

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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Sunday, December 8, 2024 | 24th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 7 – Venerable Patapius of Thebes (8th c.)
Holy Apostles of the Seventy (1st c.)
Martyr Anthusa at Rome (4-5th c.)

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Weekly Schedule

- Today: ADVENT BAZAAR! After Liturgy, come down to the church basement and check out the Christmas cards, icons, and other Christmas goodies as we prepare for the Nativity of our Lord
- Tuesday: Bible Study at **6:30PM** on ZOOM media platform ONLY!
- Friday: Repose of Venerable Herman of Alaska
- Saturday: December 14 – Great Vespers at **4:00PM**
- Sunday: December 15 – Sunday of the Forefathers
Reading of Hours – 9:30am
Divine Liturgy – **10:00am**
Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Texts for the Liturgical Service

Troparion (Tone 7)

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 8 – Venerable Patapius of Thebes)

The image of God was truly preserved in thee, O Father, / for thou didst take up the Cross and follow Christ. / By so doing thou didst teach us to disregard the flesh for it passes away / but to care instead for the soul, since it is immortal. // Therefore thy spirit, Venerable Patapius, rejoices with the Angels.

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 3 – Venerable Patapius of Thebes)

Thy temple is found to be a source of healing, / and the people flock to it eagerly, O saint. / They seek the healing of their diseases / and the forgiveness of their sins, / for thou art a protector for all those in need, Venerable Patapius.

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!

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 2:14-22

For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 7)

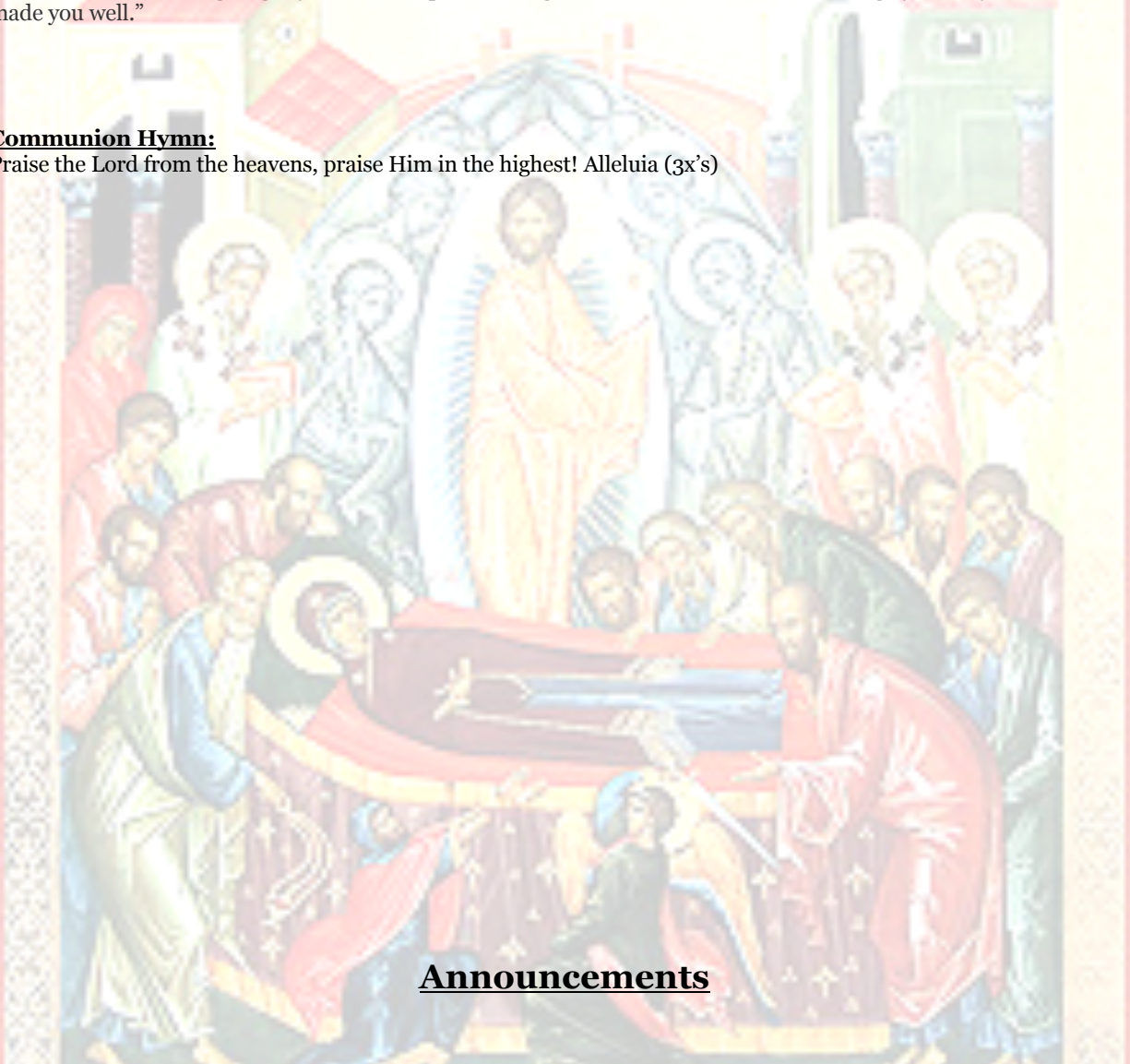
- v. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High! Alleluia (3x's)
- v. To declare Thy mercy in the morning and Thy truth by night Alleluia(3x's)

Gospel Reading: Luke 17:12-19 (from the 26th Sunday)

Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner? And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

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

Video links of Matushka Olga's Relics Being Uncovered in Kwethluk, AK

Below are two video links from YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YUVgcTH5-So>

This video of Blessed Mother Olga's gravesite is 2 1/2 hours long (of the 6 hours it took to dig up her casket) and shows the priest reading the gospel and digging up her casket. Also, the surrounding community and those from outside Alaska who made the pilgrimage to the cemetery kept blocking the camera as they venerated her gravesite.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JU58YWeJliM>

This video is by James Nick and is 5 1/2 minutes long. It shows the casket being carried by the priest from the cemetery to Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church in Kwethluk, AK.



“THANK YOU * THANK YOU * THANK YOU”

We would like to say “Thank You to all of those who spent their time yesterday morning & afternoon and brought their energy, rags, buckets, sponges, soaps, brushes, polishes, and vacuum cleaners to assist in cleaning the Church for the Nativity. The whole inside area including the choir loft, altar area and vestibule look beautiful.

May God Grant You All Many Happy, Healthy, and Blessed Years!

The **61st Annual Diocesan Assembly** will be held on Thursday, January 23 and Friday, January 24, 2025 at St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church in Wilmington, DE. If you are interested in attending as a Lay Delegate to represent the parish or attend just as an Assembly observer, please speak with Father Mark or Parish President Matthew Andrews. Thank You.

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

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

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Jugan Family offered by the Reader David Pellack

May Their Memories Be Eternal!

Vigil Cross Candles – 12/1/24

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Please remember in your prayers:

Father Mark Kozak; 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 (November)

<u>Week of Sun Nov 24 to Sat Nov 30</u>	<u>November Month (Unaudited)</u>	
Attendance:	46	41 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 4,139.00	\$ 8,983.27
Funds Out:	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,315.08
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 4,139.00	\$ 4,668.19

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 (Dec 8)</u>	<u>Next Week (Dec 15)</u>
3 rd Hour:	Reader David Pellack	Reader Mark Klus
6 th Hour:	Reader Mark Klus	Reader David Pellack
Epistle:	Reader Mark Klus	Simon Herbert

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 December 2024 and January 2025

Every Sunday between Today and December 22 – ADVENT BAZAAR!!!

The parish will once again sponsor a bazaar this Advent season. It will continue running every Sunday thru Sunday, December 22. All sales will benefit the HVAC Project. Parishioners are encouraged to contribute one or two items, should they wish. Dr Gale Rutan is offering hand-painted icons and Christmas cards with icon printing. Please come and check it out! Thank You!

Eve of Nativity (Tuesday, December 24) Complines & Matins Service – To Be Determined!

Feast of the Nativity (Wednesday, December 25) Divine Liturgy at 10:00AM!

Beginning on January 5, 2025 – Sunday Divine Liturgy at 9:30AM!!

During the Fall Parish Meeting held on Sunday, November 17, a motion was passed that beginning in 2025 (starting on Sunday, January 5), Sunday Divine Liturgy will begin at 9:30AM 'ALL YEAR ROUND' (no more switching back and forth from 9AM to 10AM between summer and winter hours). This schedule time change is for Sunday Divine Liturgy ONLY! The superior has the discretion for the time when services held during the week. The only exception will be on Easter (Pascha) Sunday which will still be served with procession, Matins, & Divine Liturgy beginning at 8:30AM.



Venerable Patapius of Thebes [December 8th]

Saint Patapius was born at Thebes into a pious Christian family. Reaching the age of maturity, he scorned the vanities of the world and so went into the Egyptian desert where he became known for his ascetic deeds. Though he wished to dwell in silence, people began to come to him for advice.

He went eventually to Constantinople, where he obtained a cell at the city wall, near the Blachernae church. But here, too, he quickly became known. The sick began to throng about, and he having been vouchsafed the gift of healing, began to help all the needy.

After a life adorned with virtue and miracles, Saint Patapius fell asleep in the Lord and was buried in the church of Saint John the Baptist.

(NOTE: During Father John Udics time as pastor of our parish, he would consistently acknowledge Venerable Patapius of Thebes at the end of each Divine Liturgy when commemorating the Saints of the Day. The reason he did this is because a relic of Venerable Patapius of Thebes is located inside our parish's Altar table.)

