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Sunday, September 18, 2022 | 14th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 5 – Afterfeast of the Exaltation of the Cross
Saint Eumenius, Bishop of Gortyna (6th c.)
Martyr Ariadne of Phrygia (2nd c.)

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Weekly Schedule

- Tuesday: September 20 – Bible Study at 6:30PM in the church basement and on the ZOOM media platform.
- Friday: September 23 – 5th Annual Two Holies & A Saint Golf Tournament at Ron Jaworski's Ramblewood Country Club in Mount Laurel, NJ.
(Our parish is one of the three parishes hosting this golf tournament).
- Saturday: September 24 – Great Vespers at **4:00PM!**
- Sunday: September 25 – Venerable Euphrosyne of Alexandria
Reading of Hours – 9:30am
Divine Liturgy – **10:00am**
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 1 – Elevation of the Cross)

O Lord, save Thy people / and bless Thine inheritance! / Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians / over their adversaries; / and by virtue of Thy Cross, // preserve Thy habitation!

Troparion (Tone 4 – Saint Eumenes)

We have thee as a friend and helper, / gracious advocate Eumenes: / for compassion flowed from thee / and thou pourest forth healings on the Church. // Protect those who honor thee.

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 Eumenes)

Radiant with divine light, O blessed one, / illumine us who lovingly praise thy precious and glorious passing; / O Hierarch Father Eumenes, // unceasingly intercede for us all.

Kontakion (Tone 4 – Elevation of the Cross)

As Thou wast voluntarily raised upon the Cross for our sake, / grant mercy to those who are called by Thy Name, O Christ God; / make all Orthodox Christians glad by thy power, / granting them victories over their adversaries // by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Thy weapon of peace!

Prokeimenon (Tone 7)

Extol the Lord our God; / worship at His footstool for He is holy!
v. The Lord reigns; let the people tremble!

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4

Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. Moreover I call God as witness against my soul, that to spare you I came no more to Corinth. Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are fellow workers for your joy; for by faith you stand. But I determined this within myself, that I would not come again to you in sorrow. For if I make you sorrowful, then who is he who makes me glad but the one who is made sorrowful by me? And I wrote this very thing to you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow over those from whom I ought to have joy, having confidence in you all that my joy is the joy of you all. For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you, with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 1)

- v. Remember Thy congregation, which Thou hast purchased of old! Alleluia (3x's)
- v. God is our King before the ages; He hath worked salvation in the midst of the earth. Alleluia (3x's)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:1-14

And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. Again, he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding.'" But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them. But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.' So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

(Instead of "It is truly meet" we sing: (in Tone 8))

Magnify, O my soul, the most precious Cross of the Lord!

Thou art a mystical Paradise, O Theotokos, / who, though untilled, hast brought forth Christ; / through Him the life-bearing wood of the Cross was planted on earth. / Now at its exaltation, // as we bow in worship before it, we magnify thee.

Communion Hymn:

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise him in the highest! Alleluia (3x's)
The light of Thy countenance has been signed upon us, O Lord. Alleluia (3x's)

*[Note: The readings for the Sunday After the Elevation of the Cross are as follows:
Epistle – Galatians 2:16-20 and Gospel – Mark 8:34-9:1]*

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

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon Offers Condolences for the Repose of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

On September 8, 2022 His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon sent a letter of condolence to His Majesty King Charles III on the occasion of the repose of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the longest reigning British monarch and the head of state of the United Kingdom, Canada, and many Commonwealth countries around the world.

The text of the letter reads as follows:

Your Majesty:

I write to express my condolences on the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Your mother's long reign as Queen of the United Kingdom, Canada, and the other Commonwealth realms was one marked by many changes, and throughout all of them, she maintained and cultivated the esteem not only of her subjects, but of all the peoples of the Anglophone world and beyond. She was, for many, the only monarch of the United Kingdom and Canada in their lifetime, and doubtless, she will be remembered for many years longer.

For my part, I assure Your Majesty of my prayers in this season of grief. All of the faithful of the Orthodox Church in America join together with our Canadian faithful in praying for Your Majesty and the people of the United Kingdom, Canada, and the other Commonwealth realms during this difficult time of mourning and transition. We pray also for the well-being of Your Majesty and the royal family, and that the Lord God would prosper Your Majesty's reign.

Respectfully,

+ TIKHON
Archbishop of Washington
Metropolitan of all America and Canada

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!

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:

William Walker offered by David Pellack
William, Patricia, Catherine, Barbara offered by MM K Kavalkovich
Ronald, Steven, Levi offered by MM K Kavalkovich

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Morris Teitelobaum (newly departed) offered by MM K Kavalkovich

May Their Memories Be Eternal!

Vigil Cross Candles – 9/11/22

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Please remember in your prayers:

- + Metropolitan Kallistos (Ware) of Diokleia (Aug 24)
- + His Beatitude Metropolitan Herman (Swaiko), retired (Sep 6)

Miriam Parsells (baptized Sep 10), her parents Heather and Peter, her brothers, Luke and Theodore, and her godparents. God Grant Many Years!
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 September 11)

Sidewalk Repair Block Donation – \$0 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 (September)

<u>Week of Sun Sep 4 to Sat Sep 10</u>	<u>September Month to Date</u>
Attendance: 34	34 (average)
Funds In: \$ 1,763.00	\$ 1,809.91
Funds Out: \$ 1,895.56	\$ 3,395.56
Net Surplus/(Deficit): (\$ 132.56)	(\$ 1,585.65)

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 (Sep 18)</u>	<u>Next Week (Sep 25)</u>
3 rd Hour:	David Pellack	Matthew Andrews
6 th Hour:	Sbden Daniel Kavalkovich	Dr. David Albrecht
Epistle:	Sbden Daniel Kavalkovich and Michael Spack	Reader Mark Klus and Matthew Andrews

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.

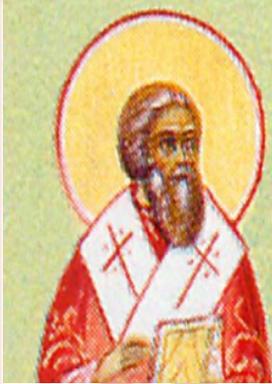
NOTE: The following Sundays are coffee hour bye-weeks where there is no team scheduled. There will be coffee available, just no food or meal:

No Coffee Hour Bye-Weeks Scheduled Any Time Soon

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 September 2022.

Tuesday, September 20 – Bible Study at 6:30pm in the church basement and on the ZOOM media platform **[NOTE Change in Date!!!!]**

Friday, September 23 – The 5th Annual Golf Tournament of the “Two Holies and a Saint” (sponsored by Orthodox Church of the HOLY Cross in Medford, NJ; Assumption of the HOLY Virgin Orthodox Church in Philadelphia, PA; and SAINT Stephen Orthodox Cathedral in Philadelphia, PA). at Ron Jaworski’s Ramblewood Country Club in Mount Laurel, NJ. Golf Registration is now closed. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Ukrainian Orphanage Fund!



Saint Eumenius, Bishop of Gortyna [September 18th]

Saint Eumenius from the time of his youth was noted for his virtuous life. He strove to serve the One God and therefore he shunned worldly temptations. Concerned for the salvation of his soul, he distributed all his substance to the poor.

By the blessing of God Saint Eumenius was chosen as Bishop of Gortyna on the island of Crete. The saint, like a compassionate father, comforted his flock in their sorrows, and cared for the orphaned and indigent. His prayers were so strong before God that once, during a drought, he called forth abundant rain upon the earth.

Saint Eumenius wisely and zealously defended the Orthodox Faith against the Monophysite heresy. For his opposition to the heresy the saint was banished to the Thebaid, where he died in the seventh century. His body was then transferred and buried in Gortyna.

Martyr Ariadne of Phrygia [September 18th]

The Holy Martyr Ariadne was a servant of Tertillos, a city official of Promyssia (Phrygia) during the reign of the emperor Hadrian (117-161). Once, when on the occasion of the birth of a son, the master made a sacrificial offering to the pagan gods, the Christian Ariadne refused to participate in the impious ceremony.

They subjected her to beatings and lacerated her body with sharp iron hooks. Then they threw the martyr into prison and for a long while they exhausted her with hunger, demanding that she worship their gods.

When they released the saint from prison, she left the city, but Tertillos sent pursuers after her. Seeing that they were chasing her, she ran, calling out to God to defend her from her enemies. Suddenly, through her prayers, a fissure opened in the mountain, and Saint Ariadne hid in it. This miracle brought the pursuers into confusion and fear. In their depravity of mind they began to strike one another with spears.

Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross [September 18th]

From September 15 until the Leavetaking, we sing “O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. O son of God crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia” at weekday Liturgies following the Little Entrance.

