

## Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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### **Sunday, October 28, 2018 | 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

Tone 5 – Martyrs Terence and Neonila and their children  
Venerable Stephen of St. Sabbas' Monastery, Hymnographer (9<sup>th</sup> c.)  
+ Repose of Venerable Job of Pochaev (1651)

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### **Weekly Schedule**

Today: Church Life Discussion Class after Divine Liturgy.  
The Topic: Don't Be Tone Deaf!  
Understanding the Arrangements and Beauty of  
the Eight Tones during all Liturgical Services.

Saturday: November 3 – Parish Fall Festivals (*see page 7 for times*):  
St Stephens Orthodox Cathedral – Philadelphia, PA  
Holy Trinity Orthodox Church – Pottstown, PA  
St Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church – Philadelphia, PA

Saturday: November 3 – Outside Clean-Up around Church and Hall.  
Time: 9am to 2pm. *Vespers Afterwards!*

Saturday: November 3 – Great Vespers between 2:00 & 3:00PM!

Sunday: November 4 – Venerable Joannicius the Great  
Reading of Hours – 9:30am  
Divine Liturgy – 10:00am  
*Fellowship & coffee hour to follow the Divine Liturgy*

## **Texts for the Liturgical Service**

### **Troparion (Tone 5)**

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, / co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, / born for our salvation from the Virgin; / for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, / to endure death, / and to raise the dead // by His glorious Resurrection.

### **Troparion (Tone 4 – Martyrs Terence and Neonila)**

Thy holy martyrs Terence, Neonila, and their children, O Lord, / through their suffering 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!

### **Troparion (Tone 8 – Venerable Stephen)**

Champion of Orthodoxy, teacher of purity and of true worship, / enlightener of the universe and the adornment of hierarchs: / all-wise Father Stephen, thy teachings have gleamed with light upon all things. // Intercede before Christ God to save our souls!

### **Kontakion (Tone 5)**

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior,/shattering its gates as Almighty, / resurrecting the dead as Creator, / and destroying the sting of death. / Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, // and we cry to Thee: “O Lord, save us!”

### **Kontakion (Tone 4 – Venerable Stephen)**

Thou didst plant a garden of the virtues, most glorious one, / and didst water it with the streams of thy tears. / Since thou hast received the tree of life, O Stephen, / save thy flock from corruption by thy prayers! / Deliver from all evil, / all of those who fervently honor thee, O wise one, / for we have acquired thee as a great intercessor through faith and love!

### **Prokeimenon (Tone 5)**

Thou, O Lord, shall protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever!  
v. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.

### **Epistle Reading: Galatians 6:11-18**

See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 5)

- v. I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation. Alleluia (3x's)
- v. For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens. 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

### **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 12<sup>th</sup> & 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

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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!**

**Announcements** (cont.)

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

**Health for the Living:**

Family and Parishioners offered by Nina Patterson  
John Herbert, Mildred O'Shura, Joseph Herbert, Sandra Hourahan,  
Dr. Jane Kelly, David Pellack, Margaret Pellack offered by M/M Herbert

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

**Memory for the Departed:**

Archpriest Vincent Saverino offered by M/M Herbert

**May Their Memories Be Eternal**

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**Please remember in your prayers:**

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*]

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 the following:

- 1) The Atrocity at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA where 11 people died and six other injured, including four responding officers,
- 2) Hurricane Michael along the Florida panhandle especially in the cities of Mexico Beach and Panama City, Florida, and
- 3) Hurricane Florence along North Carolina and South Carolina,

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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 (October)**

	<u>Week of October 15 to October 21</u>	<u>October Month-to-Date</u>
Attendance:	30	35 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 1,719.00	\$ 5,526.00
Funds Out:	\$ 2,026.92	\$ 5,878.01
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	(\$ 307.92)	(\$ 352.01)

*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

**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 in church basement.  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month** – Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy.  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month** – Currently no permanent event is scheduled.  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month** – Church Life Discussion Class after Divine Liturgy.

### **TODAY - Church Life Discussion class (The 4<sup>th</sup> 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, November 3 – PARISH FALL FESTIVALS**

St Stephens Orthodox Cathedral – 10:00AM to 5:00AM  
8598 Verree Road – Philadelphia, PA

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church – 8:00AM to 2:00PM  
1236 Juniper Street – Pottstown, PA 19464

St Nicholas Eastern Orthodox Church – Firebird Pierogi Festival (2 day weekend)  
Saturday, November 3 12:00PM to 9:00PM, and  
Sunday, November 4, 12:00PM to 5:00PM  
817 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street (Corner of Brown Street) - Philadelphia, PA

### **Saturday, ~~October 13~~ ~~October 27~~ November 3 from 9AM to 2PM –Fall Outside Church and Hall Clean Up (WEATHER PERMITTING).**

With the beauty of Autumn comes the falling of the leaves, so the Property Committee is asking everyone to join them on ~~October 27~~ **November 3** (*Weather Permitting*) to help clean up the church hall yard and outside property.

### **Fall General Parish Meeting - Sunday, November 4, 2018 after Divine Liturgy in the church**

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### **Cleaning Teams:**

Today (Oct 28): Saint Raphael of Brooklyn  
(Mark Klus, Tish Berchtold, Barbara Andrews, Sheba Patton).

Next Week (Nov 4): Saint Herman of Alaska  
(Heather & Peter Parsells, Gale Rutan, Joseph Francis).



## **Rest of the Venerable Job, Abbot and Wonderworker of Pochaev [October 28<sup>th</sup>]**

Saint Job, Abbot and Wonderworker of Pochaev (in the world named Ivan Zhelezo), was born around 1551 in Pokutia in Galicia. At age ten he came to the Transfiguration Ugornits monastery, and at age twelve he received monastic tonsure with the name Job. The venerable Job from his youth was known for his great piety and strict ascetic life, and he was accounted worthy of the priestly office.

Around the year 1580, at the request of the renowned champion of Orthodoxy Prince Constantine Ostrozshsky, Saint Job was appointed the head of the Exaltation of the Cross monastery near the city of Dubno, and for more than twenty years he governed the monastery amidst the growing persecution of Orthodoxy on the part of the Catholics and Uniates.

At the beginning of the seventeenth century, Saint Job withdrew to Pochaev hill and settled in a cave not far from the ancient Dormition monastery, famed for its wonderworking Pochaev Icon of the Mother of God (July 23). The holy hermit, beloved by the brethren of the monastery, was chosen as their Igumen. Saint Job zealously fulfilled his duty as head of the monastery, kind and gentle with the brethren, he did much of the work himself, planting trees in the garden, and strengthening the waterworks at the monastery.

Saint Job was an ardent defender of the Orthodox Faith against the persecution of the Catholics. Following the Union of Brest (1596), many Orthodox living in Poland were deprived of their rights, and attempts were made to force them to convert to Catholicism. Many Orthodox hierarchs became apostates to Uniatism, but Saint Job and others defended Orthodoxy by copying and disseminating Orthodox books. Prince Ostrozshsky was also responsible for the first printed edition of the Orthodox Bible (1581).

In taking an active part in the defense of Orthodoxy and the Russian people, Saint Job was present at the 1628 Kiev Council, convened against the Unia. After 1642, he accepted the great schema with the name John.

Sometimes he completely secluded himself within the cave for three days or even a whole week. The Jesus Prayer was an unceasing prayer in gentle heart. According to the testimony of his disciple Dositheus, and author of the Life of Saint Job, once while praying in his cave, the saint was illumined by a heavenly light. Saint Job reposed in the year 1651. He was more than 100 years old, and had directed the Pochaev monastery for more than fifty years.

The uncovering of Saint Job's relics took place on August 28, 1659. There was a second uncovering of the relics on August 27-28, 1833.