

## Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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### Sunday, October 6, 2024 | 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 6 – Glorification of St. Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow,  
Enlightener of the Aleuts, and Apostle to the Americas (1977 – Sep 23<sup>rd</sup>)  
Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas (1<sup>st</sup> c.)

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### Weekly Schedule

- Today: 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Father Mark serving at our parish  
(He began as an Acting Rector of the parish On-Loan from the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.)  
May God Grant Father Mark Many Healthy, Happy, and Blessed Years!
- Today: The OCA's Annual Church Musician Sunday  
(See page 4 for more information on this appreciation)
- Saturday: October 12 – Great Vespers at **4:00PM**
- Sunday: October 13 – Commemoration of the Holy Fathers  
of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council  
Reading of Hours – 9:30am  
Divine Liturgy – **10:00am**  
*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 4 – Saint Innocent)**

O Holy Father Innocent, / in obedience to the will of God, / thou didst accept dangers and tribulations, / bringing many peoples to the knowledge of truth. / Thou didst show us the way; / now by thy prayers help lead us // into the Kingdom of Heaven!

### **Troparion (Tone 2 – Saint Innocent – Alternate Troparion)**

Thou didst evangelize the Northern people of America and Asia, / proclaiming the Gospel of Christ to the natives in their own tongues, / O Holy Hierarch, Father Innocent, / Enlightener of Alaska and All America, whose ways were ordered by the Lord. // Pray to Him for the salvation of our souls in His Heavenly Kingdom!

### **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 2 – Saint Innocent)**

Thy life, O holy Father Innocent, apostle to our land, / proclaims the dispensation and grace of God! / For, laboring in dangers and hardships for the Gospel of Christ, / thou wast kept unharmed and exalted in humility. // Pray that He may guide our steps in the way we should go!

### **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!

### **Another Prokeimenon (Tone 1)**

My mouth shall speak wisdom, the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

### **Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15**

For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed – always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you. And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound 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 mouth of the righteous shall proclaim wisdom, and his tongue shall speak of judgment. Alleluia (3x's) (TONE 2)

**Gospel Reading: Luke 7:11-16**

Now it happened, the day after that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."

**Communion Hymn:**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Alleluia (3x's)  
 The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. 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**

### **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."

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### **OCA's Annual Church Musician Sunday (Today)**

The Sunday on or following the commemoration of St. Romanus the Melodist (October 1) has been designated by Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America as a date to honor the essential role of liturgical music in the life of the Orthodox Church. This year, "Church Musician Sunday" will fall on Sunday October 6, 2024.

Parishes are asked to publicly recognize in announcements and bulletins those in their communities who serve in musical ministries: choir directors, singers, chanters, readers, composers, arrangers, bell-ringers, hymnologists, translators, and hymnographers.

Please see the following link on the OCA website for more information and a letter from His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon on this honoring of church musicians:

<https://www.oca.org/news/headline-news/ocas-annual-church-musician-sunday-to-be-held-october-6>

**Announcements** (cont.)

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

**Health for the Living:**

Margie Pich offered by the Reader David Pellack  
Family and Friends offered by Nina Patterson  
Witiak Family offered by Ron & Cheryl Homa

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

**Memory for the Departed:**

Pete Witiak offered by Ron & Cheryl Homa  
Emily Gerasimoff, Peter Witiak offered by Catherine Kavalkovich  
Albert Kavalkovich, Ronald A. Kavalkovich offered by Catherine Kavalkovich

**May Their Memories Be Eternal!**

**Vigil Cross Candles – 9/29/24**

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**Please remember in your prayers:**

Ethan Alfred Andrews (newly born on Monday, September 30 at 11:08PM \* 6lbs. 2oz. & 18.9 inches long), his big brother Gabriel, his parents Matthew & Christina Andrews, his grandparents Barbara & Norman Andrews, and his great-grandmother Catherine Kavalkovich. May God Grant Ethan and his family Many Blessed Years!!

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!

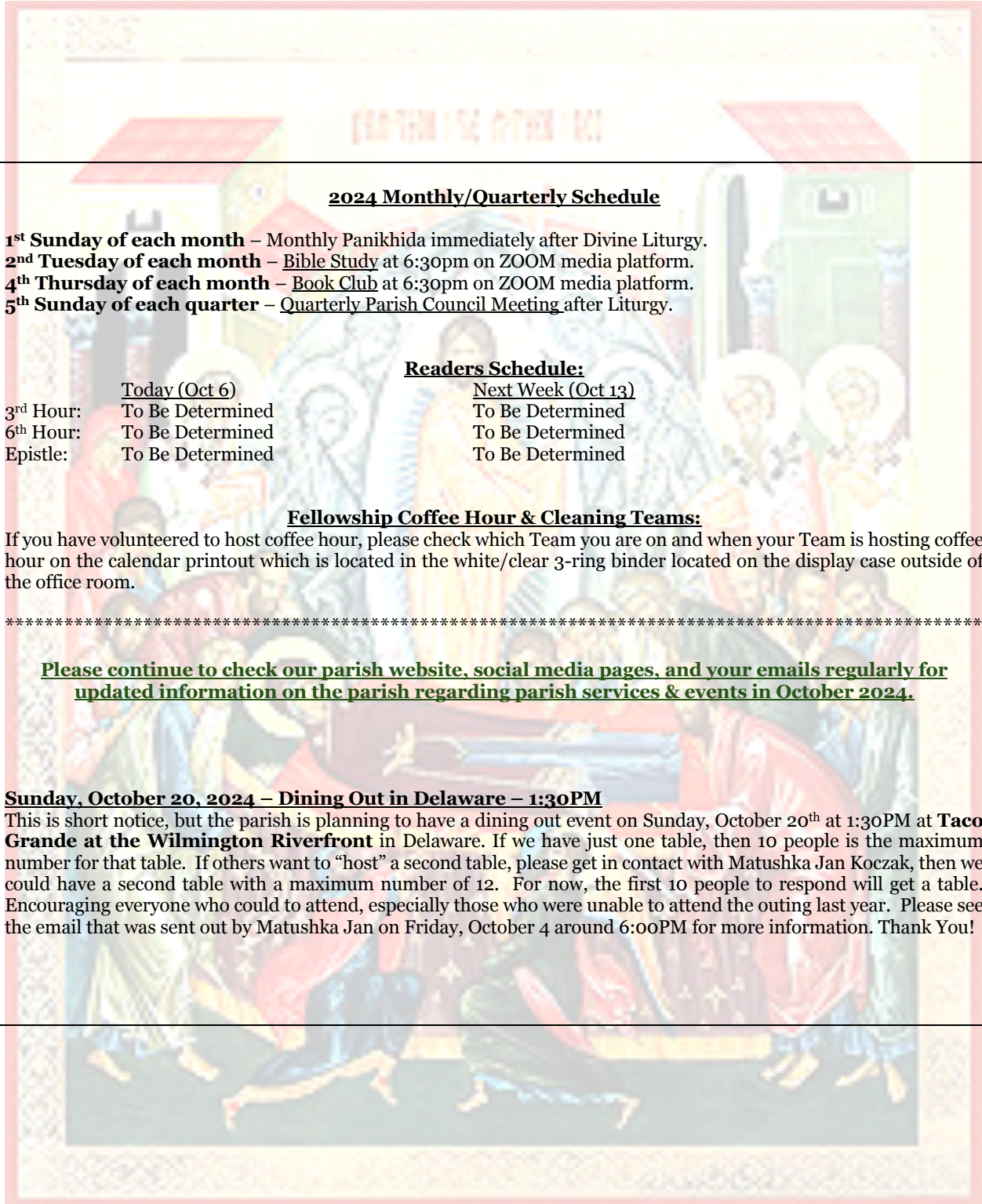
### **Cash Flow Activity (September)**

<u>Week of Sun Sep 22 to Sat Sep 28</u>	<u>September Month to Date</u>
Attendance: 33	32 (average)
Funds In: \$ 1,947.00	\$19,960.00
Funds Out: (\$ 982.64) <i>prior week adjustment</i>	\$ 4,956.65
Net Surplus/(Deficit): \$ 2,929.64	\$15,003.35

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 (Oct 6)</u>	<u>Next Week (Oct 13)</u>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour:	To Be Determined	To Be Determined
6 <sup>th</sup> Hour:	To Be Determined	To Be Determined
Epistle:	To Be Determined	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 October 2024.

### Sunday, October 20, 2024 – Dining Out in Delaware – 1:30PM

This is short notice, but the parish is planning to have a dining out event on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30PM at **Taco Grande at the Wilmington Riverfront** in Delaware. If we have just one table, then 10 people is the maximum number for that table. If others want to “host” a second table, please get in contact with Matushka Jan Koczak, then we could have a second table with a maximum number of 12. For now, the first 10 people to respond will get a table. Encouraging everyone who could to attend, especially those who were unable to attend the outing last year. Please see the email that was sent out by Matushka Jan on Friday, October 4 around 6:00PM for more information. Thank You!



## Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas [October 6<sup>th</sup>]

Saint The Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas was born in the Galilean city of Pansada and was a fisherman. Hearing the good tidings of Jesus Christ, he left all and followed after Him. The Apostle Thomas is included in the number of the holy Twelve Apostles of the Savior.

According to Holy Scripture, the holy Apostle Thomas did not believe the reports of the other disciples about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ: “Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe” (John 20:25).

On the eighth day after the Resurrection, the Lord appeared to the Apostle Thomas and showed him His wounds. “My Lord and my God,” the Apostle cried out (John 20:28). “Thomas, being once weaker in faith than the other apostles,” says Saint John Chrysostom, “toiled through the grace of God more bravely, more zealously and tirelessly than them all, so that he went preaching over nearly all the earth, not fearing to proclaim the Word of God to savage nations.”

Some icons depicting this event are inscribed “The Doubting Thomas.” This is incorrect. In Greek, the inscription reads, “The Touching of Thomas.” In Slavonic, it says, “The Belief of Thomas.” When Saint Thomas touched the Life-giving side of the Lord, he no longer had any doubts.

According to Church Tradition, the holy Apostle Thomas founded Christian churches in Palestine, Mesopotamia, Parthia, Ethiopia and India. Preaching the Gospel earned him a martyr’s death. For having converted the wife and son of the prefect of the Indian city of Meliapur [Melipur], the holy apostle was locked up in prison, suffered torture, and finally, pierced with five spears, he departed to the Lord. Part of the relics of the holy Apostle Thomas are in India, in Hungary and on Mt. Athos. The name of the Apostle Thomas is associated with the Arabian (or Arapet) Icon of the Mother of God (September 6).

**[Note: Today’s readings for Saint Innocent are as follows:  
Epistle – Hebrews 7:26-8:2 and Gospel – John 10:9-16 ]**

