

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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Sunday, July 25, 2021 | 5th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 4 – Dormition of the Righteous Anna, Mother of the Most Holy Theotokos | Holy Women Olympias (Olympiada) (c. 408-410) the Deaconess, of Constantinople, and the Virgin Euprazia of Tabenna

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Weekly Schedule

Monday: Saint Jacob Netsvetov of Alaska

Tuesday: Greatmartyr and Healer Panteleimon

Saturday: July 31 – Great Vespers at **4:00PM**

Sunday: August 1 – Procession of the Life-Giving Cross of the Lord
Reading of Hours – 8:30am
Divine Liturgy – **9:00am [Summer Hours!!!]**
Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Sunday: August 1 – **Beginning of the Dormition Fast!**

Thursday: August 5 – Vesperal Divine Liturgy at **6:00PM** for Holy Transfiguration of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ!
[\[Please bring fruit \(vegetables\) to be blessed after Service\]](#)

Texts for the Liturgical Service

Troparion (Tone 4)

When the women disciples of the Lord / learned from the angel the joyous message of thy Resurrection, / they cast away the ancestral curse / and elatedly told the apostles: / “Death is overthrown! / Christ God is risen, // granting the world great mercy!”

Troparion (Tone 4 – Saint Anna)

Divinely-wise Anna, / thou didst carry in thy womb the pure Mother of God who gave life to our Life. / Therefore, thou art now carried joyfully to the inheritance of heaven, / to the abode of those who rejoice in glory, // where thou dost seek forgiveness of sins for those who faithfully honor thee, O ever-blessed one.

Kontakion (Tone 4)

My Savior and Redeemer / as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. / He has shattered the gates of hell, / and as Master, // He has risen on the third day!

Kontakion (Tone 2 – Saint Anna)

We celebrate the memory of the progenitors of Christ, / and with faith we ask their help, / that deliverance from every affliction be granted to those who cry out: // “Be with us, O God, Who in Thy good pleasure glorified them!”

Prokeimenon (Tone 4)

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works / in wisdom hast Thou made them all!
v. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great!

Prokeimenon (Tone 4 – Saint Anna)

God is wonderful in His saints, / the God of Israel .

Epistle Reading: Romans 10:1-10

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, “The man who does those things shall live by them.” But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ “ (that is, to bring Christ down from above) or, “ ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ “ (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 4)

- v. Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth! Alleluia (3x's)
- v. For Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest iniquity. Alleluia (3x's)
- v. The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord. Alleluia (3x's) [TONE 4]

Gospel Reading: Matthew 8:28-9:1

When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?" Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding. So the demons begged Him, saying, "If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water. Then those who kept them fled; and they went away into the city and told everything, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men. And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged Him to depart from their region. So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city.

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)

*[Note: Today's readings for Saint Anna are as follows:
Epistle – Galatians 4:22-31 and Gospel – Luke 8:16-21*

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 1/2 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:

Tiffany and Wendy offered by Nina Patterson

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

May Their Memories Be Eternal

Vigil Cross Candles – 7/18/21:

One Small Votive Cross – Health of Mary Herbert on her birthday
offered by the Herbert Family

One Small Votive Cross – Health of Brianna Herbert on her birthday
offered by the Herbert Family

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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!

+ Father Serguis Willis (July 26) on his 7th Anniversary of his falling asleep;

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 18)

Sidewalk Repair Block Donation – \$15 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 (July)

Week of Sun Jul 11 to Sat Jul 17

July Month to Date

Attendance:	56	53 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 2,853.74	\$ 5,521.84
Funds Out:	\$10,706.55	\$13,051.55
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	(\$ 7,852.81)	(\$ 7,529.71)

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 25)</u>	<u>Next Week (Aug 1)</u>
3 rd Hour :	David Pellack	John Spack
6 th Hour:	Dr. David Albrecht	Reader Mark Klus
Epistle:	Reader Mark Klus and Dr. David Albrecht	Subdeacon Daniel Kavalkovich and Michael Wanenchak

Fellowship Coffee Hour & Cleaning Teams:

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

Next Week (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

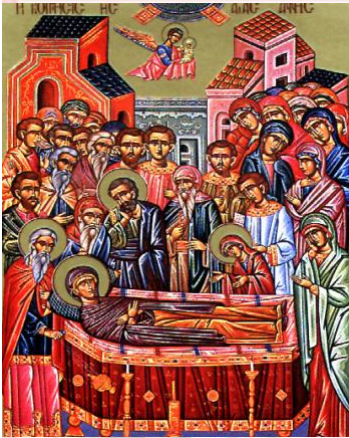
From Now until at least the end of September

Christmas Card Project as started (Begin putting cards together)

Thursday, August 5 – Vesperal Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ - **Time: 6:00PM**

[Remember to bring your bowls of fruit (and vegetables) to the service to be blessed!]

Tuesday, August 10 – Bible Study at 6:30pm in the church basement and on the ZOOM media platform



Dormition of the Righteous Anna, the Mother of the Most Holy Theotokos [July 25th]

The church celebrates the Dormition of Saint Anna, who was the daughter of the priest Matthan and his wife Mary. She was of the tribe of Levi and the lineage of Aaron. According to Tradition, she died peacefully in Jerusalem at age 79, before the Annunciation to the Most Holy Theotokos.

During the reign of Saint Justinian the Emperor (527-565), a church was built in her honor at Deutera. Emperor Justinian II (685-695; 705-711) restored her church, since Saint Anna had appeared to his pregnant wife. It was at this time that her body and maphorion (veil) were transferred to Constantinople.

Portions of Saint Anna's holy relics may be found on Mount Athos: Stavronikita Monastery (part of her left hand), Saint Anna's Skete (part of her incorrupt left foot), Koutloumousiou Monastery (part of her incorrupt right foot). Fragments of her relics may also be found in her Monastery at Lygaria, Lamia, and in the Monastery of Saint John the Theologian at Sourota. Part of the saint's incorrupt flesh is in the collection of Saints' relics of the International Catholic Crusaders. The church of Saint Paul Outside the Walls in Rome has one of the saint's wrists.

Saint Anna is also commemorated on September 9.

