

## Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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### Sunday, November 20, 2022 | 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 6 – Forefeast of the Entrance into the Temple

Venerable Gregory of Decapolis (816)

St. Proclus, Archbishop of Constantinople (446-7)

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### Weekly Schedule

Monday: Divine Liturgy for the Entrance of the Most Holy Lady Theotokos into the Temple will be at **10:00AM!**

Thursday: November 24 – Thanksgiving! Remember to Give Thanks to God for the Blessings You Have In Your Life!

Saturday: November 26 – Great Vespers at **4:00PM!**

Sunday: November 27 – Greatmartyr Jacob (James) the Persian  
Reading of Hours – 9:30am  
Divine Liturgy – **10:00am**  
Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Sunday: November 27 – A 40<sup>th</sup> Day Panikhida Service will be held for Ronald Kavalkovich Sr. after Divine Liturgy

## Texts for the Liturgical Service

### **Troparion (Tone 6)**

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; / the guards became as dead men. / Mary stood by Thy grave, / seeking Thy most pure body. / Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. / Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. // O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

### **Troparion (Tone 4 – Forefeast of the Entrance into the Temple)**

Today Anna bequeaths joy to all instead of sorrow, / by bringing forth her fruit, the only ever-Virgin. / In fulfillment of her vow, / today with joy she brings to the temple of the Lord // the true temple and pure Mother of God the Word.

### **Troparion (Tone 4 – Saint Gregory & Saint Proclus)**

The twofold lamps of divine gifts, / Proclus, shepherd of New Rome, and Gregory, scion of Decapolis, / guide us by the light of grace as divinely-inspired fathers! / Let us draw near and eagerly beseech them, // that we may receive forgiveness and salvation of our souls!

### **Kontakion (Tone 6)**

When Christ God the Giver of Life, / raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, / He bestowed resurrection on the human race. // He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

### **Kontakion (Tone 3 – Saint Gregory)**

The Church knows thee to be a brilliant sun / enlightening all with the rays of healing and the beauty of virtue. / Therefore, as we celebrate thine honored memory, We glorify thy struggles, // ever-blest and all-wise Father Gregory.

### **Kontakion (Tone 4 – Forefeast of the Entrance into the Temple)**

Today the universe is filled with joy / at the glorious feast of the Mother of God, // and cries out: “She is the heavenly tabernacle.”

### **Prokeimenon (Tone 6)**

O Lord, save thy people / and bless Thine inheritance!  
v. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

### **Epistle Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10**

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 6)

- v. He that dwelleth in the aid of the Most High shall abide under the protection of the God of heaven. Alleluia (3x's)
- v. He shall say to the Lord: Thou art my protector and my refuge, my God. In Him will I trust! Alleluia (3x's)

**Gospel Reading: Luke 12:16-21**

Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods.' And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.'" But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

**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

### **Poinsettias & Christmas Flowers!**

We have begun collecting for Christmas flowers. There are special envelopes available to be used for your offering for flower donations. These envelopes are located in the vestibule on the stand where the Health and Departed slips are located. Please give the envelopes to Debbie Kavalkovich or a member of the parish council. Thank you for your support!

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### **Taking Collections for the parish's Saint Nicholas Fair**

We are collecting new items and unused items (PLEASE, nothing used!) for sale at the Saint Nicholas Fair. We are also accepting crafts and baked goods for sale. Please see Matushka Janine if you would like to help donate. Matushka Janine will have a sign-up sheet for baked goods. Proceeds from the Saint Nicholas Fair are earmarked for the HVAC Project. Please see the Flyers on the bulletin boards for additional details.

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### **ADVENT GIVING – Donations for Saint Tikhon's Seminary**

Parish will be accepting food donations starting on Sunday, October 9 for suppling possible food pantries. This year's focus is to donate to the Seminary at Saint Tikhon's, but is also subject to the needs of the Seminarian's and their families. The donations will be accepted for Thanksgiving Dinner distribution and Christmas Dinner distribution.

Also, for the Seminarians at Saint Tikhon's, we will be implementing an Advent Giving Tree, pending their needs. The tree will be available after November 15. Please see the bulletin and the Flyers on the bulletin boards for more details which are to follow. Donations will be accepted through December 4.

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### **In Memory of Ronald Kavalkovich Sr. – HVAC Project Donations**

Deacon Michael and Matushka Janine McCartney	Anonymous
Patricia Ferguson	Robert Wanenchak
Mr. and Mrs. Rick and Daria LeRoy	Nina Patterson
Jennifer Cantrell	Patricia Amoroso
Dr. and Mrs. David and Erin Albrecht	David Pellack
Mr. and Mrs. Neil and Sandra Hourahan	Anonymous

### **In Memory of Marc Ferguson Sr. – HVAC Project Donations**

Patricia Ferguson

**Announcements** (cont.)

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

**Health for the Living:**

Jack and Lynn Drimak offered by the Hourahan Family  
Patricia, Levi, Ana, Alex, Colin, Selena, Anna, offered by M/M K Kavalkovich  
Kenneth, Catherine, Edward, Emily, Paul offered by M/M K Kavalkovich  
Dorthy, Veronica, Edward, Joanne, Damion offered by M/M K Kavalkovich

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

**Memory for the Departed:**

George Slivka offered by M/M Herbert  
William Koran offered by David Pellack  
Emelie Albrecht offered by Melanie Albrecht  
Ronald, Andrew, and Albert Kavalkovich offered by Catherine Kavalkovich  
Margie Ryan offered by the Hourahan Family

**May Their Memories Be Eternal!**

**Vigil Cross Candles – 11/13/22**

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**Please remember in your prayers:**

Ronald Kavalkovich Sr. who passed away on Monday October 17  
Ronald's 40<sup>th</sup> Day of Remembrance is Friday, November 25 but will be observed at the parish with a  
Panikhida on Sunday, November 27.

Elton Andrews; 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 November 13)**

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 (November)**

	<u>Week of Sun Nov 6 to Sat Nov 12</u>	<u>November Month to Date</u>
Attendance:	23	23 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 1,063.00	\$ 1,063.00
Funds Out:	\$ 1,148.18	\$ 3,066.83
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	(\$ 85.18)	(\$ 2,003.83)

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 on ZOOM media platform.
- 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.
- Last Thursday of each month** – Book Club at 6:30pm on ZOOM media platform.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each quarter** – Quarterly Parish Council Meeting after Liturgy.

### Readers Schedule:

	<u>Today (Nov 20)</u>	<u>Next Week (Nov 27)</u>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour:	Reader Mark Klus	Simon Herbert
6 <sup>th</sup> Hour:	David Pellack	Sbdcn Daniel Kavalkovich
Epistle:	Reader Mark Klus	Simon Herbert

### 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:

**Sunday, December 25 (Christmas Day)**  
**Sunday, January 1 (New Year's Day)**

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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 November/December 2022.

### The December 2022 schedule for the Saint Olga Book Club is as follows:

Thursday, December 1 at 6:30pm on the ZOOM media platform.

Thursday, December 22 at 6:30pm on the ZOOM media platform.

(Please check your email Inbox (or Spam folder) from Monday, September 19 around 11:25AM for more details & viewing information)

**December 4, 11, and 18, 2022:** Saint Nicholas Fair at the parish between 11:30AM to 2:00PM. Please see Flyers on bulletin boards for more details and for a list of donations being accepted for this event. Donations will be accepted between now and December 3, 2022.



## Venerable Gregory Decapolite [November 20<sup>th</sup>]

Saint Gregory the Decapolite was born in the Isaurian city of Decapolis (ten cities) in the eighth century. From his childhood he loved the temple of God and church services. He read the Holy Scripture constantly and with reverence.

In order to avoid the marriage which his parents had intended for him, he secretly left home. He spent all his life wandering: he was in Constantinople, Rome, Corinth, and he lived as an ascetic on Olympus for a while. Saint Gregory preached the Word of God everywhere, denouncing the Iconoclast heresy, strengthening the

faith and fortitude of the Orthodox, whom the heretics in those times oppressed, tortured and imprisoned.

Through his ascetic effort and prayer, Saint Gregory attained the gifts of prophecy and wonderworking. After overcoming the passions and reaching the height of virtue, he was permitted to hear angelic singing in praise of the Holy Trinity. Saint Gregory left the monastery of Saint Menas near Thessalonica, where he had labored for a long time, and he went again to Constantinople in order to combat the Iconoclast heresy. At the capital, a grievous illness undermined his strength, and he departed to the Lord in the year 816.

Saint Gregory was buried at a monastery in Constantinople, and many miracles took place at his tomb. As a result, the monks removed the holy relics of Saint Gregory and enshrined them in the church where people could venerate them.

When Constantinople fell to the Turks in 1453, the relics of Saint Gregory were carried to the region of the Danube by a Turkish official. In 1498 Barbu Craiovescu, the Ban of the Romanian Land (Wallachia) heard of the miracles performed by the holy relics and bought them for a considerable sum of money. Barbu Craiovescu placed the relics in the main church of Bistritsa Monastery which he founded in Rimnicu Vilcea, where they remain to the present day.

A small book describing the miracles and healings performed by Saint Gregory the Decapolite in Romania has been written by Abbess Olga Gologan, who reposed in 1972.

