

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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Sunday, September 26, 2021 | 14th Sunday After Pentecost
Tone 5 – Repose of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian
Venerable Efrém (Ephraim), Abbot of Perekóp, (1492)
(1st of Luke)

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Weekly Schedule

- Today: Packaging 50-75 exit bags and snacks for those women and children leaving safe house shelter at Domestic Abuse Project.
- Friday: October 1 - The Protection (Pokrov) of Our Most-Holy Lady Theotokos and the Ever-Virgin Mary
- Saturday: October 2 – Great Vespers at **4:00PM**
- Sunday: October 3 – Hieromartyr Dionysius the Areopagite
Reading of Hours – 9:30am
Divine Liturgy – **10:00am**
Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

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 2 – Saint John)

Beloved Apostle of Christ our God, / hasten to deliver a defenseless people! / He Who allowed thee to recline on His breast, / receives thee as thou bowest before Him. / Implore Him, O John the Theologian, / to disperse the persistent threat from the heathens, // entreating for us peace and great mercy!

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 – Saint John)

Who shall declare thy greatness, / O virgin disciple, / for thou pourest forth wonders and art a source of healings, // and prayest for our souls as the ologian and friend of Christ.

Prokeimenon (Tone 5)

Thou, O Lord, shall protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever!
v. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.

Another Prokeimenon (Tone 8 – Saint John)

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, / and their words to the ends of the universe.

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4

Watch, Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. Moreover I call God as witness against my soul, that to spare you I came no more to Corinth. Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are fellow workers for your joy; for by faith you stand. But I determined this within myself, that I would not come again to you in sorrow. For if I make you sorrowful, then who is he who makes me glad but the one who is made sorrowful by me? And I wrote this very thing to you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow over those from whom I ought to have joy, having confidence in you all that my joy is the joy of you all. For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you, with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 5)

- v. I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation. Alleluia (3x's)
- v. For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens. Alleluia (3x's)
- v. The heavens will praise Thy wonders, O Lord; and Thy truth in the congregation of the saints. [TONE 1] Alleluia (3x's)

Gospel Reading: Luke 5:1-11

So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

Communion Hymn:

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise him in the highest!
Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe. Alleluia (3x's)

*[Note: The readings for the Repose of Saint John the Theologian are as follows:
Epistle – 1 John 4:12-19 and Gospel – John 19:25-27; 21:24-25]*

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

The Fall Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 10, 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. This meeting the parish will elect parish council members for the 2022-2023 term for the positions of President (currently Matthew Andrews), Secretary (currently Natalie Patterson), and Trustee (Even Year Term) (currently Peter Parsells). Please make every effort to be in attendance and support the parish!

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 October. They are looking to send out all the cards by early November 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!

2022 Saint Tikhon's Monastery Calendar – Taking orders now:

The parish will once again be ordering 2022 calendars from Saint Tikhon's Monastery. As a result from a generous benefactor, a donation was made to the church to cover the cost of one calendar per household for parishioners of the church.

If you wish to order additional calendars besides the one that will be ordered for your household, there is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board downstairs to do so.

The cost of the 2022 St Tikhon's calendars is \$6 per calendar. The deadline for ordering these calendars will be: Sunday, November 7, 2021!

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Mother Catherine offered by David Pellack
Justine and John McCann offered by Nina Patterson
Ronald Kavalkovich, Deacon Steve Thack, Michael, Anne (Homa) Killoran offered by Catherine Kavalkovich
Edward McCafferty, Children, Family & Friends offered by Deb Kavalkovich

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Paul and Mary Koran offered by David Pellack
Julia Drimak offered by M/M Herbert

May Their Memories Be Eternal

Vigil Cross Candles – 9/19/21:

One Large Vigil Cross – Health of Justine (Spack) & John McCann offered by M/M Herbert

One Large Vigil Cross – Memory of John Herbert offered by M/M Herbert

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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!

+ Newly Departed Handmaiden of God Mary Ann (Popelak) Brodie (Sep 16)

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

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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 (September)

<u>Week of Sun Sep 12 to Sat Sep 18</u>		<u>September Month to Date</u>
Attendance:	20	28 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 1,421.00	\$ 4,894.86
Funds Out:	\$ 1,708.69	\$ 6,429.88
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	(\$ 287.69)	(\$ 1,535.02)

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 (Sep 26)</u>	<u>Next Week (Oct 3)</u>
3 rd Hour :	Reader Mark Klus	David Pellack
6 th Hour:	Michael Wanenchak	Michael Spack
Epistle:	Reader Mark Klus and John Spack	Michael Wanenchak

Fellowship Coffee Hour & Cleaning Teams:

Today (Sep 26): Saint John of Kronstadt
(Herbert Family)

Next Week (Oct 3): Saint Innocent
(Mark Klus, Tish Klus, David Albrecht)

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 & October 2021.

From Now until the end of October

Christmas Card Project has started (Putting cards together)

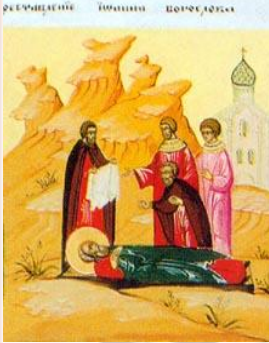
Sunday, October 10 – Fall General Parish Meeting to be held after Divine Liturgy! This meeting will include the election of parish officers for the following positions: President (Matthew Andrews), Secretary (Natalie Patterson), Trustee (Even Year Term) – (Peter Parsells). Please remember these are 2-year terms covering 2022-2023 calendar year.

Advent Giving (October 17 to December 12): We will be collecting food and cleaning supplies for Soap & Song Homeless group and Food Pantry

Thanksgiving Turkey Donations (October 17 to November 7): We will be collecting \$3.00 donations for turkeys and distribute donations to Mother Catherine

Sometime this Fall - Archbishop MARK parish visit - Date TBD!!!

Rest of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian [September 26th]



The Holy, Glorious All-laudable Apostle and Evangelist, Virgin, and Beloved Friend of Christ, John the Theologian was the son of Zebedee and Salome, a daughter of Saint Joseph the Betrothed. He was called by our Lord Jesus Christ to be one of His Apostles at the same time as his elder brother James. This took place at Lake Gennesareth (i.e. the Sea of Galilee). Leaving behind their father, both brothers followed the Lord.

The Apostle John was especially loved by the Savior for his sacrificial love and his virginal purity. After his calling, the Apostle John did not part from the Lord, and he was one of the three apostles who were particularly close to Him. Saint John the Theologian was present when the Lord restored the daughter of Jairus to life, and he was a witness to the Transfiguration of the Lord on Mount Tabor.

During the Last Supper, he reclined next to the Lord, and laid his head upon His breast. He also asked the name of the Savior's betrayer. The Apostle John followed after the Lord when they led Him bound from the Garden of Gethsemane to the court of the iniquitous High Priests Annas and Caiphas. He was there in the courtyard of the High Priest during the interrogations of his Teacher and he resolutely followed after him on the way to Golgotha, grieving with all his heart.

At the foot of the Cross he stood with the Mother of God and heard the words of the Crucified Lord addressed to Her from the Cross: "Woman, behold Thy son." Then the Lord said to him, "Behold thy Mother" (John 19:26-27). From that moment the Apostle John, like a loving son, concerned himself over the Most Holy Virgin Mary, and he served Her until Her Dormition.

After the Dormition of the Mother of God the Apostle John went to Ephesus and other cities of Asia Minor to preach the Gospel, taking with him his own disciple Prochorus. They boarded a ship, which floundered during a terrible tempest. All the travellers were cast up upon dry ground, and only the Apostle John remained in the depths of the sea. Prochorus wept bitterly, bereft of his spiritual father and guide, and he went on towards Ephesus alone.

On the fourteenth day of his journey he stood at the shore of the sea and saw that the waves had cast a man ashore. Going up to him, he recognized the Apostle John, whom the Lord had preserved alive for fourteen days in the sea. Teacher and disciple went to Ephesus, where the Apostle John preached incessantly to the pagans about Christ. His preaching was accompanied by such numerous and great miracles, that the number of believers increased with each day.

[The remaining life of Holy Apostle John the Theologian can be read at: <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2021/09/26/102731-repose-of-the-holy-apostle-and-evangelist-john-the-theologian>]

