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Sunday, January 16, 2022 | 30th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 5 – Veneration of the Precious Chains of the Holy and All-Glorious Apostle Peter
Martyr Danax the Reader, in Macedonia
Sanctity of Life Sunday Observed within all the OCA parishes

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Weekly Schedule

- Today: After Divine Liturgy at **12:00PM**, the 40th Day Panikhda will be served for Lisa Colona.
- Saturday: January 22 – Baptism of Elton David Andrews will be held at our parish
- Saturday: January 22 – Saint Blessed Olga book club to meet before Vespers at **2:30PM** and will continue discussing the book *Winter Pascha* by Father Thomas Hopko.
- Saturday: January 22 – Great Vespers at **4:00PM**
- Sunday: January 23 – Synaxis of the Holy New Martyrs of Russia
Reading of Hours – 9:30am
Divine Liturgy – **10:00am**
Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy
- Sunday: January 23 – After Divine Liturgy at **12:00PM**, the 40th Day Panikhda will be served for William Koran.

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 4 – Saint Peter)

Thou didst come to us without leaving Rome / through the precious chains that thou didst wear. / First-enthroned of the Apostles, / we bow down to them in faith and pray: // “Through thy prayers to God grant us 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 Peter)

Christ the Rock radiantly glorifies the Rock of Faith, / the first-enthroned of the disciples; / He calls us to honor the miracles wrought through Peter's chains, // so that He may grant us forgiveness of our sins.

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.

Epistle Reading: Colossians 3:12-16

Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, signing with the grace in your hearts to the Lord.

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)

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:18-27

Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother.' And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth." So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich. And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For 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. And those who heard it said, "Who then can be saved?" But He said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

Communion Hymn:

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



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

Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 30, 2022 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. The Spiritual Advisor's report, the Treasurer's report, the voting on the 2022 budget, along with any other business that needs to be discussed. The election of the 2022 parish council officers took place during the Fall Parish meeting back in October 2021.

CARDS FOR OUR TROOPS! SAVE YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS!

Please save your Christmas cards this year. Matushka Janine and the Charity Committee are collecting Christmas cards to send to the troops for next year. They will use the front cover and paste it on a new card, write an appropriate verse on the inside of the card, and address the card to our soldiers. Please consider donating your cards you received this year. Please see Matushka Janine as to where to drop off your Christmas cards at a designated area in the church basement, or whether she will collect them directly. As always, thank you for your generosity! This year we collected and sent out just under **600** cards for our troops!

2022 House Blessing

If you wish to have your home blessed, please speak with Father Mark for date availability to schedule a house blessing. The blessing of houses will begin after Theophany, which is Thursday, January 6. Items of importance when having your home blessed: 1) have a candle available to be burned during the house blessing, 2) a bowl of blessed holy water, 3) an icon (preferably the icon of Christ being baptized in the Jordan River), and 4) please make enough space for Father Mark to maneuver in the rooms you wish him to bless.

Please Note: House blessing schedule will also be based upon the current State and Local Civil Authority's travel and social gathering restrictions due to the increase in Covid Omicron & Delta variants!

Check your emails from January 3 and January 4 regarding the new Mask policy for our parish during services: Basically the only change is, "All parishioners will wear Mask in church for the entire service, except when receiving communion!" until further notice.

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:

Barbara and Norman Andrews offered by Catherine Kavalkovich
Family and Friends offered by Nina Patterson

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Michael Corba offered by Catherine Kavalkovich

May Their Memories Be Eternal

Vigil Cross Candles – 1/9/22:

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Please remember in your prayers:

+ Newly Departed Handmaiden of God Grace Corba (Dec 14)

Anastasia Jones and her unborn child; 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 January 9)

Sidewalk Repair Block Donation – \$20 from the Candy Sale

Memory of Spack Family Members: Small Block – John & Justine McCann

Memory of parents John & Margaret Pellack: Block Donation – John & Mary Pellack

Memory of cousin Grace Corba: Block Donation – Joe & Brenda Frederico

Memory of mother Grace Corba: Block Donation – Karen & Stephen Avallone

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 (January)

<u>Week of Sun Jan 2 to Sat Jan 8</u>	<u>January Month to Date</u>
Attendance: 27	28 (average)
Funds In: \$ 3,497.00	\$ 3,497.87
Funds Out: \$ 7,223.48	\$10,068.48
Net Surplus/(Deficit): (\$ 3,726.48)	(\$ 6,570.61)

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 (Jan 16)</u>	<u>Next Week (Jan 23)</u>
3 rd Hour:	Matthew Andrews	Dr. David Albrecht
6 th Hour:	David Pellack	Subdeacon Daniel Kavalkovich
Epistle:	David Pellack	Reader Mark Klus and Michael Wanenchak

Fellowship Coffee Hour & Cleaning Teams:

If you have volunteered to host coffee hour, please check which team you are on and when your Team is hosting coffee hour in the white/clear 3-ring binder which is located on the display case outside of the office room.

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 January 2022.

The Saint Blessed Olga of Alaska Book Club will now be meeting on Saturday afternoons “BEFORE” Vespers to continue discussing the book *Winter Pascha* by Father Thomas Hopko. The next book club meetings will take place on Saturdays from 2:30PM to 3:15PM on the following dates: January 22nd , January 29th , February 5th , and February 12th.

End of January – Quarterly Parish Council Meeting! Date & Time TBA

Sunday, January 30 - Annual Parish Meeting to be held after Liturgy.

At this year’s Annual Parish Meeting, we will decide whether Soup ‘N Bowl VI Challenge will be held on Sunday, February 13, 2022. This will depend on the further outbreak of the Covid variant in our region and any restrictions from our local and state government authorities. If the event is held, we will try to limit the number of food entrants around 4 dishes and we will use the Sterno heating trays to keep the dishes hot!



Veneration of the Precious Chains of the Holy and All-Glorious Apostle Peter [January 16th]

The Veneration of the Honorable Chains of the Holy and All-Praised Apostle Peter: In about the year 42, on the orders of Herod Agrippa, the Apostle Peter was thrown into prison for preaching about Christ the Savior. In prison he was held secure by two iron chains. During the night before his trial, an angel of the Lord removed these chains from the Apostle Peter and led him out from the prison (Acts 12:1-11).

Christians who learned of the miracle took the chains and kept them as precious keepsakes. For three centuries the chains were kept in Jerusalem, and those who

were afflicted with illness and approached them with faith received healing. Patriarch Juvenal (July 2) presented the chains to Eudokia, wife of the emperor Theodosius the Younger, and she in turn transferred them from Jerusalem to Constantinople in either the year 437 or 439.

Eudokia sent one chain to Rome to her daughter Eudoxia (the wife of Valentinian), who built a church on the Esquiline hill dedicated to the Apostle Peter and placed the chain in it. There were other chains in Rome, with which the Apostle Peter was shackled before his martyrdom under the emperor Nero. These were also placed in the church.

On January 16, the chains of Saint Peter are brought out for public veneration.

Sanctity of Life Sunday Observed

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon has designated today, Sunday, January 16, 2022 as Sanctity of Life Sunday to be observed in all parishes of the Orthodox Church in America and has released a statement that can be read on the oca.org website. Prayers and petitions for the liturgical services can be found at this link: <https://www.oca.org/orthodoxy/prayers/sanctity-of-life-petitions-and-prayers>

Sanctity of Life Sunday will be a precursor to the March for Life on Friday, January 21, 2022, on the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade ruling legalizing abortion in the United States of America. His Beatitude will be present and gather with the Orthodox faithful from across the country to remember the victims of abortion.

The March for Life will begin with a Divine Liturgy at Saint Nicholas Cathedral and conclude at the Supreme Court building. A complete schedule of events will be posted on the OCA website in the coming weeks. More information can be found at this link: <https://www.oclife.org/march>