

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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Sunday, July 24, 2022 | 6th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 5 – Martyr Christina of Tyre (ca 300) | + Holy Martyrs and Passionbearers Boris and Gleb, in Baptism Roman and David (1015) | Venerable Polycarp, Archimandrite of Kiev Caves (1182)

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Weekly Schedule

Today: **Divine Liturgy is unexpectedly cancelled (last minute decision)!**

Monday: July 25 – Dormition of the Righteous Anna,
mother of the Most Holy Theotokos

Tuesday: July 26 – Repose of Saint Jacob (Yakov) Netsvetov

Wednesday: July 27 – Holy Greatmartyr and Healer Panteleimon

Saturday: July 30 – Great Vespers at **4:00PM**

Sunday: July 31 – Forefeast of Procession of Lifegiving Cross
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 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 2 – Saints Boris and Gleb)

Righteous passion-bearers and true fulfillers of the Gospel of Christ, / chaste Boris and guileless Gleb, / You did not resist the attacks of your brother, the enemy, /when he killed your bodies but could not touch your souls. / Therefore, let the evil lover of power mourn / while you rejoice with the Angels standing before the Holy Trinity. / Pray that those who honor your memory may be pleasing to God, //and that all Orthodox Christians may be saved!

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 3 – Saints Boris and Gleb)

Today your most glorious memory shines forth, / noble participants in the passion of Christ, holy Boris and Gleb, / for you call us together to sing praises to Christ our God./ Praying to Him before your sacred images, // we receive the gift of healing by your prayers, for you are indeed divine healers.

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.

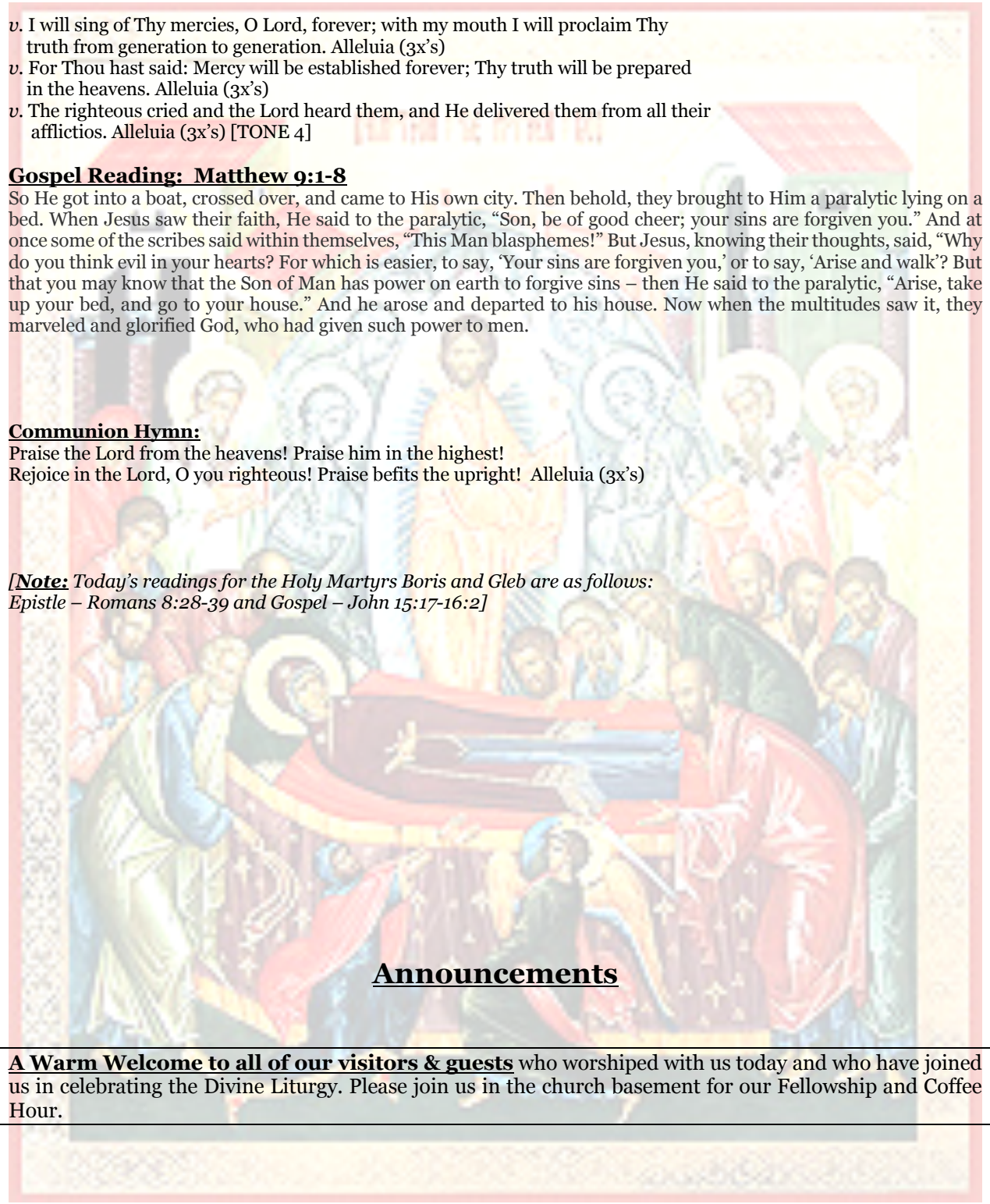
Prokeimenon (Tone 4 – Saints Boris and Gleb)

The Lord has shown the wonders of His will / to the saints who are in His land.

Epistle Reading: Romans 12:6-14

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 5)

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- 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)
 - v. The righteous cried and the Lord heard them, and He delivered them from all their afflictions. Alleluia (3x's) [TONE 4]

Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:1-8

So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you." And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!" But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins – then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." And he arose and departed to his house. Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

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 Martyrs Boris and Gleb are as follows:
Epistle – Romans 8:28-39 and Gospel – John 15:17-16:2]*

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 **Next 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:

David Albrecht Sr offered by Nina Patterson
David Albrecht Sr offered by Melanie Albrecht
Patricia, Alexander, Selena, Anastasia, Colin, Levi, Elton, Gabriel, Scarlett, Lucas, Family and Friends
offered by MM K Kavalkovich

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

May Their Memories Be Eternal

Vigil Cross Candles – 7/17/22

One Large Votive Cross – Health of both Deacon Michael McCartney and the Subdeacon Daniel
(Ken) Kavalkovich on the anniversary of their ordinations
offered by Matushka Janine McCartney

One Small Votive Cross – Health of Catherine Kavalkovich offered by Emily Gerasimoff

One Small Votive Cross – Memory of Albert Kavalkovich offered by Emily Gerasimoff

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Please remember in your prayers:

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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Sidewalk Repair Donations (Week of July 17)

Sidewalk Repair Block Donation – \$6 from the Candy Sale

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 10 to Sat Jul 16</u>	<u>July Month to Date</u>
Attendance: 34	32 (average)
Funds In: \$ 3,375.00	\$ 6,690.28
Funds Out: \$ 7,402.75	\$10,887.81
Net Surplus/(Deficit): (\$ 4,027.75)	(\$ 4,197.53)

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 24)</u>	<u>Next Week (Jul 31)</u>
3 rd Hour:	Michael Spack	Matthew Andrews
6 th Hour:	Anthony Colona	Reader Mark Klus
Epistle:	Subdeacon Daniel Kavalkovich	Matthew Andrews
	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 – Vesperal Liturgy at 5:30PM for the Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The Blessing of Fruit (and vegetables) will occur after Vesperal 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.



Martyrs and Passion-Bearers Boris and Gleb [July 24th]

Saints Boris and Gleb were sons of Saint Vladimir (July 15). Saint Boris was named Romanus and Saint Gleb was named David at their Baptism. After their father's death the eldest son Sviatopolk planned to kill his brothers Boris, Gleb, and Yaroslav in order to seize power. He sent a message to Boris, pretending that he wished to live in peace with him, and to increase Boris's land holdings inherited from their father.

Some of Vladimir's advisers told Boris that he should take the army and establish himself as ruler of Kiev. Saint Boris, however, said that he could never lift his hand against his own brother. Unfortunately, Sviatopolk was not so scrupulous. He came to the town of Vyshegorod to ask its leaders if they were loyal to him. They assured him that they were ready to die for him.

Sviatopolk sent assassins to the Alta to kill Boris, who already knew that his brother wanted him dead. When they arrived they heard him chanting psalms and praying before an icon of Christ. He asked the Lord to strengthen him for the suffering he was about to endure. He also prayed for Sviatopolk, asking God not to count this against him as sin.

Then he lay down upon his couch, and the assassins stabbed him with their lances, and also killed some of Boris's servants. Wrapping Boris in a cloth, they threw him onto a wagon and drove off with him. When Sviatopolk saw that he was still breathing, he sent some men to finish him off with swords.

After Sviatopolk had killed Boris, he wondered, "Now how can I kill Gleb?" He sent him a message saying that their father was ill and wished to see him. As he was on his way, he received word from Yaroslav that their father had died and that Sviatopolk had murdered Boris.

Saint Gleb wept for his father and brother, and was lamenting them when the assassins arrived. They seized his boat and drew their weapons, but it was Gleb's cook Torchin who stabbed him with a knife.

The martyr's body was thrown onto the shore between two trees. Later, he was buried beside Saint Boris in the church of Saint Basil.

Saints Boris and Gleb received the crown of martyrdom in 1015. They became known as Passion-Bearers, since they did not resist evil with violence.

The holy martyrs Princes Boris and Gleb are also commemorated on May 2.

