

## Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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### Sunday, July 3, 2022 | 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 2 – Martyr Hyacinth of Casarea in Cappadocia (108)  
Martyrs Diomedes, Eulampius, Asclepiodotus and Golinduc (2<sup>nd</sup> c.)  
Martys Mocius (Mucian) and Mark (4<sup>th</sup> c.)

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### Weekly Schedule

- Today: Monthly Panikhida immediately after Divine Liturgy
- Monday: July 4 – Independence Day! God Bless America!!!
- Saturday: July 9 – Great Vespers at **4:00PM**
- Sunday: July 10 – Venerable Anthony of the Kiev Caves  
Reading of Hours – 8:30am  
Divine Liturgy – **9:00am [SUMMER HOURS!!!]**  
Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy
- Tuesday: July 12 – Bible Study at 6:30PM in the church basement and on the ZOOM media platform.

## Texts for the Liturgical Service

### **Troparion (Tone 2)**

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal, / Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. / And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, / all the powers of heaven cried out: // “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

### **Troparion (Tone 4 – Saint Hyacinth)**

Thy holy martyr Hyacinth, O Lord, / through his sufferings has received an incorruptible crown from Thee, our God. / For having Thy strength, he laid low his adversaries, / and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. // Through his intercession, save our souls!

### **Kontakion (Tone 2)**

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, / seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! / The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, // and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

### **Kontakion (Tone 2 – Saint Hyacinth)**

Come, you faithful, / plait a crown of unfading hyacinths today for the Martyr Hyacinth, / and let us cry to him: // “Rejoice, glory of martyrs!”

### **Prokeimenon (Tone 2)**

The Lord is my strength and my song / He has become my salvation.

v. The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.

### **Epistle Reading: Romans 5:1-10**

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 2)



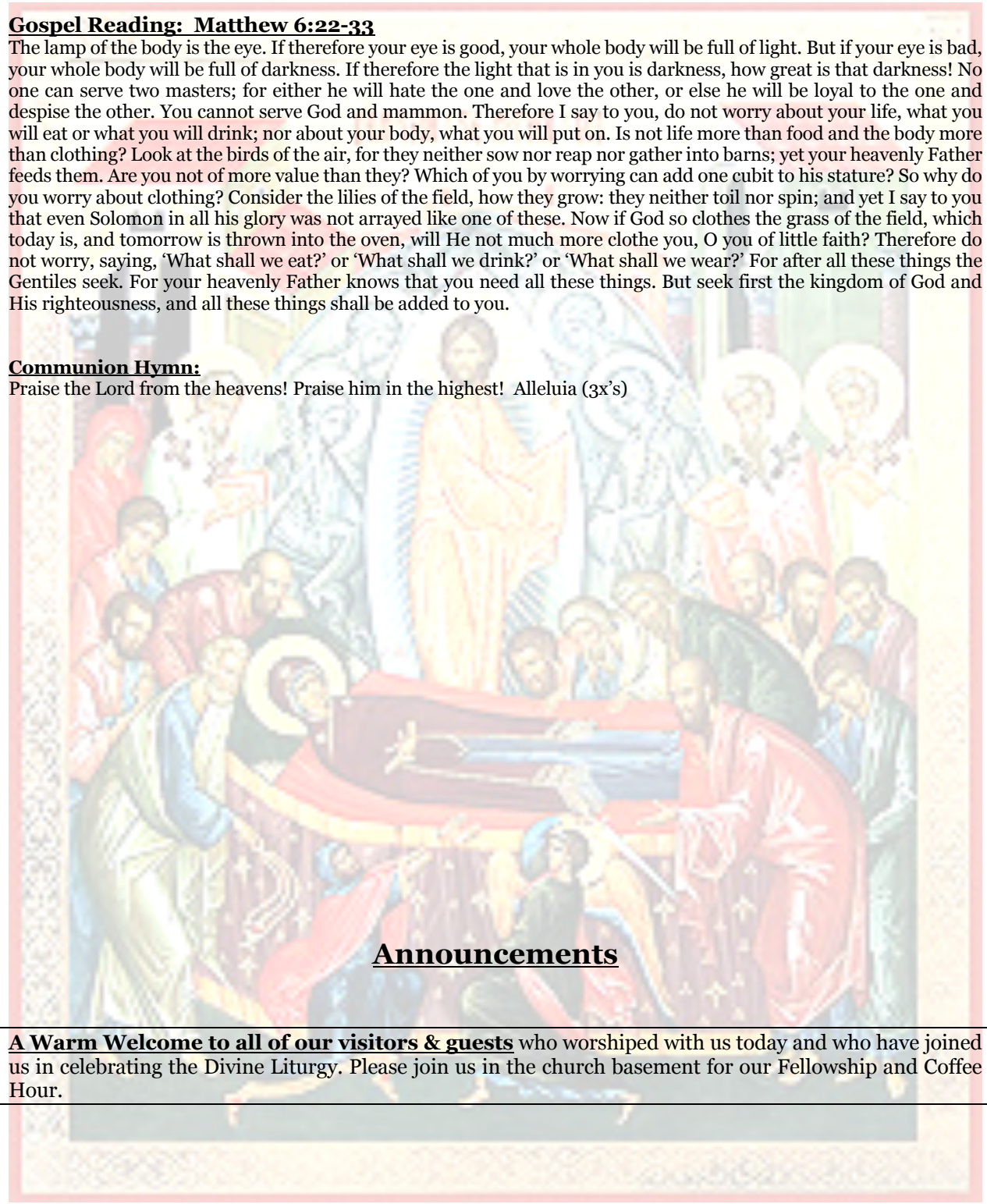
- v. May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect thee! Alleluia (3x's)
- v. Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call to Thee! Alleluia (3x's)

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:22-33**

The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

**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

Now that the Fourth of July is upon us, it is time for the next great American event...

### **“Getting ready to go Back to School” – Annual Backpack Program**

With this in mind, the parish is looking to put together **48** backpacks for this upcoming school year. The parish **has already received donations of the backpacks themselves**. It is the school supplies that we are looking for donations.

Here is a list of school supply items we would like to include in the backpacks for those who wish to donate to this annual parish project:

- \* Pencils
- \* Colored Pencils
- \* ~~Pencil Cases~~ (have them)
- \* Erasers (have them)
- \* Folders
- \* 3 Ring Binders
- \* Rulers
- \* Notebooks
- \* Index Cards (3 1/2 x 5)

Also, everyone received an email on Monday, June 27 with an attachment that included an additional list of school supply items you may wish to donate. Please look at that list and inform Matushka Janine McCartney what you would like to donate *‘BEFORE’* making any purchases. The list is also available in church located on the tetrapod. As of this week’s printing of bulletin, this project has already received all of the backpacks, all of the pencil cases/bags/pouches, and all of the erasers. Thanks!

Last Date to donate school supply items for the backpacks is **Sunday, July, 31**. For more information, please see Matushka Janine McCartney. Thank You!

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### **Ukrainian Orphanage Project**

The parish will be collecting monetary donations from July 3 to September 1, 2022 as our Giving Project for a Ukrainian Orphanage. This project is in connection with Matushka Maggie Zlatkowski at Saint Stephens Cathedral. For any donations, please make the checks out to Assumption of the Holy Virgin and put the Ukrainian Orphanage Project in the subject line. Please hand all checks to Matushka Janine so she can keep track of the accounting. On September 1, 2022, our parish will write a check for all donations received to Saint Stephens Cathedral, and their Ukrainian Orphanage Project. The funds will be handed directly to the orphanage. Please note at this time, an orphanage cannot be selected in advance because of the war. Whatever orphanage is still standing by the grace of God, will be selected to receive the funds. Please continue to pray for all in the Ukraine, especially the innocent children who are caught up in the war. Thank you!

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**Vigil Cross Votive Candles:** There is availability for the vigil cross votive candles to be lit for services on Sundays and Feast Days. Please see Simon Herbert for details of cross sizes and schedule cross lightings!



**Announcements** (cont.)

**Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed**

**Health for the Living:**

Eric Roberts offered by Nina Patterson  
Daria and Rick LeRoy offered by Nina Patterson  
Elton, Ana, Levi, Colin, Alesx Selena, Barbara, David, Allison, Christina, Matthew, Gabriel, Christopher, Allison, Lucas, Scarlett, Veronica, Michael, Edith, William, Sheba, Adam, Stephanie, Ryan offer by MM K Kavalkovich  
Alexandra and Brandon Blau offered by Sandra Hourahan  
Elton Andrews offered by David Pellack  
Elton Andrews offered by Anna Coan

**May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!**

**Memory for the Departed:**

Matushka Lovey Ropitsky offered by MM Herbert

**May Their Memories Be Eternal**

**Vigil Cross Candles – 6/26/22**

Two Small Vigil Cross – Memory of John and Margaret Pellack offered by Pellack and Walker Families

**Vigil Cross Candles lit on Thursday June 23 – Nativity of Saint John and on Tuesday, June 28 – Feast of Saints Peter and Paul**

Vigil Cross Candles – Memory of John Drimak Sr offered by MM Herbert

Vigil Cross Candles – Memory of Olga Macalush offered by MM Herbert

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**Please remember in your prayers:**

Miriam Anastasia Parsells (newly born on June 6), her big brothers Luke and Teddy, and her parents Peter and Heather Parsells. May God Grant Miriam and her family Many Blessed Years!!

Ronald Kavalkovich; Jane Kelly; Anne (Homa) Killoran; Sheba Patton; Dr. Gale Rutan; Joseph Rabik; Peter Witiak; 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 back on Sunday, October 10, 2021, 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 began back on Sunday, October 17, 2021.  
Please be generous with your offering. Every little bit counts. Thank You!

### Cash Flow Activity (June)

<u>Week of Sun Jun 19 to Sat Jun 25</u>	<u>June Month to Date</u>
Attendance: 28	30 (average)
Funds In: \$ 1,281.00	\$ 6,383.00
Funds Out: \$ 229.89	\$ 6,415.21
Net Surplus/(Deficit): \$ 1,051.11	(\$ 32.21)

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month** – Monthly Panikhida immediately after Divine Liturgy.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month** – Bible Study at 6:30pm in church basement.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month** – Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month** – Currently no permanent event is scheduled.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month** – Currently no permanent event is scheduled.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each quarter** – Quarterly Parish Council Meeting after Liturgy.

### **Readers Schedule:**

	<u>Today (Jul 3)</u>	<u>Next Week (Jul 10)</u>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour:	David Pellack	David Allbrecht
6 <sup>th</sup> Hour:	Matthew Andrews	Michael Wanenchak
Epistle:	David Pellack	Sbdn Daniel Kavalkovich and David Albecht

### **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 on the calendar printout which is located in the white/clear 3-ring binder located on the display case outside of the office room.

**NOTE:** The following Sundays during the summer are coffee hour bye-weeks where there is no team scheduled. There will be coffee available, just no food or meal:

**Sunday, July 3 (Independence Day Weekend), and  
Sunday, September 5 (Labor Day Weekend)**

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**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 July and August 2022.**

**Tuesday, July 12 – Bible Study in the church basement at 6:30PM**

**Monday, August 1 – Dormition Fast Begins**

**Friday, August 5 – Vespertal Liturgy at 5:30PM for the Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**

The Blessing of Fruit (and vegetables) will occur after Vespertal Liturgy on this date and on Sunday, August 7 after Divine Liturgy.

**Monday, August 15 – Divine Liturgy at 9:00AM for the Dormition of the Most Holy Lady Theotokos (the Name's Day of the Parish)**

The Blessing of Flowers (and herbal plants) will occur after Divine Liturgy on this date.

**Monday, August 29 – Beheading of Saint John the Baptist. Service schedule is yet to be determined.**



## **Martyr Hyacinth of Caesarea, in Cappadocia, and those with him** [July 3<sup>rd</sup>]

Saint Hyacinth, a native of Caesarea in Cappadocia, was raised in a Christian family. The emperor Trajan made the boy his “cubicularius” (chamberlain), unaware that he was a secret Christian.

One day, while the emperor and his entourage were offering sacrifice to idols, the young Hyacinth remained at the palace, shut himself up in a small room, and prayed fervently to the Lord Jesus Christ. One of the servants overheard him praying and denounced him to

the emperor. He said that although Hyacinth was entrusted with an imperial position, he did not honor the Roman gods, and was secretly praying to Christ.

Hyacinth was brought to trial before Trajan, who tried to persuade him to deny Christ and sacrifice to the deaf and dumb idols, but the holy martyr remained steadfast and declared that he was a Christian. He was whipped and thrown into prison, where the only food given to him was what had already been offered to the idols. They hoped that he would be overcome with hunger and thirst and eat it. Saint Hyacinth did not eat the food, and he died after thirty-eight days. When they came to torture him again, they found his dead body.

The jailer saw two angels in the cell. One covered the saint’s body with his own garment, and the other placed a crown of glory on his head.

The twelve-year-old Hyacinth suffered for Christ in the year 108 in the city of Rome. Later, the saint’s relics were transferred to Caesarea.

Saints Diomedes, Eulampius, Asclepiodotus, and Golinduc also suffered with Saint Hyacinth.

