

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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Sunday, October 27, 2024 | 18th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 1 – Martyr Nestor of Thessalonica (ca. 306)

Venerable Nestor the Chronicler of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves – 1114)

Uncovering of the Relics of St. Andrew, Prince of Smolensk (1540)

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Weekly Schedule

Saturday: November 2 – Great Vespers - **CANCELLED!**

Sunday: November 3 – Martyrs Acepshimas Joseph, & Aithalas

Reading of Hours – 9:30am

Divine Liturgy – **10:00am**

Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Sunday: November 3 – **Daylight Savings Time Ends!**

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 4 – Saint Nestor)

Thy holy martyr Nestor, O Lord, / through his sufferings has received an incorruptible crown 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 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 Nestor)

Having fought the good fight, / thou didst win immortal glory, O Nestor. / Thou didst become a perfect soldier for the Master / through the prayers of the martyr Demetrius. // Together with him thou art praying unceasingly to Christ God for us all.

Prokeimenon (Tone 1)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on Thee.
v. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the upright!

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: “He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.” Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 1)

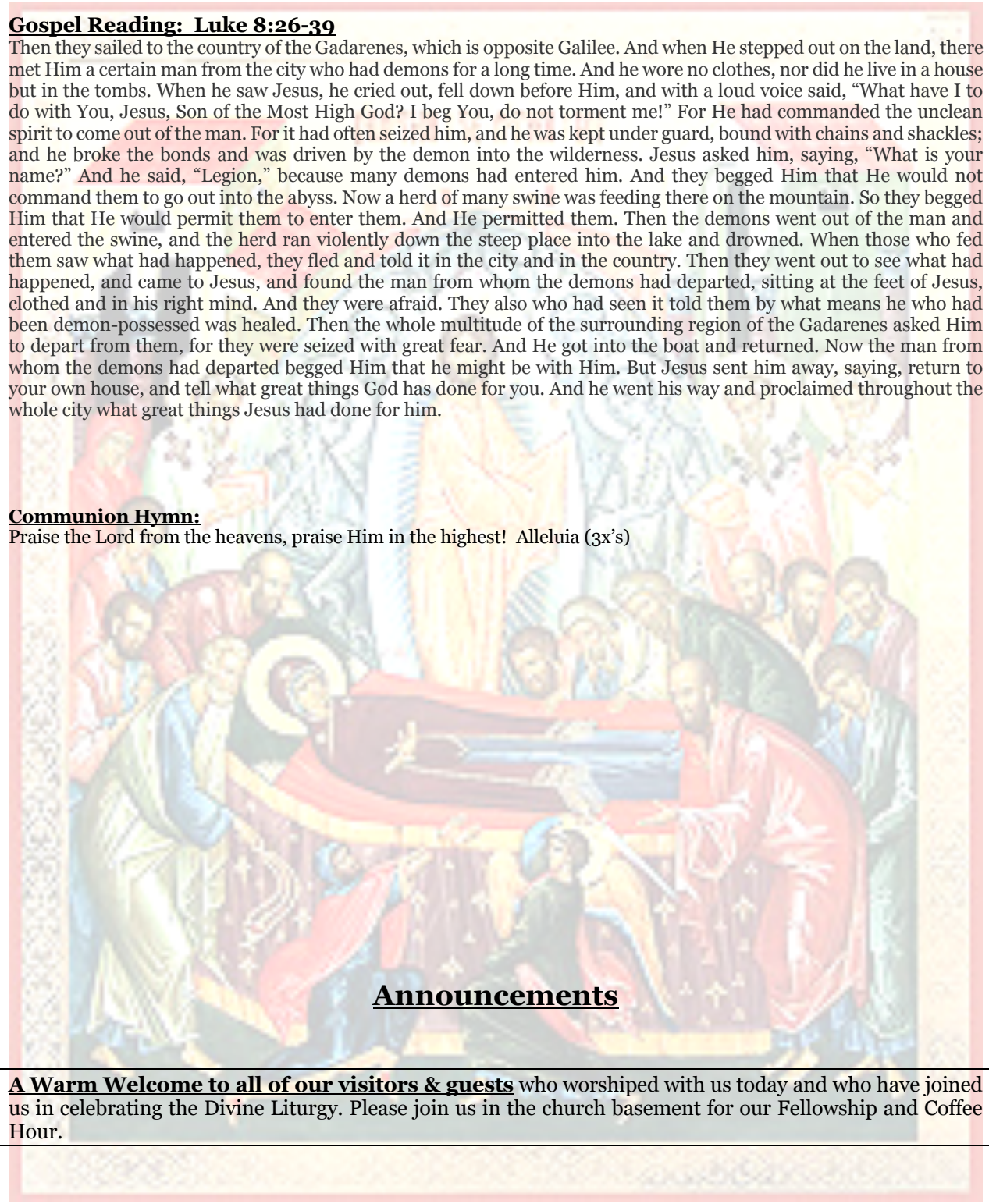
- v. God gives vengeance to me, and subdues people under me! Alleluia (3x's)
- v. He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David,
His anointed, and his seed forever. Alleluia (3x's)

Gospel Reading: Luke 8:26-39

Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!" For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness. Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him. And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned. When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed. Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned. Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you. And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

Communion Hymn:

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! 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

The Fall Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 17, 2024 after Divine Liturgy in the church basement. This is Notice #1 of 3.

According to Article IV, Section 2, Subsection A. of the Parish By-Laws, notice of all Annual and General Parish Meetings shall be announced in the Parish Bulletin and read by the Parish Rector from the amvon on three consecutive Sundays preceding the date of the Meeting. Along with the general topics of discussion during the Fall Parish Meeting, this meeting the parish will elect parish council members for the 2025-2026 term for the positions of Vice-President (currently Brett McKenna – two consecutive terms on council), Treasurer (currently Sub-deacon Daniel (Kenneth) Kavalkovich – three consecutive terms on council), and Trustee (Odd Year Term) (currently Reader Mark Klus – one consecutive term on council). Please make every effort to be in attendance and support the parish!

Please Note: This meeting “may” need to be re-scheduled to a future date depending on the schedule and the availability of Father Mark to be in attendance!

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.

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!**

REMEMBER...DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD!

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Father Mark offered by Nina Patterson
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May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Ronald Andrew Kavalkovich offered by Catherine Kavalkovich
Joseph Renzetti offered by Robert Wanenchak

May Their Memories Be Eternal!

Vigil Cross Candles – 10/20/24

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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!!

All of those effected by both Hurricane Helene and Milton these past few weeks

Father Mark Koczak; 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 (October)

<u>Week of Sun Oct 13 to Sat Oct 19</u>	<u>October Month to Date</u>
Attendance: 34	35 (average)
Funds In: \$ 1,671.00	\$ 4,289.00
Funds Out: \$ 1,738.73	\$23,444.96
Net Surplus/(Deficit): (\$ 67.73)	(\$19,155.96)

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 (Oct 27)</u>	<u>Next Week (Nov 3)</u>
3 rd Hour:	Reader David Pellack	Reader Mark Klus
6 th Hour:	Dr David Albrecht	Reader David Pellack
Epistle:	Simon Herbert	Reader David Pellack

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 October & November 2024.

** Please Take Note on the following Service Schedule in November **

Saturday, November 2 – Vespers is Cancelled

Thursday, November 7 – Vespers is Cancelled (Archangel Michael)

Friday, November 8 – Divine Liturgy is Cancelled (Archangel Michael)

Saturday, November 9 – Vespers is Cancelled

As of the printing of this bulletin, service(s) for the Entrance of the Most Holy Lady Theotokos into the Temple (November 21) is/are still scheduled to be served. The time and date(s) of the service(s) has yet to be determined. Please check this bulletin, the parish website, and your emails for further information as the date of this feast day approaches.

Also, Divine Liturgy is still scheduled as planned for both Sunday, November 3 & Sunday November 10



Martyr Nestor of Thessalonica [October 27th]

The holy Martyr Nestor was very young in age, handsome in appearance, and he was known to the holy Great Martyr Demetrios (October 26), for he had instructed Nestor in the faith.

The Emperor was visiting Thessaloniki, and he built a high platform in the midst of the city so that a gigantic barbarian named Lyaaios could wrestle there and be seen by everyone.

Beneath the platform many spears and other sharp weapons were placed pointing upward. When Lyaaios defeated his opponents, he threw them down onto the spears and they died. Many Christians were forced to fight Lyaaios, and were killed. When Nestor saw how Emperor Maximian rejoiced over the victories of his champion, he disdained his pride. Seeing the miracles of Saint Demetrios, however, he took courage and went to the prison where the holy Martyr was confined, and fell at his feet.

“Pray for me, O Servant of God Demetrios,” he said, “that by your prayers, God may help me to beat Lyaaios, and put an end to him who brings reproach upon the Christians.”

The Saint, after sealing Nestor with the Sign of the Cross, told him that he would prevail over Lyaaios, and then suffer for Christ. Nestor mounted the platform without fear and exclaimed: “Help me, O God of Demetrios.” After he defeated Lyaaios, he hurled him down onto the spears, where he gave up his wretched soul.

Maximian became enraged and ordered that both Nestor and Demetrios should be put to death. Saint Demetrios was stabbed with spears, and Saint Nestor was beheaded. Thus, by his example Saint Nestor teaches us that in every human challenge we must say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do to me.” (Psalm 117/118:6, Hebrews 13:6).

