

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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Sunday, July 5, 2015 – 5th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 4 – Ven. Athanasius, Founder of the Great Lavra and Coenobitic
Monasticism on Mt. Athos. Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Sergius of Radonezh

Rev. Matthew Cantrell, Rector [*On Leave of Absence*]
Fr. Archimandrite Christopher Grecu, Interim Rector
Parish President – Matthew Andrews *Phone: 856-217-8075*

Texts for the Liturgical Service

Troparion (Tone 4)

When the women Disciples of the Lord / learned from the Angel the joyous message of thy Resurrection, / they cast away the ancestral curse / and elatedly told the Apostles: / “Death is overthrown! / Christ God is risen,// granting the world great mercy!”

Troparion (Tone 8)

From thy youth thou didst receive Christ into thy soul, O ven’rable one, / and above all desire to leave behind the turmoil of the world. / With courage thou didst settle in the wilderness, where thou didst raise children in obedience, the fruits of humility. / Thus, as an abode of the Trinity, thou didst enlighten all who approached in faith, granting healing to all.// O our Father Sergius, pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved!

Kontakion (Tone 4)

My Savior and Redeemer / as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. / He has shattered the gates of hell, / and as Master,// He has risen on the third day!

Kontakion (Tone 8)

Having risen from the earth today and shining like the sun, / thy precious and incorrupt relics are as fragrant flowers, scented with miracles, / granting healing to all the faithful, and making glad thy flock which thou wisely gather and tend. / Now as thou standest before the throne of the Trinity, entreat God’s help and grace for them and for all Orthodox Christians, // so that we may sing: “Rejoice, O divinely-wise Sergius!”

Prokeimenon (Tone 4)

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; in wisdom hast Thou made them all!
v. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great!

Epistle Reading: Romans 10:1-10

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man who does those things shall live by them." But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down from above) or, " 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 4)

- v. Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth! Alleluia (3x's)
- v. For Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest iniquity. Alleluia (3x's)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 8:28-9:1

When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?" Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding. So the demons begged Him, saying, "If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water. Then those who kept them fled; and they went away into the city and told everything, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men. And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged Him to depart from their region. So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city.

Communion Hymns:

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

Announcements

Welcome Archimandrite Christopher Grecu. The parish would like to welcome Father Christopher to our church. Father Christopher comes to us from the Romanian Episcopate and has been given permission to serve at our parish from the Most Reverend Nathaniel, Archbishop of Detroit and the Romanian Episcopate and his Grace Archbishop Mark of the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania. Father Christopher is no stranger to Holy Assumption. He filled-in and served as a substitute priest when Father John Udics was either on vacation or unable to serve Liturgy. **Father Christopher will only be available to serve Sunday Divine Liturgy.** Please introduce yourself and give Father Christopher a warm South Philly welcome.

If anyone is in need of a priest: With Father Matthew on a leave of absence until August 31 and **Father Christopher only performing Sunday Divine Liturgy,** please contact any one of the following priest if you request to arrange sacraments, instructions, counseling, home visits, sick calls, hospital visits or funeral arrangements:

Rev. Victor Gorodenchuk – St. Stephen’s Cathedral – Philadelphia, PA
Home# 215.745.3232 Parish Office# 215.342.0866
Email: dean@ststephenscathedral.org or gorodenchuk@msn.com

OR

Very Rev. John Perich – St. Herman of Alaska Church–Gradyville, PA
Home# 610.494.6117 Parish Office# 610.459.5310

Welcome to all of our visitors & guest worshiping with us today. A warm welcome to all of our visitors and guest who have joined us today in celebrating the Divine Liturgy. Please join us in the church basement for our Fellowship and Coffee Hour.

No Vespers served during the summer. Vespers will not be served on Saturdays or during the weekday the day before a feast day during the summer months (June 1 to August 31).

Please ensure that your Mobile Phone is set to Silent (or at least set on vibrate) during the Divine Liturgy! Thank You!!!

Announcements (cont.)

Sign up sheets for Coffee Hour, Cleaning and Epistle & Hours Reading. Sign up sheets for the above items are posted on the bulletin board in the church basement. The sheets have been pretty bare over the past few weeks. Please be considerate and volunteer to assist with some of the parish responsibilities. Your time is very much appreciated!

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. Please be generous with your offering. Every little bit counts. The special collections are as follows:

- First Sunday of every month – Kitchen Fund Project
- Second Sunday of every month – Youth Fund
- Third Sunday of every month - Restoration/Maintenance Fund
- Fourth Sunday of every month – Charity Giving

Note: if there is a Fifth Sunday during a month, the special collection is earmarked for the Kitchen Fund Project, unless otherwise noted and stated by the Parish Council.

Cash Flow Activity (June)

	<u>Week of June 22 to 28</u>	<u>June Month to Date</u>
Attendance:	36	34 (average)
Funds In:	\$1,168.00	\$5,509.00
Funds Out:	\$666.44	\$2,876.28
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$501.56	\$2,632.72

Shop Rite Gift Cards: If you need to purchase Shop Rite Gift Cards, please see David Pellack 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.

*****CORRECTION***:** Over the past month, the bulletin has incorrectly identified Father Christopher as a Hieromonk when in fact his official title is Archimandrite. This has been corrected as of this bulletin. We apologize for this error. ~ AHVOC Bulletin Staff

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Simon Herbert, Daniel Herbert, Thomas Herbert, Michael Spack Jr., Joyce Spack, & Helen Wanenchak offered by M/M Herbert.

Jean Hourahan offered by Hourahan Family.

Dave & Emily Albrecht (Anniversary) offered by M/M Albrecht.

M/M Albrecht, Family & Friends offered by K Kavalkovich Family.

Catherine & Albert Kavalkovich offered by K Kavalkovich Family.

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Emma Burychka, John Burychka, Anna Herbert, John Homa, and Albina Koscioler offered by M/M Herbert.

John & Julia Drimak offered by Hourahan Family.

Emma, Anne, John, William, Vito, Helen, Andrew, Marion, Alexander offered by K Kavalkovich Family.

Emma Burychka offered by Pellack Family.

May Their Memories Be Eternal!

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During this Independence weekend celebration, please remember in your prayers the founding fathers of this country, those who sacrificed their lives for this country, and all those currently serving in our Armed Forces that we may appreciate the life that we live and enjoy the freedoms that is nation has to offer.

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Building Fund Donations: Memory of Emma Burychka - \$700.00

- M/M Ken Kavalkovich
- Nina Patterson
- John & Fran Laughlin
- M/M Noel Kelly
- M/M Michael Wanenchak
- Martin & Anna Petriccione
- Marie Ominski
- M/M Rick LeRoy
- Anonymous
- M/M Michael McCartney
- Robert Wanenchak
- Emily Gerasimoff
- Patricia Newnam

Thank you for your generosity! May her Memory Be Eternal!

Announcements (cont.)

Scheduling Confession: If you wish to receive confession during the summer, please speak with Father Christopher to discuss scheduling a time for confession on a Sunday well before the Divine Liturgy. Please understand the priest needs to prepare that morning the sacraments and prayers before Divine Liturgy. He may limit the number of people scheduled to hear confessions that Sunday morning.

Attending Services on Feast Days during the week: If you wish to attend Divine Liturgy services during the week during the summer for a Feast or Holy Day, please contact one of the following OCA parishes in the area:

St. Herman of Alaska – Gradyville, PA (Delaware County)
Parish Phone: 610.459.5310 Website: www.sthermansoca.org

St. Michael the Archangel Church – Wilmington, DE
Parish Phone: 302-995-6775 Website: www.stmichael-delaware-oca.org

St Stephen Cathedral – Philadelphia, PA (Northeast Philly)
Parish Phone: 215.342.0866 Website: www.ststephencathedral.org

Church of the Holy Cross – Medford, NJ (Burlington County)
Parish Phone: 856.665.2491 Website: www.holycrossmedford.org

The Diocesan Finance Committee, established to investigate how the Diocese will continue to support the work of the Church made two recommendations to the Diocesan Council during their meeting on June 16. Please see the reports posted on the church's bulletin boards for more info.

The Orthodox Church in America's 18th All-American Council (AAC) will be held July 20-24, 2015 in Atlanta, GA. The Hilton Atlanta Hotel (site of AAC) is booked and the Hyatt Regency is no longer accepting reservations since deadline has past. **Reminder:** the AAC registration process will close on Friday July 10, 2015.

If you are interested in attending, please logon to the OCA's website at www.oca.org and follow the information under the AAC section.

This 18th AAC will be voting on Major Proposed Revised Statues & Resolutions that will affect both the Dioceses and our local parishes!



GOD BLESS AMERICA!!!



Weekly Schedule and Calendar of Events

Saturday: July 11 – Church Hall Yard Cleaning – 9:30AM!!!

Saturday: Great Vespers – **There will be no Vespers served during the summer (June 1 to August 31).**

Sunday: July 12 – Martyrs Proclus and Hilary of Ancyra and Venerable Michael of Maleinus
Reading of Hours – 9:40am
Divine Liturgy – 10:00am
Fellowship & Coffee Hour follow the Divine Liturgy

July 15: Equal of the Apostles Great Prince Vladimir, in Holy Baptism Basil, the Enlightener of the Russian Land

July 20: Holy Glorious Prophet Elijah

July 21: Bible Study – 6:30PM – Book of the Prophet Zechariah

July 20-24: The OCA's 18th All-American Council – Atlanta, GA

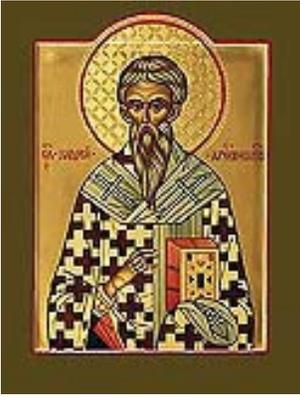
August 1: Procession of the Honorable Wood of the Life-Giving Cross of the Lord (First of the three “Feast of the Savior” in August)

August 6: The Holy Transfiguration of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ (the Second of the three “Feast of the Savior” in August)

August 15: The Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary (Feast Day of our Parish)

August 16: Translation of the Image “Not-Made-By-Hands” of our Lord Jesus Christ from Edessa to Constantinople (the Third of three “Feast of the Savior” in August)

August 29: The Beheading of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord, John



Saint Andrew the Archbishop of Crete [July 4th]

Yesterday, the Church observed Saint Andrew, Archbishop of Crete, who was born in the city of Damascus into a pious Christian family. Up until seven years of age the boy was mute and did not talk. However, after communing the Holy Mysteries of Christ he found the gift of speech and began to speak. And from that time the lad began earnestly to study Holy Scripture and the discipline of theology.

At fourteen years of age he went off to Jerusalem and there he accepted monastic tonsure at the monastery of St Sava the Sanctified. St Andrew led a strict and chaste life, he was meek and abstinent, such that all were amazed at his virtue and reasoning of mind. As a man of talent and known for his virtuous life, over the passage of time he came to be numbered among the Jerusalem clergy and was appointed a secretary for the Patriarchate -- a writing clerk. In the year 680 the locum tenens of the Jerusalem Patriarchate, Theodore, included archdeacon Andrew among the representatives of the Holy City sent to the Sixth Ecumenical Council, and here the saint contended against heretical teachings, relying upon his profound knowledge of Orthodox doctrine. Shortly after the Council he was summoned back to Constantinople from Jerusalem and he was appointed archdeacon at the church of Hagia Sophia, the Wisdom of God. During the reign of the emperor Justinian II (685-695) St Andrew was ordained bishop of the city of Gortineia on the island of Crete. In his new position he shone forth as a true luminary of the Church, a great hierarch -- a theologian, teacher and hymnographer.

St Andrew wrote many liturgical hymns. He was the originator of a new liturgical form -- the canon. Of the canons composed by him the best known is the Great Penitential Canon, including within its 9 odes the 250 troparia recited during the Great Lent. In the First Week of Lent at the service of Compline it is read in portions (thus called "methymony" [trans. note: from the usage in the service of Compline of the "God is with us", in Slavonic the "S'nami Bog", or in Greek "Meth' Humon ho Theos", from which derives "methymony"], and again on Thursday of the Fifth Week at the All-night Vigil during Matins.

St Andrew of Crete gained renown with his many praises of the All-Pure Virgin Mary. To him are likewise ascribed: the Canon for the feast of the Nativity of Christ, three odes for the Compline of Palm Sunday and also in the first four days of Holy Passion Week, as well as verses for the feast of the Meeting of the Lord, and many another church-song. His hynographic tradition was continued by the churchly great melodists of following ages: Saints John of Damascus, Cosma of Maium, Joseph the Melodist, Theophan the Written-upon. There have also been preserved edifying Sermons of St Andrew for certain of the Church feasts.

Church historians are not of the same opinion as to the date of death of the saint. One suggests the year 712, while others -- the year 726. He died on the island of Mytilene, while returning to Crete from Constantinople, where he had been on churchly business. His relics were transferred to Constantinople. In the year 1350 the pious Russian pilgrim Stephen Novgorodets saw the relics at the Constantinople monastery named for St Andrew of Crete.