

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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Sunday, August 11, 2024 | 7th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 6 – Afterfeast of the Transfiguration

Holy Martyr and Archdeacon Euplus (Euplius) of Catania (304)

Virgin-Martyr Susanna and those with her

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Weekly Schedule

Tuesday: Bible Study at **6:30PM** on ZOOM media platform ONLY!

Wednesday: Vespers Divine Liturgy at **6:00PM** for the
Feast of the Dormition of the Most Holy Lady Theotokos
[\[Please bring flowers \(herbal plants\) to be blessed\]](#)

Friday: Image of Christ Not-Made-By-Hands

Saturday: August 17 – Great Vespers at **4:00PM**

Sunday: August 18 – Afterfeast of the Dormition
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 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 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 4 – Martyr Euplus)

Thy holy martyr, Euplus O Lord, / through his sufferings has received an incorruptible from Thee, our God. / For having Thy strength, he laid low his adversaries, / and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. // Through his intercessions, save 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 1 – Martyr Euplus)

With the love of Christ as thine only defense, / thou didst stand in the midst of thy fight and didst say: / “I endure this struggle willingly and with confidence!” / Thou didst rejoice, O Euplus, to offer thy head to the sword / and so thou didst complete thy course.

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 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!

Prokeimenon (Tone 4)

O Lord how manifold are Thy works / In wisdom hast Thou made them all!

Epistle Reading: Romans 15:1-7

We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification. For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me.” For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

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)
- v. The heavens are Thine; the earth also is Thine! Alleluia (3x's) (TONE 8)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:27-35

When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!" And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "See that no one knows it." But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country. As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!" But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons." Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

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!
O Lord, we shall walk in the light of Thy countenance, and will exult in Thy Name forever! 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

Sharon Wanenchak Orr and her husband James would like to thank everyone for their condolences, thoughts, prayers, sympathy cards, prayer cards, flowers, gifts, and donations on the passing of their beloved mother Emily Gerasimoff. Also, Sharon, James, the Gerasimoff, Coan, Kavalkovich, and Andrews Families would like to thank you all who stayed after the funeral for a light meal, but more importantly, those who stayed to clean up the church basement afterwards. We appreciate everything you did!
Memory Eternal!

HVAC Project Donations in Memory of Emily Gerasimoff

Dr David & Erin Albrecht
The Blanchet Family
Michael & Janice Brasko
The Cantrell Family
Anna Coan
Rich and Romona Cucura
Nancy Nina Dubois
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Joseph & Margaret Walker
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Michael & Fania Wanenchak
Robert Wanenchak
Peter Witiak

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA

The Mission of the Orthodox Church in America, the local autocephalous Orthodox Church, is to be faithful in fulfilling the commandment of Christ to "Go into all the world and make disciples of all Nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all [things that He has] commanded" so that all people may be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth:

To preach, in accordance with God's will, the fullness of the gospel of the Kingdom to the peoples of North America and to invite them to become members of the Orthodox Church.

To utilize for her mission the various languages of the peoples of this continent.

To be the body of Christ in North America and to be faithful to the tradition of the Holy Orthodox Church.

To witness to the truth, and by God's grace and in the power of the Holy Spirit, to reveal Christ's way of sanctification and eternal salvation to all.

Adopted by the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America, 1990.

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:

Emily Gerasimoff offered by her sister Catherine Kavalkovich

May Their Memories Be Eternal!

Vigil Cross Candles – 8/4/24

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Please remember in your prayers:

+ Newly Departed Handmaiden of God Emily Gerasimoff who fell asleep in the Lord on Friday morning, July 19, 2024. May Her Memory Be Eternal!
Vetchnaya Pamyat!

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 (July/August)

Week of Sun Jul 28 to Sat Aug 3

July Month (Unaudited)

Attendance:	25	30 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 9,520.50	\$13,139.91
Funds Out:	\$ 2,062.36	\$14,104.73
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 7,458.14	(\$ 964.82)

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

- 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.
- 4th 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 11)</u>	<u>Next Week (Aug 18)</u>
3 rd Hour:	Dr David Albrecht	Reader David Pellack
6 th Hour:	Reader David Pellack	Reader Mark Klus
Epistle:	Dr David Albrecht	Daniel 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.

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/September 2024.

Sunday, September 8 – Feast of the Nativity of our Most-Holy Theotokos!
Divine Liturgy at **10:00AM!**

Saturday, September 14 – Feast of the Elevation of the Precious Cross!
Service Schedule **To Be Determined!**

Friday, September 20 – The 7th 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 deadline is **Saturday, August 31**. **Proceeds from the tournament will benefit special needs children in Uzhhorod, Ukrainian!**



Martyr and Archdeacon Euplus of Catania
[Aug 11th]

The Martyr Archdeacon Euplus suffered in the year 304 under the emperors Diocletian (284-305) and Maximian (305-311). He served in the Sicilian city of Catania. Always carrying the Gospel with him, Saint Euplus preached constantly to the pagans about Christ.

Once, while he read and explained the Gospel to the gathered crowd, they arrested him and took him to the governor of the city, Calvisianus. Saint Euplus confessed himself a Christian and denounced the impiety of idol-worship. For this they sentenced him to torture.

They threw the injured saint into prison, where he remained in prayer for seven days. The Lord made a spring of water flow into the prison for the martyr to quench his thirst. Brought to trial a second time, strengthened and rejoicing, he again confessed his faith in Christ and denounced the torturer for spilling the blood of innocent Christians.

The judge commanded that the saint's ears be torn off, and that he be beheaded. When they led the saint to execution, they hung the Gospel around his neck. Having asked time for prayer, the archdeacon began to read and explain the Gospel to the people, and many of the pagans believed in Christ. The soldiers beheaded the saint with a sword.

His holy relics are in the village of Vico della Batonia, near Naples.

Afterfeast of the Transfiguration of our Lord [August 11th]

The hymns of the fifth day of the Afterfeast of the Transfiguration invite us to acquire the virtues and become radiant so that we may stand upon the holy mountain and behold the Lord's Transfiguration as He shines with glory, "filling the world with light."

We are also assured that those who excel in virtue "shall be made worthy of divine glory."

