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Sunday, August 13, 2023 | 10th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 1 – Leavetaking of the Transfiguration

Saint Tikhon, Bishop of Vorónezh, Wonderworker of Zadónsk (1783)

Translation of the Relics of Saint Maximus the Confessor (662).

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Weekly Schedule

Tomorrow: August 14 – Vespers at **6:00PM** for Dormition of Our Most-Holy Lady The Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary
[\[Please bring flowers \(herbal plants\) to be blessed\]](#)

Tuesday: August 15 – Divine Liturgy at **10:00AM** for the Dormition of Our Most-Holy Lady The Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary (Parish's Name Day)!
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Wednesday: August 16 – Translation of the Image “Not-Made-By-Hands” of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Saturday: August 19 – Great Vespers at **4:00PM**

Sunday: August 20 – Afterfeast of the Dormition
Reading of Hours – 8:30am
Divine Liturgy – **9:00am [SUMMER HOURS!]**
Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Readers Service

Texts for the Liturgical Service

Troparion (Tone 1)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, / while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, / Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, / granting life to the world. / The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: / “Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! / Glory to Thy Kingdom! // Glory to Thy dispensation, O thou who lovest of mankind!”

Troparion (Tone 7 – Transfiguration)

Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God, / revealing Thy glory to Thy Disciples as far as they could bear it. / Let Thine everlasting Light also shine upon us sinners, / through the prayers of the Theotokos! // O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

Troparion (Tone 8 – St. Tikhon)

From thy youth thou didst love Christ, O blessed one. / Thou hast been an example for all by word, life, love, faith, purity, and humility. / Therefore, thou dost now abide in the heavenly mansions, / where thou standest before the throne of the All-holy Trinity. // Holy Hierarch Tikhon, pray for the salvation of our souls!

Kontakion (Tone 8 – St. Tikhon)

Successor to the Apostles, adornment of hierarchs, teacher of the Orthodox Faith, // beseech the Master of all to grant peace to the world and to our souls great mercy.

Kontakion (Tone 7 – Transfiguration)

On the mountain Thou wast transfigured, O Christ God, / and Thy Disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could see it; / so that when they should behold Thee crucified, / they would understand that Thy suffering was voluntary, / and would proclaim to the world // that Thou art truly the Radiance of the Father.

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 1 – St. Tikhon)

My mouth shall speak wisdom / the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16

For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored! To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless. And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now. I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you. For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Therefore I urge you, imitate me.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 8)

- v. The heavens are Thine; the earth also is Thine! Alleluia (3x's)
- v. Blessed are the people who know the festal shout! Alleluia (3x's)
- v. The mouth of the righteous shall proclaim wisdom, and his tongue shall speak of judgment. Alleluia (3x's) (TONE 2)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:14-23

And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him. Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me." And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting. Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up. And they were exceedingly sorrowful.

Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing:

Magnify, O my soul, the Lord Who was transfigured on Mount Tabor! / Thy childbearing was without corruption; / God came forth from thy body clothed in flesh, / and appeared on earth and dwelt among men. // Therefore we all magnify thee, O Theotokos.

Communion Hymn:

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest!
The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings.

Alleluia (3x's)

*[Note: Today's readings for Saint Tikhon are as follows:
Epistle – Hebrews 7:26-8:2 and Gospel - Matthew 5:14-19]*

**"Be the first to arrive at church for services and the last to leave, especially for the Divine Liturgy."
St Symeon the Studite (also called Symeon the Pious; +1021)**

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

[...continued from last page...Saint Tikhon the Bishop of Voronezh...]

At Voronezh the saint eradicated an ancient pagan custom, the celebration in honor of Yarila (a pagan god associated with the fertility of grain and cattle). In the outlying districts where military units of the Don Cossacks were dispersed, he formed a missionary commission to restore sectarians to the Orthodox Church.

In 1765, Saint Tikhon transformed the Voronezh Slavic-Latin school into a seminary. He invited experienced instructors from Kiev and Kharkhov, and planned the courses for it. He exerted much attention and effort to build up both the churches and the school, and to guide pastors to understand the need for education.

The saint was unflagging in his efforts to administer the vast diocese, and he often spent nights without sleep. In 1767, poor health compelled him to give up running the diocese and withdraw for rest to the Tolshevsk monastery, at a distance 40 versts from Voronezh.

In 1769, the saint transferred to the monastery of the Theotokos in the city of Zadonsk. Having settled into this monastery, Saint Tikhon became a great teacher of the Christian life. With deep wisdom he set forth the ideal of true monasticism in his Rule of Monastic Living and his Guidances to Turn from the Vanity of the World, and in his own life he fulfilled this ideal. He kept strictly to the precepts of the Church. Zealously (almost daily) he visited the temple of God, and he often sang and read in the choir. In time, out of humility, he altogether ceased participating and serving, but merely stood in the altar, reverently making the Sign of the Cross over himself. He loved to read the Lives of the Saints and the works of the holy Fathers. He knew The Psalter by heart, and he usually read or sang the Psalms on his journeys.

The saint underwent much tribulation because he had to leave his flock. When he recovered his health, he thought about returning to the Novgorod diocese, where Metropolitan Gabriel had invited him to head the Iveron Vallaisk monastery. But when his cell-attendant mentioned this to the Elder Aaron, he declared: "Are you mad? The Mother of God does not direct him to move away from here." The cell-attendant conveyed this to His Grace.

"If that is so," said the saint "I shall not move away from here," and he tore up the invitation. Sometimes he journeyed to the village of Lipovka, where he celebrated church services at the Bekhteev house. The saint journeyed also to the Tolshev monastery, which he loved for its solitude.

The fruition of all his spiritual life were the books that the saint wrote while in retirement: A SPIRITUAL TREASURY, GATHERED FROM THE WORLD (1770), and ON TRUE CHRISTIANITY (1776).

Saint Tikhon died, as was revealed to him, on Sunday, August 13, 1783, at the age of fifty-nine. The first uncovering of his relics occurred on May 14, 1846. His glorification took place on Sunday, August 13, 1861.

Please keep in your prayers those who lost everything in the devastation fires on the island of Maui in Hawaii, especially those in the historic area of Lahaina.

To those who were concerned about the orthodox churches in Hawaii, rest assure that the two OCA orthodox missions (St Juvenaly in Honalo and Holy Ascension in Honomu) are on the Island of Hawai'I, not Maui. Fires not affecting those areas yet.

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

May Their Memories Be Eternal!

Vigil Cross Candles – 8/6/23

Two Small Vigil Crosses – Memory of Perzsel, Obrazik, and McCartney Families
offered by Deacon Michael and Matushka Janine McCartney

Scheduling

We are scheduling to have the votive vigil cross candles lit for the major feast day services during the summer season. There will be a sign-up sheet located at the candle desk in the Vestibule. Either 1 Large or 2 Small candles per each votive vigil cross candles can be reserved. As of this morning, the following dates and cross sizes are available:

- * Sunday, August 13 = One Large cross is available
- * Dormition of the Holy Theotokos (Tuesday, August 15) = One Small and One Large is available.

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Please remember in your prayers:

Jane Kelly; Anne (Homa) Killoran; Sheba Patton; 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/August)

<u>Week of Sun Jul 30 to Sat Aug 5</u>	<u>July Month to date</u>
Attendance: 31	32 (average)
Funds In: \$ 834.00	\$ 8,431.00
Funds Out: \$ 2,564.12	\$12,464.40
Net Surplus/(Deficit): (\$ 1,730.12)	(\$ 4,033.40)

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

Readers Schedule:

	<u>Today (Aug 13)</u>	<u>Next Week (Aug 20)</u>
3 rd Hour:	Michael Wanenchak	Sbdcn Daniel Kavalkovich
6 th Hour:	David Pellack	John Spack
Epistle:	Reader Mark Klus and Michael Wanenchak	Sbdcn Daniel Kavalkovich

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.

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 August 2023.

Tomorrow August 14 – Eve of the Dormition of the Holy Theotokos
Vespers at **6:00PM!**

Tuesday, August 15 – Feast of the Dormition of the Holy Theotokos
Divine Liturgy at **10:00AM!**

Sunday, August 20 at 1:30PM - Dining Out in Delaware – Taco Grande

The Restaurant is located at the Wilmington Riverfront area in Wilmington, DE. This is a social event for the parish! Please check your email from Saturday, July 15 around 1:15PM for additional details and information. Please inform Matushka Jan if interested in attending so reservations can be made. Deadline for notifying Matushka Jan was on **Tuesday, August 1!!!** You can contact Matushka Jan by phone (Home: 302-322-0943) or by email jakoczak@gmail.com. Thank You!

Thursday, August 24 – Blessed Mother Olga Book Club at **6:30PM** on the ZOOM media platform **ONLY!**

**** Sunday November 4 – Visitation of Archbishop MARK to our parish! ****



Saint Tikhon the Bishop of Voronezh and Wonderworker of Zadonsk & All Russia [August 13th]

Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk, Bishop of Voronezh (in the world Timothy), was born in the year 1724 in the village of Korotsk in the Novgorod diocese, into the family of the cantor Sabellius Kirillov. (A new family name, Sokolov, was given him afterwards by the head of the Novgorod seminary). His father died when Timothy was a young child, leaving the family in such poverty that his mother was barely able to make ends meet. She wanted to give him to be raised by a neighbor, a coachman, since there was nothing with which to feed the family, but his brother Peter would not permit this. Timothy often worked a whole day with the peasants for a single piece of black bread.

As a thirteen-year-old boy, he was sent to a clergy school near the Novgorod archbishop's home, and earned his keep by working with the vegetable gardeners. In 1740, he was accepted under a state grant set up for the Novgorod seminary. The youth excelled at his studies. Upon finishing seminary in 1754, he became a teacher there, first in Greek, and later in Rhetoric and Philosophy. In the year 1758, he was tonsured with the name Tikhon. In that same year they appointed him to be prefect of the seminary.

In 1759, they transferred him to Tver, elevating him to be archimandrite of the Zheltikov monastery. Later, they appointed him rector of the Tver seminary and, at the same time, head of the Otroch monastery.

His election as bishop was providential. Metropolitan Demetrius, the presiding member of the Holy Synod, had intended to transfer the young archimandrite to the Trinity-Sergiev Lavra. On the day of Pascha, at Peterburg, Archimandrite Tikhon was one of eight candidates being considered for selection as vicar-bishop for Novgorod. The lot fell on him three times.

On the same day, during the Cherubic Hymn, Bishop Athanasius of Tver, without realizing it, commemorated him as a bishop while cutting out particles from the prosphora at the Table of Oblation. On May 13, 1761 he was consecrated Bishop of Keksgolma and Ladoga (i.e., a vicar bishop of the Novgorod diocese).

In 1763, Saint Tikhon was transferred to the See of Voronezh. During the four and a half years that he administered the Voronezh diocese, Saint Tikhon provided constant edification, both by his life and by his numerous pastoral guidances and soul-saving books. He wrote a whole series of works for pastors:

Concerning the Seven Holy Mysteries
A Supplement to the Priestly Office
Concerning the Mystery of Repentance
An Instruction Concerning Marriage

The saint considered it essential that each priest, deacon and monk have a New Testament, and that he should read it daily. In an Encyclical, he called on pastors to perform the Holy Mysteries with reverence, with the fear of God, and love for one's neighbor. (An Explanation of Christian Duties was often republished in Moscow and Peterburg during the eighteenth century).

[...continue the life of St Tikhon on page 4...]