Courtesy of Saint Simon of Cyrene Mission – New Brunswick, NJ (via basilica.ro)]

COVID Protocol – City of Philadelphia – MASK Policy for Indoors Facilities

This is the parish policy regarding wearing mask inside the church effective as of August 15, 2021:

Request that parishioners wear masks from the entrance to the church to the pews and whenever walking around the church. This includes waiting in line for communion and the cross veneration. At the pews masks are optional.

Our plan follows the same restrictions for small businesses in the City of Philadelphia

May God bless you and keep you and your families safe and well during this time. We pray for all of you at our Divine Liturgies.

CARDS FOR OUR TROOPS! – CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT

It is now September and the Christmas Card Project group will be finalizing putting Christmas cards together by the end of this month. They are looking to send out all the cards before mid-October in order for our troops to receive them in a timely manner over the Christmas season. If you wish to assist in finalizing this year's project, please speak with Matushka Janine or anyone on the Charity Committee. As always, Thank You for your help and generosity of your time!

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:

Jane Holefelder offered by Nina Patterson
Infant Gabriel Andrews and his Family offered by David Pellack
William, Ronald, Christina, Gabriel, Elton, Scarlett, Ken, Alex, Ana, Selena, Colin, Catherine, Patricia,
Edward offered by M/M K Kavalkovich
Ronald, Barbara, Kenneth, Anne, Ron & Cheryl, Edward, Emily, Anna, Paul, Anastasia & Colin,
Alexander, Selina, Steve, Matthew & Christina, Christopher & Allison, David & Allie, Lucas, Scarlet, Elton,
Gabriel, Maxima, Debra, Ron, Lorraine offered by Catherine Kavalkovich

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

May Their Memories Be Eternal

Vigil Cross Candles – 9/5/21:

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Please remember in your prayers:

Infant child Gabriel Matthew Andrews (born August 27) and his parents Matthew & Christina. May God Grant Gabriel Matthew & his family Many Blessed Years!

Grace Corba; Protodeacon Joseph Edwards; Edward Gerasimoff (recovery); The Gerty Family; Ronald Kavalkovich (continuous recovery); Jane Kelly (recovery); Tanya Krawchuk; Anne (Homa) Killoran (surgery); Sheba Patton (recovery); Dr. Gale Rutan; Peter Witiak; Father John Bohush (retired); and all those who are serving in our Armed Forces!

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Sidewalk Repair Donations (Week of September 5)

Sidewalk Repair Block Donation – \$10 from the Candy Sale
Sidewalk Repair Block Donation – \$20 from the Candy Sale (AUGUST 29)

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 (August/September)

<u>Week of Sun Aug 29 to Sat Sep 4</u>	<u>August Month (Unaudited)</u>	
Attendance:	30	29 (average)
<i>9253.41</i>		
Funds In:	\$ 1,362.23	\$ 9,253.41
Funds Out:	\$ 1,388.74	\$ 4,002.44
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	(\$ 26.51)	\$ 5,250.97

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:

	Today (Sep 12)	Next Week (Sep 19)
3 rd Hour :	Anthony Colona	David Pellack
6 th Hour:	Matthew Andrews	Dr. David Albrecht
Epistle:	Reader Mark Klus and Michael Wanenchak	Subdeacon Daniel Kavalkovich and Matthew Andrews

Fellowship Coffee Hour & Cleaning Teams:

Today (Sep 12): Saint Raphael of Brooklyn
(Brett McKenna, Tanya Krawchuk, Darcy Stafford, Jerome Stafford)

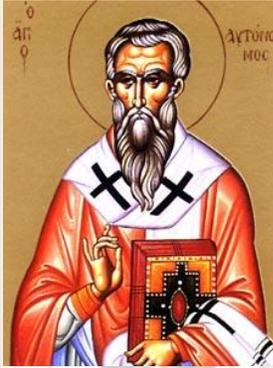
Next Week (Sep 19): Saint Juvenaly
(Deacon Michael, Matushka Janine, Catherine Kavalkovich, David Pellack)

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 September 2021.

From Now until at least the end of September
Christmas Card Project has started (Putting cards together)

Monday, September 13 – Vespers Divine Liturgy at 6:00PM for the
Exaltation of the Precious Cross [Strict Fast Day on September 14]

Tuesday, September 14 – Bible Study at 6:30pm in the church basement and on the ZOOM media platform



Hieromartyr Autonomus, Bishop in Italy [September 12th]

The Hieromartyr Autonomus was a bishop in Italy. During the time of the persecution against Christians under the emperor Diocletian (284-305), Saint Autonomus left his own country and resettled in Bithynia, in the locality of Soreus with a man named Cornelius. Saint Autonomus did his apostolic duty with zeal and converted to Christ so many pagans, that a large Church was formed, for which he consecrated a temple in the name of the Archangel Michael. For this church, the saint at first ordained Cornelius as deacon, and then presbyter. Preaching about Christ, Saint Autonomus visited also Lykaonia and Isauria.

The emperor Diocletian gave orders to arrest Saint Autonomus, but the saint withdrew to Claudiopolis on the Black Sea. In returning to Soreus, he had the priest Cornelius ordained bishop. Saint Autonomus then went to Asia, and when he had returned from there, he began to preach in the vicinity of Limna, near Soreus.

Once, the newly-converted destroyed a pagan temple. The pagans decided to take revenge on the Christians. Seizing their chance, the pagans rushed upon the church of the Archangel Michael when Saint Autonomus was serving Divine Liturgy there. After torturing Saint Autonomus they killed him, reddening the altar of the church with his martyr's blood. The deaconess Maria removed the body of the holy martyr from beneath a pile of stones and buried it.

During the reign of Saint Constantine the Great, a church was built over the tomb of the saint. In the year 430, a certain priest had the old church pulled down. Not realizing that the martyr's body had been buried beneath the church, he rebuilt the church in a new spot. But after another 60 years the relics of the saint were found incorrupt, and a church was then built in the name of the Hieromartyr Autonomus.

