

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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Sunday, August 18, 2024 | 8th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 7 – Afterfeast of the Dormition
Martyrs Florus and Laurus of Illyria (2nd c.)
Martyrs Hermes, Serapoin and Polyaeus, of Rome

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Weekly Schedule

Thursday: August 22 – Blessed Mother Olga Book Club at **6:30PM**
on the ZOOM media platform ONLY!!!

Saturday: August 24 – Great Vespers at **4:00PM**

Sunday: August 25 – Return of Relics of the Apostle Bartholomew
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 7)

The By Thy Cross Thou destroy death. / To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. / For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy. / And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, / to proclaim that Thou are risen, // granting the world great mercy.

Troparion (Tone 1 – Dormition)

In giving birth thou didst preserve thy virginity. / In falling asleep thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos. / Thou wast translated to life, O Mother of Life, // and by thy prayers thou dost deliver our souls from death.

Troparion (Tone 4 – Martyrs Florus and Laurus)

Let us praise as is meet, you faithful, / the most comely, radiant and divinely wise martyrs: Most blessed Florus and all venerable Laurus, / who proclaimed to all the uncreated Trinity. / Suffering unto bloodshed, / they were adorned with brilliant crowns. // Entreat Christ our God to save our souls!

Kontakion (Tone 7)

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, / for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. / Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: / “The Savior has come to those in faith; // enter, thou faithful, into the Resurrection!”

Kontakion (Tone 8 – Martyrs Florus and Laurus)

Today all the world honors in glory the divinely wise Florus and Laurus as pious martyrs who suffered for Christ. / Through their prayers may we receive grace and mercy // and be delivered from calamity and temptation, and from wrath and sorrow on the Day of Judgment!

Kontakion (Tone 2 – Dormition)

Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos, / who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions. / For being the Mother of Life, / she was translated to life // by the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb.

Prokeimenon (Tone 7)

The Lord shall give strength to His people! The Lord shall bless His people with peace!
v. Offer to the Lord, O ye sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

Prokeimenon (Tone 3)

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you. Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name. Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other. For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect. For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 7)

- v. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High! Alleluia (3x's)
- v. To declare Thy mercy in the morning and Thy truth by night Alleluia(3x's)
- v. Arise, O Lord, into Thy resting place, Thou and the ark of Thy holiness! Alleluia (3x's) (TONE 2)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:14-22

And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food." But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish." He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

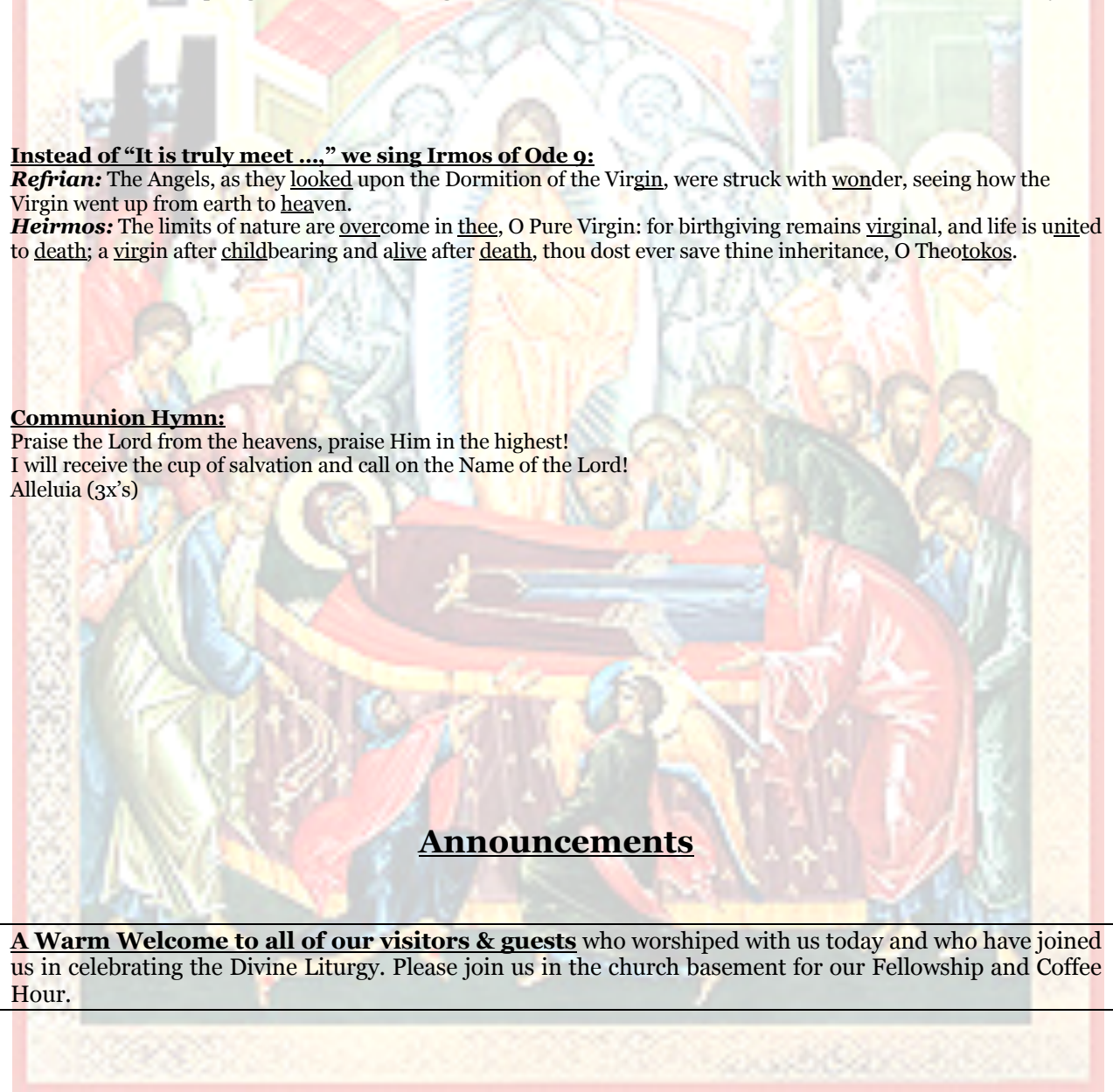
Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing Irmos of Ode 9:

Refrian: The Angels, as they looked upon the Dormition of the Virgin, were struck with wonder, seeing how the Virgin went up from earth to heaven.

Heirmos: The limits of nature are overcome in thee, O Pure Virgin: for birthgiving remains virginal, and life is united to death; a virgin after childbearing and alive after death, thou dost ever save thine inheritance, O Theotokos.

Communion Hymn:

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest!
 I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord!
 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
Paul Gerasimoff
The Herbert Family
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Larry and Connie Skvir
Joseph & Margaret Walker
Eugene and Kathy Wanenchak
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:

Jane Brasko Kelly offered by Nina Patterson
Tammy Carns offered by Nina Patterson
Matthew Andrews on his birthday offered by Catherine Kavalkovich
Nina Patterson on her birthday offered by Catherine Kavalkovich
Nina Patterson on her birthday offered by Melanie Albrecht
Peggy and Ken Walker offered by the Reader David Pellack

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Viola Norman offered by Nina Patterson
Michael and Anna Pellack offered by the Reader David Pellack
John and Margaret Pellack offered by the Reader David Pellack

May Their Memories Be Eternal!

Vigil Cross Candles – 8/11/24

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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 (August)

Week of Sun Aug 4 to Sat Aug 10

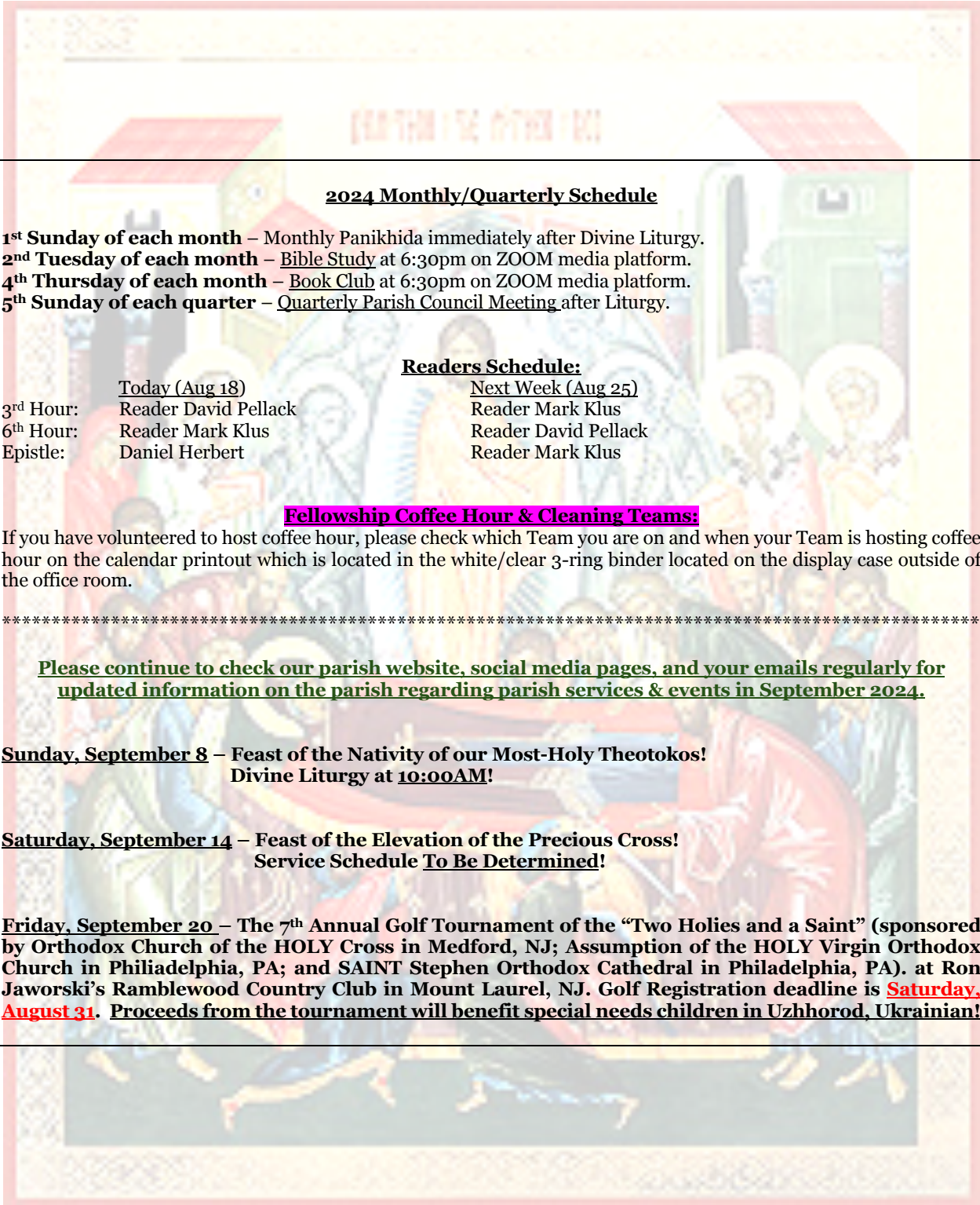
August Month to Date

Attendance:	30	30 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 4,494.00	\$ 6,369.59
Funds Out:	\$ 2,080.01	\$ 3,663.35
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 2,413.99	\$ 2,706.24

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 18)</u>	<u>Next Week (Aug 25)</u>
3 rd Hour:	Reader David Pellack	Reader Mark Klus
6 th Hour:	Reader Mark Klus	Reader David Pellack
Epistle:	Daniel Herbert	Reader Mark Klus

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 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 Philiadelphia, 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!



Martyrs Florus and Laurus of Illvria [Aug 18th]

The Martyrs Florus and Laurus were brothers by birth not only in flesh but in spirit. They lived in the second century at Byzantium, and afterwards they settled in Illyria [now Yugoslavia]. By occupation they were stone-masons (their teachers in this craft were the Christians Proclus and Maximus, from whom also the brothers learned about life pleasing to God).

The prefect of Illyria, Likaion, sent the brothers to a nearby district for work on the construction of a pagan temple. The saints toiled at the structure, distributing to the poor the money they earned, while they kept strict fast and prayed without ceasing.

Once, the son of the local pagan-priest Mamertin carelessly approached the structure, and a chip of stone hit him in the eye, severely injuring him. Saints Florus and Laurus assured the upset father, that his son would be healed.

They brought the youth to consciousness and told him to have faith in Christ. After this, as the youth confessed Jesus Christ as the true God, the brothers prayed for him, and the eye was healed. In view of such a miracle, even the father of the youth believed in Christ.

When the construction of the temple was completed, the brothers gathered the Christians together, and going through the temple, they smashed the idols. In the eastern part of the temple they set up the holy Cross. They spent all night in prayer, illumined with heavenly light. Having learned of this, the head of the district condemned to burning the former pagan priest Mamertin and his son and 300 Christians.

The martyrs Florus and Laurus, having been sent back to the prefect Likaion, were thrown down an empty well and covered over with earth. After many years, the relics of the holy martyrs were uncovered incorrupt, and transferred to Constantinople. In the year 1200 the Novgorod pilgrim Anthony saw them. Stephen of Novgorod saw the heads of the martyrs in the Pantokrator monastery around the year 1350.

