

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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Sunday, August 8, 2021 | 7th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 6 –Afterfeast of the Transfiguration

Saint Emilian the Confessor, Bishop of Cyzicus (813-820)

Saint Myron, Bishop of Crete (ca. 350)

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Weekly Schedule

Monday: August 9 – Saint Herman of Alaska

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

Friday: August 13 – Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk

Saturday: August 14 – Great Vespers at **4:00PM**

Sunday: August 15 – Dormition of the Most Holy 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 6)

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; / the guards became as dead men. / Mary stood by Thy grave, / seeking Thy most pure body. / Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. / Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. // O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

Troparion (Tone 7 – Afterfeast of the Transfiguration)

Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God, / revealing Thy glory to Thy Disciples as far as they could bear it. / Let Thine everlasting Light also shine upon us sinners, / through the prayers of the Theotokos! // O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

Troparion (Tone 3 – Saint Emilian)

In confessing the Faith, thou didst proclaim Orthodox doctrine / and wast unjustly exiled for rebuking the wicked king. / Righteous and glorious Emilian, / the boast of Cyzicus, // entreat Christ God to grant us His great mercy.

Kontakion (Tone 6)

When Christ God the Giver of Life, / raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, / He bestowed resurrection on the human race. // He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Kontakion (Tone 3 – Saint Emilian)

The Church for which thou didst suffer / glorifies thee in hymns, O Emilian; / thou wast a valiant champion of the Trinity, / therefore we honor thy memory. // Deliver thy servants from all assaults of the Enemy!

Kontakion (Tone 7 – Afterfeast of the Transfiguration)

On the mountain Thou wast transfigured, O Christ God, / and Thy Disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could see it; / so that when they should behold Thee crucified, / they would understand that Thy suffering was voluntary, / and would proclaim to the world // that Thou art truly the Radiance of the Father.

Prokeimenon (Tone 6)

O Lord, save thy people / and bless Thine inheritance!
v. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

Prokeimenon (Tone 4 – Afterfeast of the Transfiguration)

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; / in wisdom hast Thou made them all.

Epistle Reading: Romans 15:1-7

We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification. For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me." For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 6)

- v. He that dwelleth in the aid of the Most High shall abide under the protection of the God of heaven.
Alleluia (3x's)
- v. He shall say to the Lord: Thou art my protector and my refuge, my God. In Him will I trust! Alleluia (3x's)
- v. The heavens are Thine, the earth also is Thine! Alleluia (3x's) [TONE 8]

Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:27-35

He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you." And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemeth!" But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins – then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." And he arose and departed to his house. Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing in Tone 4:

Magnify, O my soul, / the Lord was transfigured on Mount Tabor! / Thy childbearing was without corruption; / God came forth from thy body clothed in flesh, and appeared on earth and dwelt among men. // Therefore we magnify thee, O Theotokos.

Communion Hymn:

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise him in the highest!
O Lord, we will walk in the light of Thy countenance, and will exult in Thy Name forever. 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

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, of 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:

Family and Parishioners offered by Nina Patterson

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

May Their Memories Be Eternal

Vigil Cross Candles – 8/1/21:

Two Small Votive Crosses – Memory of Stephen Perzsel offered by
Deacon Michael & Matushka Janine McCartney

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Please remember in your prayers:

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 August 1)

Sidewalk Repair Block Donation – \$30 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 25 to Sat Jul 31

July Month to Date

Attendance:	42	45 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 1,967.89	\$10,003.73
Funds Out:	(\$ 111.26) <i>reimbursements</i>	\$12,411.39
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 2,079.15	(\$ 2,407.66)

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 (August 8)</u>	<u>Next Week (Aug 15)</u>
3 rd Hour :	Michael Spack	Michael Wanenchak
6 th Hour:	David Pellack	Subdeacon Daniel Kavalkovich
Epistle:	Matthew Andrews	Reader Mark Klus and Anthony Colona

Fellowship Coffee Hour & Cleaning Teams:

Today (Aug 8): Saint Juvenaly [*Lenten Meal*]
(Deacon Michael, Matushka Janine, Catherine Kavalkovich, David Pellack)

Next Week (Aug 15): Saint Innocent
(Reader Mark Klus, Tish Berchtold, Dr, David Albrecht)

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 August 2021.

From Now until next 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)

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



**Saint Emilian the Confessor,
Bishop of Cyzikus**
[August 8th]

Saint Emilian, Bishop of Cyzikus, lived during the reign of the Iconoclast emperor Leo the Armenian (813-820). He was summoned together with other bishops to the court of the emperor, who insistently urged the bishops to refrain from the veneration of holy icons. Saint Emilian was the first to tell the emperor firmly that the question of the veneration of holy icons ought to be discussed and decided only within the Church by

its spiritual leaders, and not at the imperial court. In the year 815 he was sent to prison for the Orthodox Faith, where he died as a confessor.

The Afterfeast of the Transfiguration of our Lord
[August 8th]

The hymns at Vespers today speak of the sun appearing dim compared to the divine light of the Transfiguration. In His compassion for humanity, Christ took on mortal flesh, yet Peter, James and John saw the radiance of His glory. The incarnate Lord “made Adam’s darkened image to shine again” when He appeared on earth “arrayed in the original beauty of the Image (Genesis 1:26).

