

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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Sunday, September 19, 2021 | 13th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 4 – Sunday After the Exaltation of the Cross

Afterfeast of the Exaltation of the Cross

Martyrs Trophimus, Sabbatius, and Dorymedon of Synnada (276)

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Weekly Schedule

Saturday: September 25 – Great Vespers at **4:00PM**

Sunday: September 26 – Repose of Holy Apostle John
Reading of Hours – 9:30am
Divine Liturgy – **10:00am**
Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

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 1 – Elevation of the Cross)

O Lord, save Thy people / and bless Thine inheritance! / Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians / over their adversaries; / and by virtue of Thy Cross, // preserve Thy habitation!

Troparion (Tone 8 – Martyrs)

God praised in Trinity has glorified a trinity of martyrs: / Trophimus, Sabbatius, and Dorymedon. / By their faith, they overthrew the adversary. // Through their prayers, O Christ our God, have mercy on us!

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 8 – Martyrs)

As the foundation of athletes and the confirmation of piety, / the Church honors and glorifies thy brilliant suffering, / wise and glorious Trophimus, ever-praised and blessed athlete. // Together with thy fellow sufferers, ask cleansing for those who hymn thee, for thou art invincible.

Kontakion (Tone 4 – Elevation of the Cross)

As Thou wast voluntarily raised upon the Cross for our sake, / grant mercy to those who are called by Thy Name, O Christ God; / make all Orthodox Christians glad by thy power, / granting them victories over their adversaries // by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Thy weapon of peace!

Prokeimenon (Tone 7)

Extol the Lord our God; / worship at His footstool for He is holy!
v. The Lord reigns; let the people tremble!

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 16:13-24

Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love. I urge you, brethren – you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints – that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with us. I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on your part they supplied. For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men. The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house. All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. The salutation with my own hand – Paul’s. If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Alleluia (3x’s) (Tone 1)

v. Remember Thy congregation, which Thou hast purchased of old! Alleluia (3x's)
v. God is our King before the ages; He hath worked salvation in the midst of the earth. Alleluia (3x's)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:33-42

Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.' So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers? They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD's doing, And it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

(Instead of "It is truly meet ..." we sing: (in Tone 8))

Magnify, O my soul, the most precious Cross of the Lord!

Thou art a mystical Paradise, O Theotokos, / who, though untilled, hast brought forth Christ; / through Him the life-bearing wood of the Cross was planted on earth. / Now at its exaltation, // as we bow in worship before it, we magnify thee.

Communion Hymn:

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise him in the highest!
The light of Thy countenance has been signed upon us, O Lord. Alleluia (3x's)

*[Note: The readings for the Sunday After the Elevation of the Cross are as follows:
Epistle – Galatians 2:16-20 and Gospel – Mark 8:34-9:1]*

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

The Fall Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 10, 2021 after Divine Liturgy in the church basement. This is Notice #1 of 3.

According to Article IV, Section 2, Subsection A. of the Parish By-Laws, notice of all Annual and General Parish Meetings shall be announced in the Parish Bulletin and read by the Parish Rector from the amvon on three consecutive Sundays preceding the date of the Meeting. This meeting the parish will elect parish council members for the 2022-2023 term for the positions of President (currently Matthew Andrews), Secretary (currently Natalie Patterson), and Trustee (Even Year Term) (currently Peter Parsells). Please make every effort to be in attendance and support the parish!

COVID Protocol – City of Philadelphia – MASK Policy for Indoors Facilities

This is the parish policy regarding wearing mask inside the church effective as of August 15, 2021:

Request that parishioners wear masks from the entrance to the church to the pews and whenever walking around the church. This includes waiting in line for communion and the cross veneration. At the pews masks are optional.

Our plan follows the same restrictions for small businesses in the City of Philadelphia

May God bless you and keep you and your families safe and well during this time. We pray for all of you at our Divine Liturgies.

CARDS FOR OUR TROOPS! – CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT

It is now September and the Christmas Card Project group will be finalizing putting Christmas cards together by the end of October. They are looking to send out all the cards by early November in order for our troops to receive them in a timely manner over the Christmas season. If you wish to assist in finalizing this year's project, please speak with Matushka Janine or anyone on the Charity Committee. As always, Thank You for your help and generosity of your time!

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!

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Gabriel, Elton, Scarlet, Lucas, Maxima offered by Catherine Kavalkovich
Yauri Acevedo offered by Ashley-Kristine Essey
Newborn William Kennedy Walker offered by David Pellack

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

All relatives offered by M/M Herbert
Helen Gerasimoff offered by Catherine Kavalkovich

May Their Memories Be Eternal

Vigil Cross Candles – 9/12/21:

One Large Vigil Cross – Memory of Jesse Cunningham offered by
Father Mark & Matushka Jan Koczak

One Large Vigil Cross – Memory of Mr. & Mrs. John Pellack offered by
Pellack & Walker Families

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Please remember in your prayers:

Infant child Gabriel Matthew Andrews (born August 27) and his parents Matthew & Christina. May God Grant Gabriel Matthew & his family Many Blessed Years!

+ Newly Departed Handmaiden of God Mary Ann (Popelak) Brodie (Sep 16)

Grace Corba; Protodeacon Joseph Edwards; Edward Gerasimoff (recovery); The Gerty Family; Ronald Kavalkovich (continuous recovery); Jane Kelly (recovery); Tanya Krawchuk; Anne (Homa) Killoran (surgery); Sheba Patton (recovery); Joseph Rabik; Dr. Gale Rutan; Peter Witiak; Father John Bohush (retired); and all those who are serving in our Armed Forces!

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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 (September)

Week of Sun Sep 5 to Sat Sep 11

September Month to Date

Attendance:	30	30 (average)
<i>9253.41</i>		
Funds In:	\$ 3,473.00	\$ 3,473.86
Funds Out:	\$ 3,221.19	\$ 4,721.19
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 251.81	(\$ 1,247.33)

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 (Sep 19)</u>	<u>Next Week (Sep 26)</u>
3 rd Hour :	David Pellack	Reader Mark Klus
6 th Hour:	Dr. David Albrecht	Michael Wanenchak
Epistle:	Subdeacon Daniel Kavalkovich and Matthew Andrews	Reader Mark Klus and John Spack

Fellowship Coffee Hour & Cleaning Teams:

Today (Sep 19): Saint Juvenaly
(Deacon Michael, Matushka Janine, Catherine Kavalkovich, David Pellack)

Next Week (Sep 26): Saint John of Kronstadt
(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 September 2021.

From Now until the end of October
Christmas Card Project has started (Putting cards together)

Sunday, October 10 – Fall General Parish Meeting to be held after Divine Liturgy! This meeting will include the election of parish officers for the following positions: President (Matthew Andrews), Secretary (Natalie Patterson), Trustee (Even Year Term) – (Peter Parsells). Please remember these are 2-year terms covering 2022-2023 calendar

Martyrs Trophimus, Sabbatius, and Dorymedon of Synnada [September 19th]



The Holy Martyrs Trophimus, Sabbatius and Dorymedon suffered for Christ during the reign of the Roman emperor Probus (276-282). A pagan festival was being celebrated in the city of Antioch. Sacrificial offerings were brought, the wine was poured, and vile acts were performed. The Christians Trophimus and Sabbatius arrived in the city just as the festival was taking place, and were saddened by this loud and indecent spectacle. They prayed that the Lord would guide the errant on the way of salvation. As they said this, the idolaters noticed their presence. Seeing that the strangers did not worship the idols, they arrested them and took them to the governor.

At their interrogation, the saints firmly confessed their faith. When they were told to renounce Christ, they resolutely refused to do so. Saint Sabbatius died under the fierce torment. Saint Trophimus was sent to the city of Synnada in Phrygia for even more terrible tortures.

For three days Saint Trophimus walked shod in iron sandals with sharp nails, driven on by a cavalry guard. The governor of Frigius, Dionysius, infamous as a torturer and executioner, used all manner of tortures to break the will of the brave Christian. Saint Trophimus merely repeated the words of Scripture: “many afflictions has the righteous one, but from them all will the Lord deliver him” (Ps 33/34:20).

The senator Dorymedon, a secret Christian, visited Saint Trophimus in prison, washing and binding his wounds. When the pagans learned that the senator would not participate in the festival of Castor and Pollux, they asked the reason for his refusal. He said that he was a Christian, and would not attend a festival in honor of the demons. He and Saint Trophimus were thrown to the wild beasts to be eaten by them, but the martyrs remained unharmed. Then they were beheaded with the sword.

