

## Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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### Sunday, July 14, 2024 | 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 2 – Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils | All Saints of Britain and Ireland

Apostle Aquila of the Seventy (1<sup>st</sup> c.)

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### Weekly Schedule

Monday: Holy Great Prince Vladimir, Equal of the Apostles

Wednesday: Royal Passionbearers Tsar Nicholas Tsaritsa Alexandra,  
Tsarevich Aleksy, Grand Duchesses Olga, Tatiana, Maria, Anastasia

Friday: Uncovering of the relics of Venerable Seraphim of Sarov

Saturday: July 20 - Holy Glorious Prophet Elijah

Saturday: July 20 – Great Vespers at **4:00PM**

Sunday: July 21 – Prophet Ezekiel  
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 2)**

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, / Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. / And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, / all the powers of heaven cried out: // “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

### **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 2)**

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, / seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! / The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, // and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

### **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 2)**

The Lord is my strength and my song / He has become my salvation.  
v. The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.

### **Another Prokeimenon (Tone 4 – Songs of the Three Holy Children)**

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

### **Epistle Reading: Romans 5:1-10**

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 2)



- v. May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect thee! Alleluia (3x's)
- v. Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call to Thee! 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 6:22-33**

The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

**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 Fathers is as follows:  
Epistle – Hebrews 13:7-16 and Gospel –John 17:1-13]*

**“LIFE IS FRAGILE...HANDLE WITH PRAYER”!**

**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

### UPDATED!!! - Services in the church basement

While the parish is serving Vespers and Divine Liturgy in the church basement due to the air conditioner still not working, there are some adjustments we need to make for the services to be performed smoothly as possible. As stated before, this will be a work in progress so please be patient with all those who are trying to make this work for everyone.

We have 2 portable air conditioners that have been set up in the church basement (one near the back door of the basement and the other near the middle window of the street side of the basement). We also have three (3) whirl fans which will assist in circulating the cold air while also cooling the basement to a comfortable level (one fan on the stage/altar blowing out to the congregation, one fan on the stage/altar blowing towards the altar/priest, and one near the street side basement middle window ~~inner front doors~~ blowing towards the congregation to keep that cold air in the basement).

Other items of note:

\* Prosfora – It will be available to be offered for your loved ones. The trays will be located on the display case in front of the office.

\* Candles – They will NOT be available to burn. It will already be hot enough, no need to include more heat and with the fans and air moving, the candles will burn down more quickly than what they should be allowed to do.

\* **[UPDATE]:** Collection - We will have one individual walk around taking both of the collections when they are normally scheduled during the service.

\* Reading Stand - The stand used for reading the Hours and the Epistle will also be used by Father Mark when he reads the gospel. If you're reading the Epistle, please bring the stand up with you to the stage after you've read to receive the blessing and to put the stand on the stage in front of Father Mark.

\* Coffee Hour – We are limited with room and trying to avoid distractions during the services, so we are requesting from the coffee hour teams to please just bring either donuts, pastries, bagels, or other finger foods that do not need to be prepared, cooked, heated, or watched over while services are in progress. Also, we do not have enough room to stretch out and enjoy a meal since the tables will not be set up. Also, due to the use of all the electrical outlets, coffee will be made upstairs in the vestibule near the candle stand.

\* Live Streaming – Since we will be using a large amount of electricity with the air conditioners and fans, along with the limited space in the basement, we will not be streaming services at this time, however, this option may change in the future.

\* Basement back door – The back door basement will be locked 10-15 minutes BEFORE services begin to avoid any distractions during services. Please make every effort to use the basement front doors when entering the church through the basement.

Finally, please remember we will be in an area that is about half the size of the nave of the church, so we would like to keep the moving around as minimal as possible to avoid distractions. Also remember the choir will be in the same space singing in front of where the coffee table is located.



**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 – 7/7/24**

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**Please remember in your prayers:**

Emily Gerasimoff as she deals with changes to her health condition.

Christina Andrews and her unborn child; Darren Bodnar; Jane Kelly; Anne (Homa) Killoran; Sheba Patton; Fania Wanenchak; 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 (June/July)**

<u>Week of Sun Jun 30 to Sat Jul 6</u>	<u>June Month (Unaudited)</u>
Attendance: 34	32 (average)
Funds In: \$ 1,658.62	\$ 6,264.57
Funds Out: \$ 1,801.92	\$12,968.00
Net Surplus/(Deficit): (\$ 143.30)	(\$ 6,703.43)

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

## 2024 Monthly/Quarterly Schedule

- 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.
- 4<sup>th</sup> 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 (Jul 14)</u>	<u>Next Week (Jul 21)</u>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour:	Daniel Herbert	Reader David Pellack
6 <sup>th</sup> Hour:	Daniel Herbert	Reader David Pellack
Epistle:	Subdeacon Daniel Kavalkovich and Simon Herbert	Reader David Pellack

### 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.

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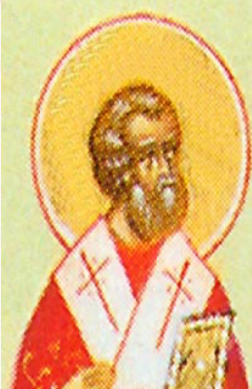
Please continue to check our parish website, social media pages, and your emails regularly for updated information on the parish regarding parish services & events in July 2024.

## 2024 Summer Charity Project – July Charity Collection

For the parish’s Summer Charity Project, we will be designating from the July Charity collection (Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>), those financial contributions received towards the Cradles to Crayons - Philadelphia organization. Cradles to Crayons – Philadelphia knows the needs for starting school without the tools needed to succeed can put big obstacles in a developing child’s way. Items like backpacks, art supplies, writing tools, and back-to-school clothing and shoes are imperative to help get children mentally, emotionally, and physically prepared for school. New backpacks and supplies give children a sense of pride and excitement to go back to school. With these tools, they are more likely to attend school and complete homework – knowing they have the same chance at school success as their peers. Parents can focus on rent and groceries instead of facing the stress of school-related expenses.

This year, the Cradles to Crayons – Philadelphia *Ready for Learning* initiative will distribute 55,000 backpacks filled with new, age-appropriate school supplies and packages filled with shoes, clothing, and more, to ensure that kids throughout Greater Philadelphia, Southern New Jersey, and Northern Delaware arrive at school on the first day prepared and excited to learn! This annual initiative promotes equitable learning by empowering children to feel safe, valued, and ready to learn.

The Parish Charity Committee wishes to “Thank You” for your generosity!



## **Apostle Aquila of the Seventy** [July 14<sup>th</sup>]

Saint Aquila, Apostle of the 70: It is possible that he was a disciple of the Apostle Paul, a native of Pontus and a Jew, living in the city of Rome with his wife Priscilla (they are commemorated on February 13 on the Greek Calendar). During the reign of the emperor Claudius (41-54) all the Jews were banished from Rome, so Saint Aquila and his wife were compelled to leave. They settled in Corinth. A short while later, the holy Apostle Paul arrived there from Athens preaching the Gospel. Having made the acquaintance of Aquila, he began to live at his house and labored together with him, making tents.

Having received Baptism from the Apostle Paul, Aquila and Priscilla became his devoted and zealous disciples. They accompanied the apostle to Ephesus. The Apostle Paul instructed them to continue the preaching of the Gospel at Ephesus, and he himself went to Jerusalem, in order to be present for the feast of Pentecost. At Ephesus, Aquila and Priscilla heard the bold preaching of a newcomer from Alexandria, the Jew Apollos. He had been instructed in the fundamentals of the Faith, but knew only the baptism of John the Forerunner. They called him over and explained more precisely about the way of the Lord.

After the death of the emperor Claudius, Jews were permitted to return to Italy, and Aquila and Priscilla then returned to Rome. The Apostle Paul in his Epistle to the Romans recalls his faithful disciples, "Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my coworkers in Christ Jesus, who put forth their heads for my soul, whom I do not alone thank, but also all the Church of the Gentiles and the church of their household" (Rom. 16: 3-4). Saint Aquila did not long dwell in Rome: the Apostle Paul made him a bishop in Asia. Saint Aquila zealously labored at preaching the Gospel in Asia, Achaia and Heraklia. He converted pagans to Christ, he confirmed newly-converted Christians in the faith, he established presbyters and destroyed idols. Saint Priscilla constantly assisted him in the apostolic work. Saint Aquila ended his life a martyr: pagans murdered him. According to the Tradition of the Church, Saint Priscilla was killed together with him.

