

## Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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### Sunday, September 29, 2024 | 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 5 – Venerable Cyriacus the Hermit of Palestine (556)  
Prophet Martyrs Dada, Gabdelas, and Casdoa of Persia (4<sup>th</sup> c.)  
Venerable Theophan the Merciful of Gaza

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### Weekly Schedule

Tuesday: Protection of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and the Ever-Virgin Mary

Saturday: October 5 – Great Vespers at **4:00PM**

Sunday: October 6 – Glorification of Saint Innocent  
Reading of Hours – 9:30am  
Divine Liturgy – **10:00am**  
*Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy*

## Texts for the Liturgical Service

### **Troparion (Tone 5)**

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, / co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, / born for our salvation from the Virgin; / for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, / to endure death, / and to raise the dead // by His glorious Resurrection.

### **Troparion (Tone 1 – Saint Cyriacus)**

O dweller of the desert and angel in the body, / Thou wast shown to be a wonder-worker, our God-bearing Father Cyriacus. / Thou didst receive heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil, and prayer; / healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to thee by faith. / Glory to Him who gave thee strength! / Glory to Him Who granted thee a ↑crown! // Glory to Him Who through thee grants healing to all!

### **Kontakion (Tone 5)**

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, / shattering its gates as Almighty, / resurrecting the dead as Creator, / and destroying the sting of death. / Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, // and we cry to Thee: O Lord, save us!

### **Kontakion (Tone 8 – Saint Cyriacus)**

The sacred Lavra honors thee as a mighty champion and helper, / and yearly celebrates thy memory. / As thou hast boldness before the Lord: preserve us from our enemies // so that we may sing: “Rejoice, thrice-blessed Cyriacus!”

### **Prokeimenon (Tone 5)**

Thou, O Lord, shall protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever!  
v. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.

### **Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4**

Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. Moreover I call God as witness against my soul, that to spare you I came no more to Corinth. Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are fellow workers for your joy; for by faith you stand. But I determined this within myself, that I would not come again to you in sorrow. For if I make you sorrowful, then who is he who makes me glad but the one who is made sorrowful by me? And I wrote this very thing to you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow over those from whom I ought to have joy, having confidence in you all that my joy is the joy of you all. For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you, with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 5)

v. I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation. Alleluia (3x's)  
v. For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens. Alleluia (3x's)

**Gospel Reading: Luke 6:31-36**

And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

**Communion Hymn:**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Alleluia (3x's)

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**2025 Saint Tikhon's Monastery Calendar - Taking orders now:**

The parish will once again be ordering 2025 calendars from Saint Tikhon's Monastery. As a result from a generous benefactor, a donation was made to the church to cover the cost of one calendar per household for parishioners of the church.

If you wish to order additional calendars besides the one that will be ordered for your household, there is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board downstairs in the church basement to do so.

The cost of the 2025 St Tikhon's calendars is \$8 per calendar. The deadline for ordering these calendars will be: Sunday, November 3, 2024!

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**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**

Melanie Albrecht  
Tish Berchtold & Reader Mark Klus  
Sandra Hourahan & Family  
John & Michele Spack

Barbara Andrews  
Ronald & Cheryl Homa  
Martha Palubniak  
Katherine R Stilley

### **HVAC Project Donations in Memory of Peter Witiak**

Melanie Albrecht  
Tish Berchtold & Reader Mark Klus  
The Donohue Funeral Home LTD  
Sandra Hourahan & Family  
Rick & Daria LeRoy  
Nina Patterson  
John & Michele Spack  
Robert Wanenchak

Barbara Andrews  
Debbie Chan & Family  
Ronald & Cheryl Homa  
Catherine Kavalkovich  
Martha Palubniak  
Dr Gale Rutan and Joseph Francis  
Michael & Fania Wanenchak  
Gene & Joan Witiak

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### **40 Days for Life FALL Vigil – September 25 to November 3**

The campaign is a peaceful vigil. They are not a political organization or a protest group. They stand and pray as a peaceful physical presence and witness for the lives of the unborn, who cannot speak for themselves. Please visit their website: <https://www.40daysforlife.com> for a campaign location near your area.

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### **Keep in your prayers those effected by Hurricane Helene this past week**

Hurricane Helene, a monstrous Category 4 hurricane, unleashed its fury across the Southeast after leaving at least 49 people dead in South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, North Carolina and Virginia; leveling communities by snapping trees, power lines, and mangling hundreds of homes; knocking out power to approximately 3.3 million people; and stranding many in flash floodwaters where in some communities they recorded historic breaking rainfall of anywhere between 24 to 30 inches falling within just a 48 hour time period.

Helene is now a post-tropical cyclone with winds of 35 mph, according to the National Hurricane Center. That means Helene no longer has an organized center of circulation and is losing its hurricane-like features. But this change doesn't alter much of Helene's overall threat going forward, as Helene will continue to unleash heavy, flooding rainfall and gusty winds. Keith Turi of FEMA warned residents of the dangers remaining from Helene even after it passes. "There are a lot of dangers in those floodwaters, things you can see and sometimes things you can't see that are going under the surface, and so really you need to stay out of those floodwaters."

**Announcements** (cont.)

**Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed**

**Health for the Living:**

Natalie Patterson-Nedbal and her unborn child offered by Nina Patterson

**May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!**

**Memory for the Departed:**

Emily Gerasimoff offered by Nina Patterson

John & Margaret Pellack offered by M/M Ken Walker

Emily Gerasimoff, Peter Witiak offered by Catherine Kavalkovich

Albert Kavalkovich, Ronald A. Kavalkovich offered by Catherine Kavalkovich

William & Julia Brasko, William Brasko Jr, John Libak Sr,

John & Julia Drimak, Michael & Mary Spack, Mary Herbert, Marie Fortner, offered by Nancy Brasko Rabik

**May Their Memories Be Eternal!**

**Vigil Cross Candles – 9/22/24**

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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 (September)

<u>Week of Sun Sep 15 to Sat Sep 21</u>	<u>September Month to Date</u>
Attendance:                    28	31 (average)
Funds In:                      \$ 1,597.00	\$18,013.00
Funds Out:                     \$ 1,768.67	\$ 5,939.29
Net Surplus/(Deficit):    (\$ 171.67)	\$12,073.71

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 (Sep 29)</u>	<u>Next Week (Oct 6)</u>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour:	Reader Mark Klus	To Be Determined
6 <sup>th</sup> Hour:	Reader David Pellack	To Be Determined
Epistle:	Reader David Pellack	To Be Determined

### 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 September & October 2024.

Currently there are no services, events, activities scheduled at this time.



**Venerable Theophanes the Merciful of Gaza**  
[September 29<sup>th</sup>]

Saint Theophanes the Merciful was an inhabitant of the Syrian city of Gaza. He was very kind and merciful. He took in vagrants, he helped the poor and the sick, and he spent all his substance on help for the needy, while he himself remained in want.

Saint Theophanes did not grieve at all over the loss of his property, but he lost his health, and sickness caused him great suffering. His body began to swell up, to rot, and to give off a stench. This ordeal he also endured in good spirit, giving thanks to God for all things.

A fierce storm raged while he was dying, and his wife grieved that she would not be able to give him proper burial. The saint comforted her: “Weep not, woman, for up to now the trial has lasted, but here comes help from the Merciful God, since in the hour of my death the storm will cease, by the will of God.” So it occurred: just as he gave up his soul to God, calmness prevailed. After death the body of Saint Theophanes became completely cleansed of wounds and decay and became fragrant, giving forth abundant healing myrrh.

