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Sunday, January 30, 2022 | 32nd Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 7 – Synaxis of the Three Great Ecumenical Teachers and Hierarchs:
Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom

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Weekly Schedule

- Today: Annual Parish Meeting after Divine Liturgy!
[PLEASE NOTE, RESCHEDULED TO NEXT SUNDAY – FEB 6]
- Wednesday: February 2 – Divine Liturgy at **10:00AM** for the Feast of the Meeting of our Lord into the Temple and the Blessing of Candles.
- Saturday: February 5 – 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: February 5 – Great Vespers at **4:00PM**
- Sunday: February 6 – Sunday of Zacchaeus
Reading of Hours – 9:30am
Divine Liturgy – **10:00am**
Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy
- Tuesday: February 8 – Bible Study at **6:30PM** in church basement

Texts for the Liturgical Service

Troparion (Tone 7)

By Thy Cross Thou destroy death. / To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. / For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy. / And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, / to proclaim that Thou are risen, // granting the world great mercy.

Troparion (Tone 1 – Three Hierarchs)

Let us who love their words come together with hymns, / and honor the three great torch-bearers of the ^triune Godhead: / Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom! / These men have enlightened the world with the rays of their divine doctrines. / They are sweetly flowing rivers ^of wisdom, / and have filled all creation with springs of heavenly knowledge. / They ceaselessly intercede for us // before the Holy Trinity.

Kontakion (Tone 7)

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, / for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. / Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: / “The Savior has come to those in faith; // enter, thou faithful, into the Resurrection!”

Kontakion (Tone 2 – Three Hierarchs)

O Lord, Thou hast taken up to eternal rest / and to the enjoyment of Thy blessings / the divinely-inspired heralds, the greatest of Thy teachers, / for Thou hast accepted their labors and deaths as a sweet-smelling sacrifice, // for Thou alone art glorified in Thy saints.

Prokeimenon (Tone 7)

The Lord shall give strength to His people! / The Lord shall bless His people with peace!
v. Offer to the Lord, O ye sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

Another Prokeimenon (Tone 8 – Three Hierarchs)

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

Epistle Reading: 1 Timothy 1:15-17

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 7)

- v. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High! Alleluia (3x's)
- v. To declare Thy mercy in the morning and Thy truth by night Alleluia(3x's)
- v. The heavens will praise Thy wonders, O Lord; and Thy truth in the congregation of the saints.
Alleluia (3x's) [TONE 1]

Gospel Reading: Matthew 15:21-28

Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed." But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us." But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs." And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

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 Synaxis of the Three Great Hierarchs is as follows:
Epistle – Hebrews 13:7-16 and Gospel – Matthew 5:14-19]

Congratulations to our own Father Mark, who at the Diocesan Assembly this past week, was elected by our own Philadelphia Deanery to serve on the Diocesan Council of the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania. May God Grant Father Mark Many Blessed Years!

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 has been postponed as a result of this weekends inclement weather and will be rescheduled on Sunday, February 6, 2022 after Divine Liturgy in the church basement.

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:

Elton, David, Allison Andrews offered by Catherine Kavalkovich
Family members offered by Nina Patterson
Stan Miczenski offered by Melanie Albrecht
Anastasia and her unborn child, Alexander offered by M/M K Kavalkovich
David, Elton, Gabriel, Lucas, Scarlett offered by M/M K Kavalkovich
Daniel Witiak offered by Peter Witiak

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

William and Anna Zuzulock offered by David Pellack
Lisa Colona offered by Nina Patterson
William Koran offered by Crossland Family
William Koran offered by David Pellack

May Their Memories Be Eternal

Vigil Cross Candles – 1/23/22:

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Please remember in your prayers:

+ The Archpriest John D. Bohush who fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, January 21.
May His Memory Be Eternal! Vetchnaya Pamyat!

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

The newly baptized Elton David Andrews (January 22) and his parents David & Allison and his godparents.
May God Grant Elton and the Andrews Family Many Blessed Years!

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; and
all those who are serving in our Armed Forces!

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Sidewalk Repair Donations (Week of January 23)

Sidewalk Repair Block Donation – \$10 from the Candy Sale

Health of son Elton David Andrews: Small Block – David & Allison Andrews

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)

Week of Sun Jan 16 to Sat Jan 22

January Month to Date

Attendance:	37	31 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 7,681.00	\$16,099.53
Funds Out:	\$ 0.00	\$11,882.82
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 7,681.00	\$ 4,216.71

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 30)</u>	<u>Next Week (Feb 6)</u>
3 rd Hour:	John Spack	Reader Mark Klus
6 th Hour:	Matthew Andrews	Michael Spack
Epistle:	Subdeacon Daniel Kavalkovich and Daniel Herbert	Dr. David Albrecht

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.

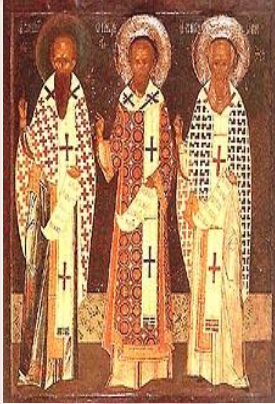
Please continue to check our parish website, social media pages, and your emails regularly for updated information on the parish regarding parish services & events in February/March 2022.

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: February 5th and February 12th.

Today - Annual Parish Meeting to be held after Divine Liturgy.
[RESCHEDULED TO NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6]

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!

Sunday, March 13 – Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy



Synaxis of the Ecumenical Teachers and Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom [January 30th]

Synaxis of the Three Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom: During the eleventh century, disputes raged in Constantinople about which of the three hierarchs was the greatest. Some preferred Saint Basil (January 1), others honored Saint Gregory the Theologian (January 25), while a third group exalted Saint John Chrysostom (November 13).

Dissension among Christians increased. Some called themselves Basilians, others referred to themselves as Gregorians, and others as Johnites.

By the will of God, the three hierarchs appeared to Saint John the Bishop of Euchaita (June 14) in the year 1084, and said that they were equal before God. "There are no divisions among us, and no opposition to one another."

They ordered that the disputes should stop, and that their common commemoration should be celebrated on a single day. Bishop John chose January 30 for their joint Feast, thus ending the controversy and restoring peace.

Venerable Zeno the Hermit of Antioch, disciple of Saint Basil the Great

Saint Zeno, the disciple of Saint Basil the Great, was born in the city of Pontus into a rich family. He served at the court of the emperor Valens (364-378), among the soldiers who were sent out to deliver the imperial edicts.

After the death of Valens, Saint Zeno left the world and settled in a cave near the city of Antioch. For forty years he lived in this cave, and he lived an austere life in complete solitude, cleansing his soul, and meditating on God.

Saint Zeno went to church each Sunday and received the Holy Mysteries of Christ. In his cell he had neither bed, nor fireplace, nor lamp. The ascetic wore old rags, and ate only bread and water, for which he had to make a tedious journey into the city to the well.

Saint Zeno was particularly fond of holy books, which he borrowed from those who came to him for spiritual counsel. Through his deep humility the blessed ascetic, filled with the gifts of grace, considered himself poor in spirit. Saint Zeno died at the beginning of the fifth century.