

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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Sunday, November 7, 2021 | 20th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 3 – Holy 33 Martyrs of Melitene (3rd c.)

Martyr Theodotus of Ancyra (303)

Venerable Lazarus the Wonderworker of Mt. Galesius near Ephesus

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Weekly Schedule

- Today: Saint Blessed Olga book club to meet after Divine Liturgy. We will be discussing Chapters 1 thru 3 of the book *Winter Pascha*.
- Monday: November 8 – Divine Liturgy at **10:00AM** for Synaxis of Archangel Michael and the other Bodiless Powers
- Tuesday: November 9 – Bible Study at **6:30PM** in the church basement and on the ZOOM media platform. Social distancing guidelines will be followed!
- Thursday: November 11 – Veterans Day
- Saturday: November 13 – Great Vespers at **4:00PM**
- Sunday: November 14 – Holy & All Praised Apostle Phillip
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 – 33 Martyrs)

Thy thirty-three holy martyrs, O Lord, / through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from Thee, our God. / For having Thy strength, they laid low their adversaries, / and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. // Through their intercessions, save our souls!

Troparion (Tone 8 – Venerable Lazarus)

Thou didst water thy pillar with prayerful vigils and flowing tears; / Thou broughtest forth fruit a hundredfold with sighs from the depths of thy soul. / Thou wast a shepherd, granting the requests of all. // Entreat Christ God, venerable Lazarus our father, that our souls may be saved!

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 8 – 33 Martyrs)

The radiant choir of martyrs, the light-bearing company, spiritually descends to us, / enlightening the Church with brilliant rays. / Therefore as we celebrate their honored memory, we ask Thee, our Savior, // through their prayers, deliver us from misfortunes so that we may sing to Thee, “Alleluia!”

Kontakion (Tone 4 – Venerable Lazarus)

With joy the Church of Christ glorifies thee with psalms / as a most brilliant light, venerable Lazarus. // Therefore, always pray to Christ that He may grant forgiveness of transgressions to all!

Prokeimenon (Tone 3)

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! / Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
v. Clap your hands, all ye people! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

Epistle Reading: Galatians 1:11-19

But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 3)

v. In Thee, O Lord, have I placed my hope; let me not be put to shame. Alleluia (3x's)
v. Be Thou a God of protection of me, a house of refuge in order to save me. Alleluia (3x's)

Gospel Reading: Luke 8:41-56

And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him. Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me." Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace." While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher." But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well." When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl. Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead. But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Little girl, arise." Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat. And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

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 – Today Last Day for orders:

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 is: TODAY, 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

CARDS FOR OUR TROOPS! – CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT

The Christmas Card Project is complete, and they will be sent out this week for our troops to receive them in a timely manner over the Christmas season.

Thank You all for your help and generosity of your time for this worthwhile project!

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!

This year, there will be handmade, natural soaps for sale from Oct 31 to Dec 4. The types of soaps include: honey orange, goats milk unscented, shea butter, francenscence, lavender oatmeal, and men's chappareal soap. Soap cost is \$3 to \$4 per bar. Orders are accepted. No supply chain issues with soap orders! These make great Christmas presents. See Matushka Janine for samples and to purchase.

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!

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.

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Anastasia, Colin, Alex, Selena, Gabriel, Elton, Scarlet, Lucas, Catherine, Lisa, Angelo, Patricia, Patricia, Kenneth offered by Debbie Kavalkovich
Lucas, Scarlet, Elton offered by Catherine Kavalkovich
Gabriel, Maxima, Damian offered by Catherine Kavalkovich
Christian Drimak offered by Sandra Hourahan

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Marc Ferguson Sr. offered by Debbie Kavalkovich
Irene Kavcsak offered by Nina Patterson
Florence Savchak offered by David Pellack
Margie Ryan offered by Sandra Hourahan
Irene Kavcsak offered by Melanie Albrecht
Irene Kavcsak offered by Daria LeRoy

May Their Memories Be Eternal

Vigil Cross Candles – 10/31/21:

Two Large Vigil Crosses – Memory of sister Mary Herbert offered by M/M Herbert

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Please remember in your prayers:

Anthony & Lisa Colona; 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 31)

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 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 24 to Sat Oct 30</u>		<u>October Month to Date</u>
Attendance:	40	36 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 1,401.00	\$ 8,406.84
Funds Out:	\$ 4,360.41	\$ 8,853.07
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	(\$ 2,959.41)	(\$ 446.23)

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 (Nov 7)</u>	<u>Next Week (Nov 14)</u>
3 rd Hour :	Reader Mark Klus	Dr. David Albrecht
6 th Hour:	Sbdn Daniel Kavalkovich	John Spack
Epistle:	David Pellack	Sbdn Daniel Kavalkovich and Michael Spack

Fellowship Coffee Hour & Cleaning Teams:

Today (Nov 7): Saint Juvenaly
(Deacon Michael, Matushka Janine, Catherine Kavalkovich, David Pellack)

Next Week (Nov 14): Saint John of Kronstadt
(Herbert Family)

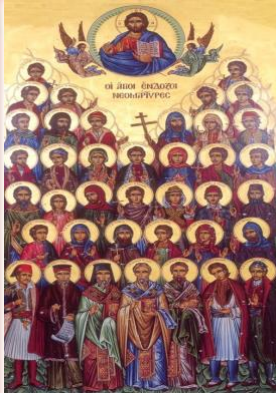
Please continue to check our parish website, social media pages, and your emails regularly for updated information on the parish regarding parish services & events in November 2021.

Today – Christmas Cards are completed and will be sent out to military

Today – Final Day for Thanksgiving Turkey Donations: The parish is collecting \$3.00 donations for turkeys and distribute donations to Mother Catherine

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

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



Holy 33 Martyrs of Melitene [November 7th]

The holy martyr Hieron was born in the city of Tiana in great Cappadocia. Raised by a pious mother, he was a kindly and good Christian.

The co-ruling emperors Diocletian (284-305) and Maximian (284-305) sent a large military detachment headed by Lysias to Cappadocia to eradicate Christianity there, and also to conscript healthy and strong men into the imperial army. Among those pressed into service, Lysias also ordered his men to draft Hieron, who was distinguished by his great physical strength and dexterity.

But Hieron refused to serve emperors who persecuted Christians. When they attempted to seize him by force and bring him to Lysias, he took a stick and started beating the soldiers who had been sent to bring him. The soldiers scattered, ashamed of being defeated by a single man. Hieron then hid himself in a cave with eighteen other Christians. Lysias would not risk losing his soldiers by storming the cave.

Upon the advice of Cyriacus, one of Hieron's friends, Lysias lifted the siege of the cave and withdrew his detachment. Then Cyriacus persuaded Hieron not to offer resistance to the authorities. He and the other new conscripts and accompanying soldiers were sent to the nearby city of Melitene.

Soon Hieron had a vision in his sleep, in which his impending martyrdom was foretold. Lysias told the soldiers gathered at Melitene to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods. Hieron and another thirty-two soldiers refused to do this, and openly confessed their faith in Christ. Then the persecutor gave orders to beat the martyrs, and to cut off Hieron's arm at the elbow. After cruel tortures they threw the martyrs into prison barely alive, and they beheaded them four days later.

A certain rich and illustrious Christian by the name of Chrysanthus ransomed Hieron's head from Lysias. When the persecutions finally ceased, he built a church on the place where they executed the holy martyrs, and he placed the venerable head in it. The bodies of all the executed saints were secretly buried by Christians. In reign of the emperor Justinian, during the construction of the church of Hagia Eirene (Holy Peace), the venerable relics were uncovered and found incorrupt.

The other martyrs are: Hesy chius, Nicander, Athanasius, Mamas, Barachius, Callinicus, Theogenes, Nikon, Longinus, Theodore, Valerius, Xanthius, Theodoulus, Callimachus, Eugene, Theodochus, Ostrychius, Epiphanius, Maximian, Ducitius, Claudian, Theophilus, Gigantius, Dorotheus, Theodotus, Castrichius, Anicetus, Themelius, Euty chius, Hilarion, Diodotus and Amonitus.