

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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Sunday, June 27, 2021 | 1st Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 8 – Synaxis of All Saints

Saint Sampson the Hospitable of Constantinople (ca. 530)

Saint Severus the Presbyter of Interocrea in Italy (6th c.)

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Weekly Schedule

Today: Annual Parish Pentecostal Dinner with Pascha food in the church basement.

Monday: Beginning of the Apostles' (Saints Peter and Paul) Fast!
(This fast is only ONE day (June 28) this year!)

Monday: June 28 – Vespers Liturgy at **6:00PM** for the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul (June 29)

Saturday: July 3 – Great Vespers at **4:00PM**

Sunday: July 4 – Sunday of All Saints of America and All Saints of Russia
Reading of Hours – 8:30am

Divine Liturgy – **9:00am [Summer Hours!!!]**

~~Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy~~

(POSTPONED UNTIL SUNDAY, JULY 18TH!!!!!!)

[See page 4 of this bulletin for details]

Sunday: July 4 – Independence Day! God Bless America!!!

Texts for the Liturgical Service

Troparion (Tone 8)

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! / Thou didst accept the three day burial / to free us from our sufferings! // O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to thee!

Troparion (Tone 4)

As with fine porphyry and royal purple, / Thy Church has been adorned with Thy martyrs' blood shed throughout all the world. / She cries to Thee, O Christ God: / "Send down Thy bounties on Thy people, // Grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls!"

Kontakion (Tone 8)

The universe offers Thee the God-bearing Martyrs, / as the first fruits of creation, O Lord and Creator. / By their prayers keep Thy Church, Thy habitation, in abiding peace // through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One!

Prokeimenon (Tone 8)

Pray and make your vows / before the Lord our God!
v. In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel.

Another Prokeimenon (Saints) (Tone 4)

God is wondrous in His saints, the God of Israel.

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 11:33-12:2

Who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 4)

- v. The righteous cried and the Lord heard them, and He delivered them from all their troubles.
Alleluia (3x's)
- v. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, and the Lord will deliver them out of them all.
Alleluia (3x's)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30

Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. Then Peter answered and said to Him, "See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?" So Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

Communion Hymn:

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise him in the highest!
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright! 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

Fellowship Coffee Hour Scheduling Update!

As you are aware, with Covid restrictions were lifted on Friday, June 4 in the City of Philadelphia, allowing the parish to officially have Fellowship Coffee Hour after the Divine Liturgy. However, with the revised Covid restrictions being lifted a week earlier than scheduled, the parish has not fully finalized the groupings for those to host the Fellowship Coffee Hour. In addition, there are two parish events/services/luncheons and one Federal Holiday to contend with over the next two Sundays. Therefore, the parish will begin the Fellowship Coffee Hour with groups hosting the coffee hour beginning on Sunday, July 18!

The parish does not want to begin the group scheduling to host coffee hour one week and then delay the next group a few weeks later due to a parish function. We would like to start off with a clean slate, provide a continuing weekly schedule, and get into a proper rhythm as the parish resumes the Fellowship Coffee Hour.

RECYCLING POLICY AT THE PARSIH

As of June 13, 2021, the following are acceptable recycling items and should be placed in the **Blue** container next to the Black trash can:

- Paper and Cardboard (ensure cardboard boxes are flatten)
- Empty Plastic Bottles/Containers/Jugs (#1-2) where the neck is smaller than the base.
- Empty Glass Bottles/Jars - Empty Cartons - Empty Metal Cans

DO NOT RECYCLE THE FOLLOWING:

Aerosol Cans	Aluminum foil	Broken Glass
Bubble Wrap	Clam shell containers	Dishes
Frozen food boxes	Flower pots	Hangers (Metal or Plastic)
Hardback books	Ice cream containers	Light Bulbs
Mirrors	Paint cans (full & empty)	Paper plates/cups/towels
Pizza boxes	Plastics (#3-7)	Plastic utensils/cups
Plastic Candle Cups	Plastic bags	Pots & pans
Rigid plastic	Shredded paper	Styrofoam (All Types)
Sugar Packets	Tissue paper	Vases (Glass or Plastic)
Waxed paper	Wrapping paper	Yogurt/Food cups

All plastic and metal lids/caps - They are to be tossed into the trashcan.

***** ATTENTION – IF YOU'RE THE LAST ONE LEAVING CHURCH *****

PLEASE make sure that all of the lights are out, all the candles are put out, the windows are closed, the food appliances are unplugged (not the refrigerator), the trash cans are empty, the trash is taken out, and all the doors and gates are locked.

This past week the coffee maker was still plugged in. Luckily, we had services on Wednesday night & someone was able to unplug it before the weekend! Thank You!!!

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

For All of our Fathers offered by Robert Wanenchak
Cathy & Joe Renzetti on their 50th Anniversary offered by David Pellack
Family and Parishioners offered by Nina Patterson
David Albrecht Sr. offered by Melanie Albrecht
David Albrecht Jr. offered by Melanie Albrecht
Gregory & Grace Walker offered by David Pellack
John & Mary Pellack offered by David Pellack

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

For All of our Fathers offered by Robert Wanenchak
Margaret Pellack offered by David Pellack

May Their Memories Be Eternal

Vigil Cross Candles – 6/20/21:

Two Small Vigil Crosses – Memory of John and Margaret Pellack offered by
The Pellack and Walker Families

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Please remember in your prayers:

Infant child Scarlett Andrews (born May 22) and her parents Christopher & Allison and big brother Lucas. May God Grant Scarlett & her family Many Blessed Years!

Allison (David) Andrews and her unborn child; Christina (Matthew) Andrews and her unborn child; Grace Corba; Protodeacon Joseph Edwards; The Gerty Family; Subdeacon Daniel Kavalkovich (recovery); Ronald Kavalkovich (continuous recovery); Jane Kelly (recovery); Sheba Patton (recovery); Father John Bohush (retired); and all those who are serving in our Armed Forces!

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Sidewalk Repair Donations (Week of June 20)

Sidewalk Repair Block Donation – \$5 from the Candy Sale

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 Spring General Parish Meeting held on Sunday, June 13, the parish body approved that all future special collections be earmarked towards the repairing/fixing/replacing of the roofs of both houses that the parish owns (this collection will begin on Sunday, June 20).

The funds collected from your donations will assist in underwriting the cost to repair/fix/replace the roofs of both houses.

Please take note; the above-approved action did **NOT** affect the current financial balances of the other Funds the parish collected for as of June 13, 2021 (i.e. Kitchen, Youth, Restoration, & Charity).

Please be generous with your offering. Every little bit counts. Thank You!

Cash Flow Activity (June)

<u>Week of Sun Jun 13 to Sat Jun 19</u>	<u>June Month to Date</u>
Attendance: 29	36 (average)
Funds In: \$ 2,176.00	\$ 3,317.87
Funds Out: (\$ 928.39) <i>Reimbursements and Adjustments</i>	\$ 2,860.65
Net Surplus/(Deficit): \$ 3,104.39	\$ 457.22

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

- 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** – Currently no permanent event is scheduled.
- 5th Sunday of each quarter** – Quarterly Parish Council Meeting after Liturgy.

Readers Schedule:

	<u>Today (June 27)</u>	<u>Next Week (Jul 4)</u>
3 rd Hour :	Michael Wanenchak	Anthony Colona
6 th Hour:	John Spack	Matthew Andrews
Epistle:	Simon Herbert	Michael Spack

Fellowship Coffee Hour & Cleaning Teams:

UPDATE (Updated Again) !

As many of you know by now, on Tuesday, May 11 the City of Philadelphia officials notified the public that the Covid restrictions in place since November 20, 2020 will be lifted within the city limits beginning on Friday, June 11.

[**Update:** On Friday, May 28, City of Philadelphia officials revised the lifting of Covid restrictions date to now begin a week earlier on Friday, June 4].

This action by city officials will allow the parish to relax the number of parishioners attending services and will allow the parish to resume its regular coffee hour event held after Sunday Divine Liturgy.

Beginning Sunday, July 18 (not June 13 - see page four of this bulletin for details), the coffee hour will resume and the parish plans on having a new coffee hour schedule with new team parishioners in the rotation as per the action taken during the Fall General Parish Meeting held back on Sunday, November 1, 2020.

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 June & July 2021.

Sunday, June 27 - Parish Pentecost Dinner after Divine Liturgy

Monday, June 28 – Saints Peter and Paul Fast (1 Day)

Tuesday, June 29 - Saints Peter & Paul Feast Day

(Vespertal Divine Liturgy on Monday, June 28 at 6:00PM!)

Sunday, July 4 – Independence Day

Sunday, July 11 – Breakfast Luncheon hosted by Kavalkovichs & Pellacks

Sunday, July 11 – Summer Charity Project – School Supplies Drive

Sunday, July 11 – Christmas Card Project (Begin placing card together)

Tuesday, July 13 – Bible Study in the church basement at 6:30PM



Synaxis of All Saints [June 27th]

The Sunday following Pentecost is dedicated to All Saints, both those who are known to us, and those who are known only to God. There have been saints at all times, and they have come from every corner of the earth. They were Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, Hierarchs, Monastics, and Righteous, yet all were perfected by the same Holy Spirit.

The Descent of the Holy Spirit makes it possible for us to rise above our fallen state and to attain sainthood, thereby fulfilling God's directive to "be holy, for I am holy" (Lev. 11:44, 1 Peter 1:16, etc.). Therefore, it is fitting to commemorate All Saints on the first Sunday after Pentecost.

This feast may have originated at an early date, perhaps as a celebration of all martyrs, then it was broadened to include all men and women who had borne witness to Christ by their virtuous lives, even if they did not shed their blood for Him.

St Peter of Damascus, in his "Fourth Stage of Contemplation," mentions five categories of saints: Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, Hierarchs, and Monastic Saints (PHILOKALIA [in English] Vol. 3, p.131). He is actually quoting from the OCTOECHOS, Tone 2 for Saturday Matins, kathisma after the first stichology.

St Nicodemus of the Holy Mountain (July 14) adds the Righteous to St Peter's five categories. The list of St Nicodemus is found in his book THE FOURTEEN EPISTLES OF ST PAUL (Venice, 1819, p. 384) in his discussion of I Corinthians 12:28.

The hymnology for the feast of All Saints also lists six categories: "Rejoice, assembly of the Apostles, Prophets of the Lord, loyal choirs of the Martyrs, divine Hierarchs, Monastic Fathers, and the Righteous..."

Some of the saints are described as Confessors, a category which does not appear in the above lists. Since they are similar in spirit to the martyrs, they are regarded as belonging to the category of Martyrs. They were not put to death as the Martyrs were, but they boldly confessed Christ and came close to being executed for their faith. St Maximus the Confessor (January 21) is such a saint.

The order of these six types of saints seems to be based on their importance to the Church. The Apostles are listed first, because they were the first to spread the Gospel throughout the world.

The Martyrs come next because of their example of courage in professing their faith before the enemies and persecutors of the Church, which encouraged other Christians to remain faithful to Christ even unto death.

Although they come first chronologically, the Prophets are listed after the Apostles and Martyrs. This is because the Old Testament Prophets saw only the shadows of things to come, whereas the Apostles and Martyrs experienced them firsthand. The New Testament also takes precedence over the Old Testament.

The holy Hierarchs comprise the fourth category. They are the leaders of their flocks, teaching them by their word and their example.

The Monastic Saints are those who withdrew from this world to live in monasteries, or in seclusion. They did not do this out of hatred for the world, but in order to devote themselves to unceasing prayer, and to do battle against the power of the demons. Although some people erroneously believe that monks & nuns are useless and unproductive, St John Climacus had a high regard for them: "Angels are a light for monks, and the monastic life is a light for all men" (LADDER, Step 26:31).