

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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Sunday, November 14, 2021 | 21st Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 4 – Holy and All-praised Apostle Philip (1st c.)
St Justinian the Emperor (565), and his wife, St Theodora (548)
Saint Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonica (ca. 1360)

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Weekly Schedule

- Monday: November 15 – Beginning of Advent (The Nativity Fast!!!)
- Tuesday: November 16 – Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew
- Saturday: November 20 – Great Vespers at **4:00PM**
- Sunday: November 21 – Entrance of the Most Holy Theotokos
Reading of Hours – 9:30am
Divine Liturgy – **10:00am**
Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy
- Sunday: November 21 – Property Committee meeting after Divine Liturgy in the Sunday School classroom

Texts for the Liturgical Service

Troparion (Tone 4)

When the women disciples of the Lord / learned from the angel the joyous message of thy Resurrection, / they cast away the ancestral curse / and elatedly told the apostles: / “Death is overthrown! / Christ God is risen, // granting the world great mercy!”

Troparion (Tone 3 – Saint Philip)

Holy Apostle Philip, / entreat the merciful God // to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

Kontakion (Tone 4)

My Savior and Redeemer / as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. / He has shattered the gates of hell, / and as Master, // He has risen on the third day!

Kontakion (Tone 8 – Saint Philip)

Thy disciple, friend and imitator of Thy passion, / the God-preaching Philip, proclaimed Thee to the universe. / By his prayers deliver Thy Church from her enemies; / through the Theotokos protect every city, O most merciful Christ!

Prokeimenon (Tone 4)

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works / in wisdom hast Thou made them all!
v. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great!

Another Prokeimenon (Tone 8 – Saint Philip)

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

Epistle Reading: Galatians 2:16-20

Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 4)

- v. Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth! Alleluia (3x's)
- v. For Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest iniquity. 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 10:25-37

And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" So he answered and said, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'" And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves? And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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 Holy Apostle Philip are as follows:
Epistle – 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 and Gospel – John 1:43-51]*

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!

Sundays, December 5, 12, & 19, 2021 - Parish's Saint Nicholas Fair

[NOTE CHANGE IN DATES!!!]

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 19**. 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:

Lisa, Anthony, Anastasia, Colin, Alex, Selena, Anastasia, Patricia, Catherine, Edward, Ana, Emily, Edward, Dorothy, Anne, Veronica, Edith, William, Patricia, Matthew, Michael, Kathleen, Scarlett Jo, Elton, Gabriel, Lucas, offered by M/M K Kavalkovich & Family
Jason and Brooke offered by Nina Patterson
All Veterans offered by David Pellack
Thomas and Kimberly Herbert offered by M/M Herbert
Scarlett Jo, Steve Thack offered by Catherine Kavalkovich

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

New departed Angelo Amorosso offered by M/M K Kavalkovich & Family
Marc Ferguson (1 year anniversary) offered by M/M K Kavalkovich & Family
Benjamin Macalush, Robert Endy offered by M/M Herbert
Angelo Amorosso, Albert Kavalkovich offered by Catherine Kavalkovich
David and Veterans offered by M/M K Kavalkovich & Family

May Their Memories Be Eternal

Vigil Cross Candles – 11/7/21:

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Please remember in your prayers:

The newly baptized Scarlett Jo Andrews (November 6) and her parents Christopher & Allison and her godparents. May God Grant Scarlett and the Andrews Family Many Blessed Years!

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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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/November)

<u>Week of Sun Oct 31 to Sat Nov 6</u>	<u>October Month (Unaudited)</u>
Attendance: 40	37 (average)
Funds In: \$ 1,811.27	\$10,217.24
Funds Out: \$ 3,078.85	\$ 9,353.07
Net Surplus/(Deficit): (\$ 1,267.58)	\$ 864.17

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 14)</u>	<u>Next Week (Nov 21)</u>
3 rd Hour :	Dr. David Albrecht	Anthony Colona
6 th Hour:	John Spack	David Pellack
Epistle:	Sbdn Daniel Kavalkovich and Michael Spack	Reader Mark Klus and Daniel S Herbert

Fellowship Coffee Hour & Cleaning Teams:

Today (Nov 14): Saint John of Kronstadt
(Herbert Family)

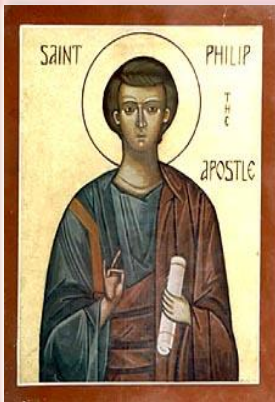
Next Week (Nov 21): Saint Innocent
(Mark Klus, Tish Klus, David Albrecht)

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 November 2021.

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

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

UPDATED DATES for the Saint Nicholas Fair – Sundays December 5, 12, and 19th!!!



Holy and All-praised Apostle Philip [November 14th]

The Holy and All-praised Apostle Philip was a native of the city of Bethsaida in Galilee. He had a profound depth of knowledge of the Holy Scripture, and rightly discerning the meaning of the Old Testament prophecies, he awaited the coming of the Messiah. Through the call of the Savior (John 1:43), Philip followed Him. The Apostle Philip is spoken about several times in the Holy Gospel: he brought to Christ the Apostle Nathaniel (i.e. Bartholomew, April 22, June 30, and August 25. See John. 1:46). The Lord asks him where to buy bread for five thousand men (John. 6: 5-7). He brought certain of the Hellenized Jews wanting to see Jesus (John. 12:21-22); and finally, at the Last Supper he asked Christ to show them the Father (John. 14:8).

After the Ascension of the Lord, the Apostle Philip preached the Word of God in Galilee, accompanying his preaching with miracles. Thus, he restored to life a dead infant in the arms of its mother. From Galilee he went to Greece, and preached among the Jews that had settled there. Some of them reported the preaching of the Apostle to Jerusalem. In response, some scribes arrived in Greece from Jerusalem, with one of the Jewish chief priests at their head, to interrogate the Apostle Philip.

The Apostle Philip exposed the lie of the chief priest, who said that the disciples of Christ had stolen away and hidden the body of Christ. Philip told instead how the Pharisees had bribed the soldiers on watch, to deliberately spread this rumor. When the Jewish chief priest and his companions began to insult the Lord and lunged at the Apostle Philip, they suddenly were struck blind. By his prayer the Apostle restored everyone's sight. Seeing this miracle, many believed in Christ. The Apostle Philip provided a bishop for them, by the name of Narcissus (one of the Seventy Apostles, January 4).

From Greece the Apostle Philip went to Parthia, and then to the city of Azotus, where he healed an eye affliction of the daughter of a local resident named Nikoklides, who had received him into his home, and then baptized his whole family.

From Azotus the Apostle Philip set out to Syrian Hieropolis (there were several cities of this name) where, stirred up by the Pharisees, the Jews burned the house of Heros, who had taken in the Apostle Philip, and they wanted to kill the apostle. The apostle performed several miracles: the healing of the hand of the city official Aristarchus, withered when he attempted to strike the apostle; and restoring a dead child to life. When they saw these marvels, they repented and many accepted holy Baptism. After making Heros the bishop at Hieropolis, the Apostle Philip went on to Syria, Asia Minor, Lydia, Emessa, and everywhere preaching the Gospel and undergoing sufferings. Both he and his sister Mariamne (February 17) were pelted with stones, locked up in prison, and thrown out of villages.

Then the Apostle Philip arrived in the city of Phrygian Hieropolis, where there were many pagan temples. There was also a pagan temple where people worshiped an enormous serpent as a god. The Apostle Philip by the power of prayer killed the serpent and healed many bitten by snakes.

Among those healed was the wife of the city prefect, Amphipatos. Having learned that his wife had accepted Christianity, the prefect Amphipatos gave orders to arrest Saint Philip, his sister, and the Apostle Bartholomew traveling with them. At the urging of the pagan priests of the temple of the serpent, Amphipatos ordered the holy Apostles Philip and Bartholomew to be crucified.