

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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Sunday, October 24, 2021 | 18th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 1 – Martyr Arethas and 4,299 Martyrs with him (523)
Blessed Elesbaan, King of Ethiopia (ca. 553-55)
Martyr Syncretica and her two daughters (6th c.)

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Weekly Schedule

Saturday: October 30 – Great Vespers at **4:00PM**

Sunday: October 31 – Apostles of the Seventy
Reading of Hours – 9:30am
Divine Liturgy – **10:00am**
Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Sunday: October 31 – Archbishop MARK parish visit for the Divine Liturgy

Tuesday: November 2 – Election Day! Get out there and vote!

Sunday: November 7 – Saint Blessed Olga book club to meet after Divine Liturgy.
We will be discussing Chapters 1 thru 3 of the book *Winter Pascha*.

Texts for the Liturgical Service

Troparion (Tone 1)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, / while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, / Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, / granting life to the world. / The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: / “Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! / Glory to Thy Kingdom! // Glory to Thy dispensation, O thou who lovest of mankind!”

Troparion (Tone 1 – St Arethas)

Through the sufferings which Thy holy martyrs Arethas and his companions endured for Thy sake, O Lord, / we beseech Thee, O Lover of mankind: // “Heal all of our infirmities!”

Kontakion (Tone 1)

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, / raising the world with Thyself. / Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. / Adam exults, O Master! / Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee: // “Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

Kontakion (Tone 4 – St Arethas)

Today the radiant feast of the passion-bearers Arethas and his companions / comes to us as a herald of joy; // as we celebrate it, we glorify the Lord on high.

Prokeimenon (Tone 1)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on Thee.
v. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the upright!

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: “He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.” Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 1)

- v. God gives vengeance to me, and subdues people under me! Alleluia (3x's)
- v. He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David,
His anointed, and his seed forever. Alleluia (3x's)

Gospel Reading: Luke 16:19-31

There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. 'And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, 'for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'

Communion Hymn:

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise him in the highest! Alleluia (3x's)

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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!

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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

2021 Fall General Parish Meeting (Summation)

On Sunday, October 10, the parish held its Fall General Parish Meeting. Along with holding the election of parish council officers for the 2022-2023 calendar years, the meeting consisted of 1) the approval of the proposed parish council position of re-categorizing all but two restricted/earmark funds to the unrestricted funds category; 2) approval of the 1st collection (the one right after gospel/sermon) with the first three Sundays of the month earmarked towards Row House Fund and the fourth (and fifth, when it occurs) Sunday earmarked towards Charity; and 3) approval of accepting bids on the snow removal and de-icing around the parish properties & lot.

Minutes for this meeting will be made available and posted on the bulletin board and emailed to the parishioners once they have been compiled by the secretary and reviewed by the parish council.

With that said, here are your 2022 Parish Council Officers:

Parish Spiritual Leader: Father Mark Kozak
Parish President: Matthew Andrews (2022-2023) [2nd consecutive term on council]
Parish Vice President: Brett McKenna (2021-2022)
Parish Secretary: Natalie Patterson (2022-2023) [2nd consecutive term on council]
Parish Treasurer: Kenneth Kavalkovich (2021-2022) [2nd consecutive term on council]
Parish Trustee (Even Year): Tanya Krawchuk (2022-2023)
Parish Trustee (Odd Year): Ronald Homan (2021-2022)
Parish Immediate Past President: Peter Parsells

Next year at the Fall General Parish Meeting, the positions of Parish Vice-President, Parish Treasurer, and Parish Trustee (Odd-Year) will be the only positions available to elect parish council officers for a two-year term.

CARDS FOR OUR TROOPS! – CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT

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 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!

Saturday, December 4, 2021 - Parish's Saint Nicholas Fair

The parish will have the Saint Nicholas Fair to support the parish HVAC Project. We are collecting new items and unused items (PLEASE, nothing used!) for sale at the fair. We are also accepting crafts, and baked goods for sale. Please see Matushka Janine if you would like to help to donate. Matushka Janine has a sign-up sheet for baked goods. We had a great time last year and raised a little over \$3,200 for the HVAC project. Please consider joining us!

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Newly Baptized Gabriel Andrews offered by David Pellack
Family and Parishioners offered by Nina Patterson
Yauri Acevedo offered by Ashley-Kristine Essey
Family and Friends offered by Daria LeRoy

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Emma Burychka offered by David Pellack
Richard Coan, Albert Kavalkovich, offered by Anna Coan
Helen and Andrew Gerasimoff offered by Anna Coan
Kevin Acevedo offered by Ashley-Kristine Essey

May Their Memories Be Eternal

Vigil Cross Candles – 10/17/21:

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Please remember in your prayers:

The newly baptized Gabriel Matthew Andrews (October 16) and his parents Matthew & Christina and his godparents. May God Grant Gabriel and the Andrews 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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Sidewalk Repair Donations (Week of October 17)

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

Health of Gabriel Andrews: Small Block – From Matt and Christina Andrews

Large Block – Anonymous Donation

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 Fall General Parish Meeting held on Sunday, October 10, the parish body approved that the special collection for the first three Sundays of the month be earmarked towards the repairing/fixing/replacing of the roofs of both houses that the parish owns (now known as the Row House Fund).

The fourth Sunday (and fifth, when it occurs) the special collection will be earmarked towards Charity.

This new collection schedule will begin on Sunday, October 17.

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

Cash Flow Activity (October)

<u>Week of Sun Oct 10 to Sat Oct 16</u>		<u>October Month to Date</u>
Attendance:	28	30 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 2,549.00	\$ 4,208.84
Funds Out:	\$ 1,550.03	\$ 4,562.66
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 998.97	(\$ 353.82)

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 (Oct 24)</u>	<u>Next Week (Oct 31)</u>
3 rd Hour :	Michael Spack	Michael Wanenchak
6 th Hour:	Reader Mark Klus	Matthew Andrews
Epistle:	Dr David Albrecht	Reader Mark Klus and John Spack

Fellowship Coffee Hour & Cleaning Teams:

Today (Oct 24): Saint Herman of Alaska
(Matthew Andrews, Christina Andrews, Barbara Andrews)

Next Week (Oct 31): No Team Scheduled (Rotation Break)

[Please Note: Coffee will be made & available, however, parishioners may volunteer to host a luncheon since Archbishop MARK will be in attendance at our parish this Sunday]

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 October 2021.

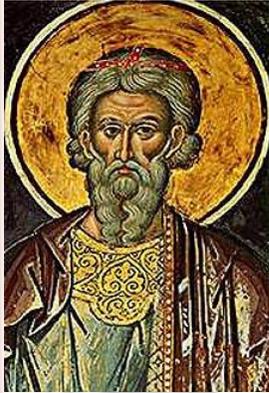
During October – Finish putting Christmas Cards together

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

Sunday, October 31 - Archbishop MARK visit to our parish for Liturgy!!!

Sunday, November 21 – Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy in the Sunday school classroom



Martyr Arethas and 4,299 Martyrs with him [October 24th]

The Martyr Arethas and with him 4299 Martyrs suffered for the Lord Jesus Christ in the sixth century. Arethas was prefect of the Christian city of Negran in Arabia. The Arabian (or Omirite) king, Dunaan, who was Jewish, decided to eliminate Christianity from the land. He issued an edict that all followers of Christ were to be put to death.

Because the inhabitants of Negran remained faithful to the Lord, Dunaan came with a large army to destroy the city. At the city walls of Negran the king's heralds announced that Dunaan would only spare those who renounced Christ and referred to His Cross as a "sign of malediction."

Not daring to assault the Christian city by force, Dunaan resorted to a ruse. Dunaan swore an oath that he would not force the Christians into Judaism, but would merely collect a tribute from Negran. The inhabitants of the city would not heed the advice of Saint Arethas, and putting their trust in Dunaan, they opened the city gates.

The very next day Dunaan gave orders to light an immense fire and throw all the clergy of the city into it in order to frighten the rest of the Christians. 427 men were burned. He also threw the prefect Arethas and the other chief men into prison. Then the oppressor sent his messengers through the city to convert the Christians to Judaism. Dunaan himself conversed with those inhabitants brought from the prisons, saying, "I do not demand that you should renounce the God of heaven and earth, nor do I want you to worship idols, I want merely that you do not believe in Jesus Christ, since the Crucified One was a man, and not God."

The holy martyrs replied that Jesus is God the Word, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, Who for the salvation of mankind was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary. Those suffering said, "We shall not abjure Christ, since He is Life for us. To die for Him is to find Life."

More than four thousand Christians, men, women, both the aged and children, from the city of Negran and surrounding villages suffered martyrdom for Christ.

