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Sunday, October 7, 2018 | 19th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 2 – Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus in Syria (290-303).
Venerable Sergii (Sergius) the Obedient, of the Kiev Caves (ca. 13th c.)
Venerable Sergii. Abbot of Mir, a (Vologda – 1412).

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Weekly Schedule

- Today: St Michael's Orthodox Church 42nd Annual Russian Festival.
Church location is at 4th St. & Fairmount Ave. – Philadelphia, PA
- Tuesday: Glorification of St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia,
Enlightener of North America.
- Tuesday: October 9 – Bible Study at 6:30PM in the church basement.
Continue reading the Book of Joshua.
- Saturday: October 13 – Outside Clean-Up around Church and Hall.
Time: 9am to 2pm. *Vespers Afterwards!*
- Saturday: October 13 – Great Vespers between 2:00 & 3:00PM!
- Sunday: October 14 – Commemoration of the Holy Fathers
of the 7th 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 2)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, / Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. / And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, / all the powers of heaven cried out: // “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

Troparion (Tone 4 – Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus)

By Thy holy martyrs Sergius and Bacchus, O Lord, / through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from Thee, our God. / For having Thy strength, they laid low their adversaries, / and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. //

Through their intercessions, save our souls!

Kontakion (Tone 2)

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, / seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! / The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, // and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

Kontakion (Tone 2 – Hieromartyr Gregory)

Having courageously confronted the Enemy, / ye brought his guiles to an end and received from on high the crown of victory. / Illustrious martyrs, Sergius and Bacchus, / with one heart ye cry aloud: // “How good and pleasant it is to dwell with God!”

Prokeimenon (Tone 2)

The Lord is my strength and my song / He has become my salvation.

v. The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands. It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago – whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows – such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows – how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me. And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 2)

v. May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of
Jacob protect thee! Alleluia (3x's)
v. Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call to Thee! Alleluia (3x's)

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)

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2019 Saint Tikhon's Monastery Calendar - Taking orders now:

The parish will once again be ordering 2019 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 to do so.

The cost of the 2019 St Tikhon's calendars is \$6 per calendar. The deadline for ordering these calendars will be: Sunday, November 4, 2018!

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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 – Philadelphia Campaign – Fall Season:

The 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign has begun (from September 26 to November 4). This will be the largest campaign ever with peaceful vigils occurring not only in ALL 50 states at the same time, but also in Canada, Mexico, and Central and South America! Thank you so much in advance for signing up for this list and being willing to continue standing up for those that can't speak for themselves.

Information regarding the Philadelphia campaign:

* Contacts: Monique Ruberu or Pat Stanton at 469.231.9084

* Email: roobearoo@hotmail.com

* Website: <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/philadelphia/>

* Prayer vigil located at 12th & Locust St, Philadelphia – Planned Parenthood

* Vigils open Monday-Saturday from 8am-5pm.

* Try to have at least one person there to cover the hour.

* There are more abortions performed there than at any other Planned Parenthood in Pennsylvania!

The 40 Days For Life is 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.

Other peaceful vigils located in the surrounding areas include:

New Jersey - Cherry Hill and Galloway Twp (Atlantic City area)

Pennsylvania – Northeast Philadelphia, Norristown, Warminster, and West Chester

Delaware – Dover

IOCC 7th Annual Benefit Banquet – Sunday, October 21, 2018!

Adelphia Restaurant's Pan Athenian Grand Ballroom – 1750 Clements Bridge Road – Deptford, NJ 08096.

The reception and silent auction will begin at 3:30pm, followed at 5:00pm by dinner and a special program highlighting IOCC's U.S. programs, made possible by your generosity.

Tickets are \$65 per person.

Register online at IOCC website at: ioccc.org/Philadelphia or mail checks to:

Connie Bandy – 2147 Robin Drive – Warrington, PA 18976

Flyer and Information posted on Bulletin Board down in the church basement

Please keep in your prayers and remember the 58 victims and all those injured on the one year anniversary of the tragedy that occurred at the Rout 91 Harvest Music Festival in Las Vegas Nevada.

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Tammy and Joe Cairns offered by Nina Patterson
David Pellack, John Herbert, Mildred O'Shura, Joseph Herbert, Sandra Hourahan, Dr. Jane Kelly offered by M/M Herbert
David Pellack offered by Catherine Kavalkovich

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Archpriest Vincent Saverino offered by M/M Herbert
Mother Julia Gavula offered by her son Walter Gavula

May Their Memories Be Eternal

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Please remember in your prayers:

Julia Gavula (***newly departed - Sep 5***) Grace Corba; Sandra Hourahan, Ronald Kavalkovich (on his continuous recovery); Dr. Jane Kelly; Matushka Jan (recovery after surgery); David Pellack; Margaret Pellack; Helen Wanenchak; Father John Bohush (retired); and all those who are serving in our Armed Forces!

In addition, Father Vincent Saverino (***newly departed - Sep 20***) and for Robert Helms (***newly departed – Sep 26***) [*Father Mark's stepfather*]

May God Grant Many Years to Father Mark on the celebration of his three year anniversary (October 4) serving our parish as our priest!

Also all those who are struggling and seeking relief in addition to all those first responders assisting them as a result of the damaging affects of Hurricane Florence along North Carolina and South Carolina and for those who are suffering and seeking assistance from the damaging affects of the 7.5 Earthquake and Tsunami off the coast of Indonesia which has now lead to over 900 people dead.

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

Announcements (cont.)

Coffee Hour / Cleaning and Epistle / Hours Reading Schedule.

We now have an established full rotating schedule for the Coffee Hour & Cleaning, and the Hours & Epistle Readings. The Reading schedule sheets will be posted quarterly on the bulletin board in the church basement. The Coffee Hour/Cleaning schedule is in a binder located on the display case.

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 (*reactivated July 2018*)
- 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 (September)

Week of September 24 to September 30 September Month-to-Date

Attendance:	34	35 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 5,826.98	\$ 12,488.74
Funds Out:	\$ 585.46	\$ 6,916.82
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 5,241.52	\$ 5,571.92

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 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.

Calendar of Events

1st Sunday of each month – Monthly Panikhida immediately after Divine Liturgy.
2nd Tuesday of each month – Bible Study at 6:30pm in church basement.
2nd Sunday of each month – Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy.
3rd Sunday of each month – Currently no permanent event is scheduled.
4th Sunday of each month – Church Life Discussion Class after Divine Liturgy.

TODAY - St. Michael Russian Orthodox Church 42nd Annual Russian Festival. Located at 4th St & Fairmount Avenue – Philadelphia, PA.

The parish's popular and festive event will be held the first full weekend of October (this year from Friday, October 5 to Sunday, October 7). The weekend will feature a range of Russian food delights for lunch through dinner, live accordion music, the Sunday School's Russian Dancers, and specialty shops from Russian made artifacts, books of interest, handmade decorations, drawing opportunities, and a variety of collectibles and treasures for ones enjoyment.

Bible Study – Tuesday, October 9 at 6:30pm in the church basement.

The Bible Study Group will gather together at this time and continue reading and discussing the section in the Bible – The Book of **Joshua**.

Joshua is a story of conquest and fulfillment for the people of God. After many, many years of slavery in Egypt and 40 years in the desert, the Israelites were finally allowed to enter the land promised to their fathers.

Saturday, October 13 from 9AM to 3PM –Fall Outside Church and Hall Clean Up.

With the beauty of Autumn comes the falling of the leaves, so the Property Committee is asking everyone to join them on October 13 to help clean up the church hall yard and outside property. Rain Date is October 27!

Sunday, October 28 - Church Life Discussion class (The 4th Sunday of the month)

The Topic: Don't Be Tone Deaf!

Understanding the Arrangements and Beauty of the Eight Tones during all Liturgical Services.

*Saturday Sunday School is scheduled to begin on a **Saturday in October**.*

Currently, a Saturday date has yet to be determined. Stay tune for date details

Cleaning Teams: Today (Oct 7): Saint John Kochurov
(Daria and Rick LeRoy, Michael Wanenchak).

Next Week (Oct 14): Saint Alexander Hotovitzky
(Brett McKenna, Tanya Krawchuck, Pete Witiak).



Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus in Syria [October 6th]

The Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus in Syria were appointed to high positions in the army by the emperor Maximian (284-305), who did not know that they were Christians. Envious people informed Maximian that his two trusted counsellors did not honor the pagan gods. This was considered to be a crime against the state.

The emperor, wanting to convince himself of the truth of the accusation, ordered Sergius and Bacchus to offer sacrifice to the idols, but they replied that they honored the One God and worshiped only Him.

Maximian commanded that the martyrs be stripped of the insignia of military rank (their belts, gold pendants, and rings), and then dressed them in feminine clothing. They were led through the city with an iron chains around their necks, and the people mocked them. Then he summoned Sergius and Bacchus to him again and in a friendly manner advised them not to be swayed by Christian fables, but to return to the Roman gods. The saints refuted the emperor's words, and demonstrated the folly of worshiping the pagan gods.

The emperor commanded that they be sent to the governor of the eastern part of Syria, Antiochus, a fierce hater of Christians. Antiochus had received his position with the help of Sergius and Bacchus. "My fathers and benefactors!" he said. "Have pity on yourselves, and also on me. I do not want to condemn my benefactors to cruel tortures." The holy martyrs replied, "For us life is Christ, and to die is gain." The enraged Antiochus ordered Bacchus to be mercilessly beaten, and the holy martyr surrendered his soul to the Lord. They shod Sergius with iron sandals with nails in their soles and sent him to another city, where he was beheaded with the sword.

