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Sunday, November 25, 2018 | 26th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 1 – Leavetaking of the Entry into the Temple
Hieromartyr Clement, Pope of Rome (101)
Hieromartyr Peter, Archbishop of Alexandria (311)

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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.~~
[CANCELLED TODAY!!!]

Friday: Holy and All-Praised Apostle Andrew the First called.

Saturday: December 1 – Great Vespers at 5:00PM!

Sunday: December 2 – Prophet Habakkuk
Reading of Hours – 9:30am
Divine Liturgy – 10:00am
Fellowship & coffee hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

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 – Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple)

Today is the prelude of the good will of God, / of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. / The Virgin appears in the Temple of God, / in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all. / Let us rejoice and sing to her: / “Rejoice, O Fulfillment // of the Creator’s dispensation!”

Troparion (Tone 4 – Hieromartyr Clement)

O holy athlete, / thou didst gloriously amaze the ends of the earth with the miracles Of God. / On the day of thy honored memorial, / beyond nature, thou didst cause the waters of the sea to withdraw / for those who came earnestly to the divinely-built church / holding thy precious relics. / After the people left, / thou didst wondrously cause the sea to return to the shore. // All-wondrous Clement, entreat Christ God that our souls may be saved!

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 8 – Hieromartyr Clement)

As a branch bearing much fruit upon the earth, / propagated by the cutting of tortures, O astonishing one, / thou didst put forth ripe bunches of grapes ever distilling the sweet-new vine of salvation, gladdening the hearts of the faithful. / Therefore, as we gather to keep thy holy memorial, we rejoice / and magnify Christ. / O greatly-suffering hierarch, intercede with Christ God // that remission of sins may be granted to those who celebrate the feast of thy memorial with love!

Kontakion (Tone 4 – Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple)

The most pure Temple of the Savior; / the precious Chamber and Virgin; / the sacred Treasure of the glory of God, / is presented today to the house of the Lord. / She brings with her the grace of the Spirit, / therefore, the Angels of God praise her: / “Truly this woman is the abode of Heaven!”

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: Ephesians 5:9-19

(for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He says: “Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.” See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

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)

v. Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline thine ear! Alleluia (3x's) Tone 8

Gospel Reading: Luke 13:10-17

Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day." The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound – think of it – for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath? And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing Irmos of Ode 9:

How has the Virgin entered into the Holy of Holies? / Since she is a living Ark of God / let no profane hand touch the Theotokos. / But let the lips of believers unceasingly sing to her, / praising her in joy with the angel's song: // "Truly, thou art more exalted than all, O pure Virgin!"

Communion Hymn:

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest!
I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.
Alleluia (3x's)

*[Note: Today's readings for the Entry into the Temple are as follows:
Epistle – Hebrews 9:1-7 and Gospel – Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28]*

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

PARISH ADVENT VETERANS PROJECT!

We have raised \$730 towards purchasing necessities (sheets, toiletry kits, and homemade hats) for the Veterans Homeless Project. Thank you for your support. Please continue to consider supporting this project. We are kindly asking for a \$10 donation towards a set of sheets and a \$20 donation for a men's toiletry kit. If you would like to contribute to these items, please make a check payable to the church for your selection of sheets or toiletry kit. Please give the check to Dr. Janine McCartney and she will record your preference. Deadline for accepting final donations will be Sunday, December 2, 2018 (Next Sunday)!

Father Mark will then present the gifts to the Veterans on Sunday, December 9, 2018. Thank you once again for your generous contributions. The Veterans do appreciate your kindness, as once homeless and voiceless, they have food, some clothing and shelter, which is so easy to take for granted especially at this time of the season!

2019 Parish Council Officers

On Sunday, November 11, 2018, the parish held its Fall General Parish Meeting along with holding the election of parish council officers for the 2019 calendar year. This election meeting was unique with the transition of phasing in some parish council officers elected for a two-year term and having others elected for a final one-year term until next year when those one-year term positions become two-year terms beginning in 2020. This will allow some parish council officer's positions to expire in alternating years, thereby, only having to vote for half of the parish council positions moving forward instead of voting for a full slate of parish council positions.

With that said, here are your 2019 Parish Council Officers:

Parish Spiritual Leader: Father Mark Koczak
Parish President: Matthew Andrews (2019 – position still a one-year term)
Parish Vice President: Lena Helen (2019-2020 – two-year term)
Parish Secretary: Natalie Patterson (2019 – position still a one-year term)
Parish Treasurer: Kenneth Kavalkovich (2019-2020 – two-year term)
Parish Trustee (Even Year): Janine McCartney (2019 – position still a one-year term)
Parish Trustee (Odd Year): Martha Palubniak (2019-2020 – two-year term)
Parish Immediate Past President: Peter Parsells

Next year at the Fall General Parish Meeting, the positions of Parish President, Parish Secretary, and Parish Trustee (Even Year) will be the only positions available to elect parish council officers for a two-year term.

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Joseph Herbert, Mildred O'Shura, John Herbert offered by M/M Herbert
David Pellack, Margaret Pellack offered by M/M Herbert
David Pellack, Margaret Pellack offered by Peggy Walker
David Pellack offered by Pete Witiak

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Sister Anna (Rabik) Zuzulock (NJ) offered by her brother Joseph Rabik
John and Julie Jugan offered by David Pellack
Anna and William Zuzulock offered by David Pellack
Benjamin Macalush offered by M/M Herbert

May Their Memories Be Eternal

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Please remember in your prayers:

Grace Corba; Ronald Kavalkovich (on his continuous recovery); Dr. Jane Kelly; Luke Emmanuel Parsells (**newly born – Nov 1**) Heather Parsells; Peter Parsells; David Pellack; Margaret Pellack; Helen Wanenchak; Father John Bohush (retired); and all those who are serving in our Armed Forces!

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 massive wildfires in California and the senseless atrocity at the Boderline Bar and Grill also in California where 12 people died, and
- 2) The Atrocity at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA where 11 people died and six other injured, including four responding officers.

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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 (November)

	<u>Week of November 12 to November 18</u>	<u>November Month-to-Date</u>
Attendance:	27	32 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 906.00	\$ 3,626.00
Funds Out:	\$ 2,382.65	\$ 6,050.85
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	(\$ 1,476.65)	(\$ 2,424.85)

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.

Sunday, November 25 - 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. [CANCELLED TODAY!]~~

Indoor Church Cleaning and Decorating for Christmas: The dates to clean the inside of the church and to decorate the church for Christmas will be announced within the next two weeks and printed in the bulletin for your information. Stay tuned!

Wednesday, December 5 – Vespersal Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker (December 6th) at 6:30PM!

Sunday, December 9 – Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy in the Church School Room! (2nd Sunday of each month)! All property committee members are asked to attend the meeting. Discussions will include any follow-ups from the previous meeting; Church status from the recent water damage on north side of building; Hall status update; tenant situation at 2109 house; and the work performed on 2111 house.

Bible Study – Tuesday, December 11 at 6:30pm in the church basement.
The Bible Study Group will gather together at this time and finish up reading and discussing the section in the Bible – The Book of **Joshua**.

Cleaning Teams: Today (Nov 25): Blessed Olga
(Debbie Kavalkovich, Martha Palubniak).
Next Week (Dec 2): Saint Juvenaly
(Jennifer Cantrell and Family, Ron and Cheryl Homa).



Thank You, O Lord [November 25th]

Protopresbyter Alexander Schmemmann, the late Dean of Saint Vladimir's Seminary, celebrated the Divine Liturgy for the last time on Thanksgiving Day 1983. Two weeks later, on December 13, he fell asleep in the Lord. As is well known, Father Alexander had devoted his entire life to teaching, writing and preaching about the Eucharist—the Greek word eucharist means thanksgiving. At the conclusion of the Liturgy, Father Alexander took from his pocket a short written sermon, in the form of a prayer, which he proceeded to read. This was uncharacteristic of Father Alexander, since he never wrote his liturgical homilies, but

delivered them extemporaneously. These were his words, which proved to be the last ever spoken by him from the ambo in church, yet which resound as clearly today, 35 years later, as they did the day they were spoken.

Final Words

Everyone capable of thanksgiving is capable of salvation and eternal joy.

Thank You, O Lord, for having accepted this Eucharist, which we offered to the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and which filled our hearts with the joy, peace and righteousness of the Holy Spirit.

Thank You, O Lord, for having revealed Yourself unto us and given us the foretaste of Your Kingdom.

Thank You, O Lord, for having united us to one another in serving You and Your Holy Church.

Thank You, O Lord, for having helped us to overcome all difficulties, tensions, passions, temptations and restored peace, mutual love and joy in sharing the communion of the Holy Spirit.

Thank You, O Lord, for the sufferings You bestowed upon us, for they are purifying us from selfishness and reminding us of the “one thing needed;” Your eternal Kingdom.

Thank You, O Lord, for having given us this country where we are free to worship You.

Thank You, O Lord, for this school, where the name of God is proclaimed.

Thank You, O Lord, for our families: husbands, wives and, especially, children who teach us how to celebrate Your holy Name in joy, movement and holy noise.

Thank You, O Lord, for everyone and everything.

Great are You, O Lord, and marvelous are Your deeds, and no word is sufficient to celebrate Your miracles.

Lord, it is good to be here! Amen!