

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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Sunday, July 18, 2021 | 4th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 3 – Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils
Martyr Emilian of Silistria in Bulgaria (363)
and Martyr Hyacinth of Amastris (4th c.)

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Weekly Schedule

Saturday: July 24 – Great Vespers at **4:00PM**

Sunday: July 25 – Dormition of Righteous Anna, Mother of the Theotokos
Reading of Hours – 8:30am
Divine Liturgy – **9:00am [Summer Hours!!!]**
Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Texts for the Liturgical Service

Troparion (Tone 3)

Let the heavens rejoice! / Let the earth be glad! / For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. / He has trampled down death by death. / He has become the first born of the dead. / He has delivered us from the depths of hell, / and has granted to the world // great mercy.

Troparion (Tone 8 – Holy Fathers)

Thou art most glorious, O Christ our God! / Thou hast established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth. / Through them Thou hast guided us to the true Faith. // O greatly compassionate One, glory to Thee!

Kontakion (Tone 3)

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, / leading us from the gates of death. / On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; / with the Prophets and Patriarchs // they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

Kontakion (Tone 8 – Holy Fathers)

The Apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrines have established one Faith for the Church. / Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology, // it defines and glorifies the great mystery of piety.

Prokeimenon (Tone 3)

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! / Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
v. Clap your hands, all ye people! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

Prokeimenon (Tone 4 – Songs of the Fathers)

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever!

Epistle Reading: Romans 6:18-23

And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 3)

- v. In Thee, O Lord, have I placed my hope; let me not be put to shame.
Alleluia (3x's)
- v. Be Thou a God of protection of me, a house of refuge in order to save me.
Alleluia (3x's)
- v. The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Alleluia (3x's) [TONE 1]

Gospel Reading: Matthew 8:5-13

Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it. When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.

Communion Hymn:

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise him in the highest! Alleluia (3x's)
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright! Alleluia (3x's)

*[Note: Today's readings for the Holy Fathers are as follows:
Epistle – Hebrews 13:7-16 and Gospel – John 17:1-13*

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

Now that the Fourth of July has passed, it is time for the next great American event...

“Getting ready to go Back to School” – Annual Backpack Program

With this in mind, the parish is looking to put together 48 backpacks this year. The parish **has already received donations of the backpacks themselves and also of the 1” 3 Ring Binders.** It is the school supplies that we are looking for donations.

Here is a list of school supply items we would like to include in the backpacks for those who wish to donate to this annual parish project:

- * Pencils * Colored Pencils * Pencil Cases * Erasers
- * Folders * Rulers * Notebooks * Index Cards (3 ½ x 5)

For more information, please see one of the Parish Council members or Matushka Janine McCartney. Thank You!!!

Christmas card project

The Charity Committee has already begun putting Christmas cards together which will be sent to our U.S. troops overseas sometime in mid-Fall. If anyone wishes to assist in this note worthy project, or if you have any Christmas cards to still donate, please see either Matushka Janine McCartney or Mother Catherine. Thank You!

AMAZON SMILE!

When ordering online on Amazon.com, please make sure to click on Amazon Smile and select our church - Assumption of the Holy Virgin Russian Orthodox Church - to have a small percentage of your purchases (0.5%) to be contributed to our church. For more information on the Amazon purchase process, please speak with any member of the parish council. Thank You!!

***** 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.

A few weeks ago the coffee maker was still plugged in. Luckily, we had services that week and someone was able to unplug it before the following weekend! Thank You!!!

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Daria LeRoy offered by Nina Patterson
Mary Pellack offered by David Pellack
Daniel Witiak and Family offered by Pete Witiak

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

May Their Memories Be Eternal

Vigil Cross Candles – 7/11/21:

One Large Votive Cross – Memory of Albert Kavalkovich offered by the Kavalkovich / Gerasimoff / Andrews Families.

One Large Votive Cross – Memory of John and Margaret Pellack offered by the Pellack and Walker Families.

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Please remember in your prayers:

Infant child Elton David Andrews (born June 28 – 6lb. 2oz.) and his parents David & Allison. May God Grant Elton David & his family Many Blessed Years!

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon on his 55th Birthday (July 15)
Deacon Michael McCartney and Sub-deacon Daniel (Kenneth) Kavalkovich on the 2nd Anniversary (July 14) of their ordination to the diaconate; 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 (surgery & recovery); Father John Bohush (retired); and all those who are serving in our Armed Forces!

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Sidewalk Repair Donations (Week of July 11)

Sidewalk Repair Block Donation – \$1 from the Candy Sale

In Memory of Albert Kavalkovich: Large Block – MM Colin & Anastasia Jones

Sidewalk Repair Block Donation – Pete Witiak

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 (July)

<u>Week of Sun Jul 4 to Sat Jul 10</u>	<u>July Month to Date</u>
Attendance: 49	49 (average)
Funds In: \$ 2,667.26	\$ 2,668.10
Funds Out: \$ 845.00	\$ 2,345.00
Net Surplus/(Deficit): \$ 1,822.26	\$ 323.10

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 (July 18)</u>	<u>Next Week (July 25)</u>
3 rd Hour :	Reader Mark Klus	David Pellack
6 th Hour:	Anthony Colona	Dr. David Albrecht
Epistle:	Subdeacon Daniel Kavalkovich and David Pellack	Reader Mark Klus and Dr. David Albrecht

Fellowship Coffee Hour & Cleaning Teams:

Today (Jul 18): Saint Raphael of Brooklyn
(Brett McKenna, Tanya Krawchuk, Darcy Stafford, Jerome Stafford)

Next Week (Jul 25): Saint Herman of Alaska
(Matthew Andrews, Christina Andrews, Barbara Andrews)

Two Weeks (Aug 1): Saint John of Kronstadt [*Lenten Meal*]
(Herbert Family)

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 July 2021.

From Now until Sunday, August 15

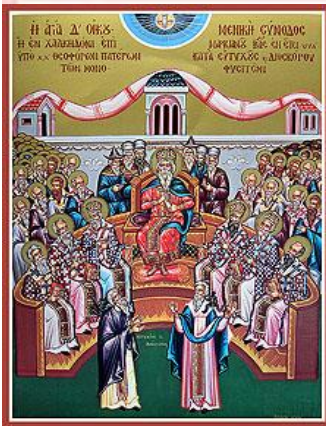
Summer Charity Project - Back to School Backpack School Supplies Drive

From Now until at least the end of September

Christmas Card Project as started (Begin putting cards together)

Commemorations Dates during the rest of July. No services to be held at the parish, (except for the normal Saturday Great Vespers and Sunday Divine Liturgy):

- Tuesday, July 20 – Holy Prophet Elijah
- Wednesday, July 21 – Holy Prophet Ezekiel
- Thursday, July 22 – Holy Myrrhbearer and Equal-to-the-Apostles Mary Magdelene
- Sunday, July 25 – Dormition of Righteous Anna, Mother of the Theotokos
- Monday, July 26 – Saint Jacob Netsvetov of Alaska
- Tuesday, July 27 – Greatmartyr and Healer Panteleimon



Fathers of the First Six Councils [July 18th]

The Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils.

In the Ninth Article of the Nicea-Constantinople Symbol of Faith proclaimed by the holy Fathers of the First and Second Ecumenical Councils, we confess our faith in “One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.” By virtue of the catholic nature of the Church, an Ecumenical Council is the Church’s supreme authority, and possesses the competence to resolve major questions of church life.

An Ecumenical Council is comprised of archpastors and pastors of the Church, and representatives of all the local Churches, from every land of the “oikumene” (i.e. from all the whole inhabited world). The Orthodox Church acknowledges Seven Holy Ecumenical Councils:

The First Ecumenical Council (Nicea I) (May 29, and also on seventh Sunday after Pascha) was convened in the year 325 against the heresy of Arius, in the city of Nicea in Bithynia under Saint Constantine the Great, Equal of the Apostles.

The Second Ecumenical Council (Constantinople I) (May 22) was convened in the year 381 against the heresy of Macedonias, by the emperor Theodosius the Great.

The Third Ecumenical Council (Ephesus) (September 9) was convened in the year 431 against the heresy of Nestorius, in the city of Ephesus by the emperor Theodosius the Younger.

The Fourth Ecumenical Council (Chalcedon) (July 16) was convened in the year 451, against the Monophysite heresy, in the city of Chalcedon under the emperor Marcian.

The Fifth Ecumenical Council (Constantinople II) (July 25) “Concerning the Three Chapters,” was convened in the year 553, under the emperor Justinian the Great.

The Sixth Ecumenical Council (Constantinople III) (January 23) met during the years 680-681, to fight the Monothelite heresy, under the emperor Constantine Pogonatos.

The fact that the Seventh Ecumenical Council (Nicea II) is not commemorated today testifies to the antiquity of today’s celebration. The Seventh Council, commemorated on the Sunday nearest to October 11, was convened at Nicea in the year 787 against the Iconoclast heresy, under the emperor Constantine and his mother Irene.

The Church venerates the Holy Fathers of the Ecumenical Councils because Christ has established them as “lights upon the earth,” guiding us to the true Faith. “Adorned with the robe of truth,” the doctrine of the Fathers, based upon the preaching of the Apostles, has established one faith for the Church. The Ecumenical Councils, are the highest authority in the Church. Such Councils, guided by the grace of the Holy Spirit, and accepted by the Church, are infallible.