

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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Sunday, July 17, 2022 | 5th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 4 – Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils
Greatmartyr Marina (Margaret) of Antioch in Pisidia (4thc)
Translation of the Relics of Venerable Lazarus of Mount Galerius

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Weekly Schedule

This week the 20th All-American Council will be held in Baltimore, MD (July 18 thru July 22). Father Mark will be attending as our parish's delegate. If you need to contact Father Mark, please contact him by his mobile phone and he will get back to you at his earliest convenience. We pray that Father Mark has a safe commute and may God bless him this week during the plenary sessions.

Wednesday: July 20 – Holy Prophet Elijah

Thursday: July 21 – Holy Prophet Ezekiel

Saturday: July 23 – Great Vespers at **4:00PM**

Sunday: July 24 – Holy Martyrs Boris and Gleb
Reading of Hours – 8:30am
Divine Liturgy – **9:00am [SUMMER HOURS!!!]**
Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

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 8 – Holy Fathers)

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God! / Thou hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth. / Through them Thou hast guided us to the true Faith. // O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

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 – Holy Fathers)

The Apostles’ preaching and the Fathers’ doctrines have established one Faith for the Church. / Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology, // it defines and glorifies the great mystery of piety.

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!

Prokeimenon (Tone 4 – Songs of the Fathers)

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever!

Epistle Reading: Romans 10:1-10

Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, “The man who does those things shall live by them.” But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ “ (that is, to bring Christ down from above) or, “ ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ “ (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 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 Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Alleluia (3x's) [TONE 1]

Gospel Reading: Matthew 8:28-9:1

When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?" Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding. So the demons begged Him, saying, "If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water. Then those who kept them fled; and they went away into the city and told everything, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men. And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged Him to depart from their region. So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city.

Communion Hymn:

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise him in the highest!
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright! Alleluia (3x's)

*[Note: Today's readings for the Holy Fathers are as follows:
Epistle – Hebrews 13:7-16 and Gospel – John 17:1-13*

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!

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!

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:

Mary Herbert on her birthday offered by her husband Simon Herbert
Daria Leroy on her birthday offered by her sister Nina Patterson
Mary Herbert offered by Melanie Albrecht
Mary Spack offered by Hourahan Family
Parishioners offered by Catherine Kavalkovich
Family members offered by Pete Witiak
Catherine Kavalkovich, Mary Herbert, & David Pellack on their birthdays, Patricia, Levi, Ana, Alex, Kenneth, Catherine, Edward, Veronica, Edith, William, Sharon, Barbara and Norman Andrews, Debbie and Kenneth Kavalkovich, Ronald & Lorraine Kavalkovich offered by MM K Kavalkovich

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Stephen Barna offered by David Pellack
Peter Zuzulock offered by David Pellack

May Their Memories Be Eternal

Vigil Cross Candles – 7/10/22

One Small Votive Cross – Health of Mary Herbert on her birthday offered by Daniel Herbert

One Small Votive Cross – Health of Mary Herbert on her birthday offered by Thomas, Kimberly, Brendan, and Brianna 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!!

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon on his 56th Birthday (July 15)
Deacon Michael McCartney and Sub-deacon Daniel (Kenneth) Kavalkovich on the 3rd Anniversary (July 14) of their ordination to the diaconate; Elton Andrews; 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 (July)

<u>Week of Sun Jul 3 to Sat Jul 9</u>	<u>July Month to Date</u>
Attendance: 30	30 (average)
Funds In: \$ 3,315.28	\$ 3,315.28
Funds Out: \$ 536.91	\$ 3,485.06
Net Surplus/(Deficit): \$ 2,778.37	(\$ 169.78)

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 (Jul 17)</u>	<u>Next Week (Jul 24)</u>
3 rd Hour:	John Spack	Michael Spack
6 th Hour:	Daniel Herbert	Anthony Colona
Epistle:	Reader Mark Klus and John Spack	Sbdcn Daniel Kavalkovich Michael Spack

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, September 5 (Labor Day Weekend)

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.

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.

Tuesday, August 9 – Bible Study in the church basement at 6:30PM

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.



Fathers of the First Six Councils [July 17th]

The Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils.

In the Ninth Article of the Nicea-Constantinople Symbol of Faith proclaimed by the holy Fathers of the First and Second Ecumenical Councils, we confess our faith in “One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.” By virtue of the catholic nature of the Church, an Ecumenical Council is the Church’s supreme authority, and possesses the competence to resolve major questions of church life. An Ecumenical Council is comprised of archpastors and pastors of the Church, and representatives of all the local Churches, from every land of the “oikumene” (i.e. from all the whole inhabited world). The Orthodox Church acknowledges Seven Holy Ecumenical Councils:

The First Ecumenical Council (Nicea I) (May 29, and also on seventh Sunday after Pascha) was convened in the year 325 against the heresy of Arius, in the city of Nicea in Bithynia under Saint Constantine the Great, Equal of the Apostles.

The Second Ecumenical Council (Constantinople I) (May 22) was convened in the year 381 against the heresy of Macedonias, by the emperor Theodosius the Great.

The Third Ecumenical Council (Ephesus) (September 9) was convened in the year 431 against the heresy of Nestorius, in the city of Ephesus by the emperor Theodosius the Younger.

The Fourth Ecumenical Council (Chalcedon) (July 16) was convened in the year 451, against the Monophysite heresy, in the city of Chalcedon under the emperor Marcian.

The Fifth Ecumenical Council (Constantinople II) (July 25) “Concerning the Three Chapters,” was convened in the year 553, under the emperor Justinian the Great.

The Sixth Ecumenical Council (Constantinople III) (January 23) met during the years 680-681, to fight the Monothelite heresy, under the emperor Constantine Pogonatos.

The fact that the Seventh Ecumenical Council (Nicea II) is not commemorated today testifies to the antiquity of today’s celebration. The Seventh Council, commemorated on the Sunday nearest to October 11, was convened at Nicea in the year 787 against the Iconoclast heresy, under the emperor Constantine and his mother Irene.

The Church venerates the Holy Fathers of the Ecumenical Councils because Christ has established them as “lights upon the earth,” guiding us to the true Faith. “Adorned with the robe of truth,” the doctrine of the Fathers, based upon the preaching of the Apostles, has established one faith for the Church. The Ecumenical Councils, are the highest authority in the Church. Such Councils, guided by the grace of the Holy Spirit, and accepted by the Church, are infallible.

