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Sunday, September 1, 2024 | 10th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 1 – Church New Year (Indiction)
St Simeon the Stylite (the Elder) & his mother, Ven. Martha (ca. 428)
Martyr Aithalas of Persia (380)

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Weekly Schedule

- Today: **Church New Year** (Indiction)
- Saturday: September 7 – Great Vespers at **4:00PM**
- Sunday: September 8 – Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos
Reading of Hours – 9:30am
Divine Liturgy – **10:00am**
Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy
- Tuesday: September 10 – Bible Study at 6:30pm in the church basement.
- Friday: September 13 – Vespers with Lityia at **6:00PM** for the
Feast of the Exaltation of the Precious Cross
- Saturday: September 14 – Divine Liturgy at **10:00AM** for the
Feast of the Exaltation of the Precious Cross

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 2 – Indiction)

O Creator of the Universe, / Thou didst appoint times by Thine own power; / bless the crown of this year with Thy goodness, O Lord! / Preserve in safety Thy rulers and Thy cities: // and through the intercessions of the Theotokos, save us!

Troparion (Tone 1 – Saint Simeon)

Thou wast a pillar of patient endurance, / having imitated the Forefathers, O Venerable One: / Job in suffering and Joseph in temptations. / Thou didst live like the bodiless hosts while yet in the flesh, O Simeon, our Father. // Beseech Christ God that our souls may be saved!

Kontakion (Tone 1)

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, / raising the world with Thyself. / Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. / Adam exults, O Master! / Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee: // “Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

Kontakion (Tone 2 – Saint Simeon)

Seeking the things of the Highest, / and having made a fiery chariot, thou wast joined to the heights. / Therefore, thou hast become a companion to the angels, O venerable Simeon, // and with them thou art praying incessantly to Christ God for us all.

Kontakion (Tone 4 – Indiction)

O Creator and Master of time and the ages, / Triune and Merciful God of all: / grant blessings for the course of this year, / and in Thy boundless mercy save those who worship Thee and cry out in fear: // O Savior, grant blessings to all mankind!

Prokeimenon (Tone 3 – Indiction)

Great is our Lord and abundant in power / His understanding is beyond measure!
v. Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God.

Another Prokeimenon (Tone 7 – Saint Simeon)

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints

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 4)

- v. Praise is due to Thee, O God, in Zion, and to Thee shall vows be performed. Alleluia (3x's)
- v. Bless the crown of the year with Thy goodness, O Lord! Alleluia (3x's)
- v. Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments! Alleluia (3x's) [Tone 4]

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.

Communion Hymn:

Thou shalt bless the crown of the year with Thy goodness, O Lord!
The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil tidings! Alleluia (3x's)

*[Note: Today's readings for the Indiction are as follows:
Epistle – 1 Timothy 2:1-7 and Gospel – Luke 4:16-22*

*[Note: Today's readings for Saint Simeon are as follows:
Epistle – Colossians 3:12-16 and Gospel – Matthew 11:27-30*

“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

HVAC Project Donations in Memory of Emily Gerasimoff

Barbara Andrews
Ronald & Cheryl Homa
John & Michele Spack

Tish Berchtold & Reader Mark Klus
Martha Palubniak
Katherine R Stilley

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Barbara Andrews
Debbie Chan & Family
Ronald & Cheryl Homa
Rick & Daria LeRoy
Nina Patterson
Michael & Fania Wanenchak

Tish Berchtold & Reader Mark Klus
The Donohue Funeral Home LTD
Catherine Kavalkovich
Martha Palubniak
Dr Gale Rutan and Joseph Francis
Robert Wanenchak

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon Presides at Pilgrimage to Unalaska

On Friday, August 16, 2024, His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon traveled to Unalaska at the invitation of His Grace Bishop Alexei of Sitka and Alaska. His Beatitude presided at the pilgrimage celebrations marking the 200th anniversary of the arrival of Saint Innocent (Father John Veniaminov) and the first Divine Liturgy served in Unalaska in 1824.

Upon arrival at Unalaska on Saturday, August 17, His Beatitude was greeted at the airport by His Grace and his delegation, singing "It is Truly Meet" and presenting them with Alaskan flowers.

His Beatitude then proceeded to the Ascension of our Lord Cathedral where he presided over a molieben for the welcoming of a hierarch to the Diocese.

Later that evening, His Beatitude presided at the All Night Vigil followed by dinner hosted by His Grace and the Diocese of Alaska.

On the morning of August 18, His Beatitude then presided at the celebration of the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at Ascension of our Lord Cathedral. Concelebrating with His Beatitude were His Grace Bishop Alexei and Priest Timothy Kolb. At the conclusion of the Liturgy, a synodal grammota was presented to the Ascension Cathedral in recognition of the 200th anniversary of Saint Innocent's first Liturgy there.

In the afternoon, a banquet was at the Grand Aleutian Hotel in Unalaska. The program began with traditional Alaskan Dances presented by the local Native Community. Following the meal, presentations were made by the Mayor of Unalaska, Vincent Tutiakoff and members of the local community.

His Beatitude returned to the cathedral to preside at the All Night Vigil for the Feast of the Transfiguration. After a festive luncheon with the local community, His Beatitude returned to Washington, DC.

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Natalie Patterson-Nedbal & her unborn child offered by Nina Patterson
Brandy and her newborn Molly offered by Cheryl Homa
Anastasia & her unborn child, Christina & her unborn child, Natalie & her unborn child, Anna Cohen,
Diane, Marissa offered by M/M K Kavalkovich

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Peter Witiak offered by the Reader David Pellack
Peter Witiak offered by Melanie Albrecht
Peter Witiak offered by Nina Patterson
Peter Witiak offered by Ronald & Cheryl Homa
Peter Witiak offered by Catherine Kavalkovich
Peter Witiak, Emily Gerasimoff offered by M/M K Kavalkovich
Marc, Vito, Albert, John, Ronald offered by M/M K Kavalkovich

May Their Memories Be Eternal!

Vigil Cross Candles – 8/25/24

Two Large Vigil Crosses – Memory of Emily Gerasimoff on her 40th Day
offered by the Parish Family.

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Please remember in your prayers:

+ Newly Departed Servant of God Peter Witiak who fell asleep in the Lord on Wednesday morning, August 21, 2024. May His Memory Be Eternal!
Vetchnaya Pamyat!

Christina Andrews and her unborn child; Natalie Patterson-Nedbal and her unborn child; Darren Bodnar;
Jane Kelly; Anne (Homa) Killoran; Sheba Patton; Fania Wanenchak 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)

<u>Week of Sun Aug 18 to Sat Aug 24</u>	<u>August Month to Date</u>
Attendance: 26	28 (average)
Funds In: \$ 671.00	\$ 7,728.59
Funds Out: \$ 2,688.39	\$ 6,703.72
Net Surplus/(Deficit): (\$ 2,017.39)	\$ 1,024.87

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:

Today (Sep 1)
3rd Hour: Reader David Pellack
6th Hour: Reader David Pellack
Epistle: Reader David Pellack
and Daniel Herbert

Next Week (Sep 8)
Dr David Albrecht
Reader David Pellack
Reader Mark Klus
and Dr David Albrecht

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!**

Friday, September 13 – Vespers at **6:00PM** for the Feast
of the Elevation of the Precious Cross!

Saturday, September 14 – Divine Liturgy at **10:00AM** for the Feast
of the Elevation of the Precious Cross!

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!**



Church New Year (Indiction) [September 1st]

The first day of the Church New Year is also called the beginning of the Indiction. The term Indiction comes from a Latin word meaning, “to impose.” It was originally applied to the imposition of taxes in Egypt. The first worldwide Indiction was in 312 when the Emperor Constantine (May 21) saw a miraculous vision of the Cross in the sky. Before the introduction of the Julian calendar, Rome began the New Year on September 1.

According to Holy Tradition, Christ entered the synagogue on September 1 to announce His mission to mankind (Luke 4:16-22). Quoting Isaiah 61:1-2), the Savior proclaimed, “The spirit of the Lord is upon me; because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent me to proclaim release to captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord...” This scene is depicted in a Vatican manuscript (Vatican, Biblioteca. Cod. Gr. 1613, p.1).

Tradition says that the Hebrews entered the Promised Land in September.

Venerable Martha, mother of Saint Simeon Stylites [September 1st]

Saint Martha lived in Cilicia of Asia Minor during the fourth and fifth centuries, and came from a poor family. She and her husband Sisotion were the parents of Saint Simeon the Stylite.

At the age of eighteen, Simeon received the monastic tonsure without his parents’ knowledge. Many years later, Martha came to the saint’s pillar in order to see him. Simeon sent word to her not to come, for if they were worthy, they would see each other in the life to come. Martha insisted on seeing him, and he had someone tell her to wait for a while in silence. Saint Martha agreed to this, and waited at the foot of the hill where her son’s pillar stood. There she departed to the Lord.

When he heard that his mother had died, Saint Simeon ordered that her body be brought to the foot of his pillar. He prayed over his mother’s body for some time shedding many tears, and witnesses said that a smile appeared on Saint Martha’s face.

