

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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Sunday, October 17, 2021 | 17th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 8 – Prophet Hosea (820 B.C.) | Monk-Martyr Andrew of Crete (767)
Martyrs and Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian in Cilicia, and their brothers,
Leontius, Anthimus and Eutropius (287 or 303)

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Weekly Schedule

- Today: Crowning ceremony of John and Justine (Spack) McCann
after Divine Liturgy and fellowship coffee hour.
- Saturday: October 23 – Church Indoor Cleaning beginning
between **9:00AM and 10:00AM**
- Saturday: October 23 – Great Vespers at **4:00PM**
- Sunday: October 24 – Martyr Arethas and 4,299 Martyrs with him
Reading of Hours – 9:30am
Divine Liturgy – **10:00am**
Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy
- Sunday: October 31 – Archbishop MARK parish visit for the Divine Liturgy

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 2 – Prophet Hosea)

We celebrate the memory / of Thy prophet Hosea, O Lord; / through him we beseech Thee: // “Save our souls!”

Troparion (Tone 4 – Saint Andrew)

Trained in asceticism on the mountain, / with the weapon of the Cross thou didst destroy the spiritual assaults of the hostile powers, O all-blessed one. / Again thou didst bravely prepare for combat / and didst slay Copronymus with the sword of faith; // for both struggles thou hast been crowned by God, monk-martyr Andrew of eternal memory.

Kontakion (Tone 8)

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrected Adam. / Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, / and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Kontakion (Tone 4 – Prophet Hosea)

Illumined by the Spirit, thy heart was a vessel of illustrious prophecy, / seeing far-off things as though they were present. // Therefore, we venerate thee, glorious prophet Hosea.

Kontakion (Tone 3 – Saint Andrew)

Today the Queen of cities / celebrates the radiant feast of thy light-bearing memory, / and invites every city and country to join her. / She rejoices for she has gained a great treasure: // thy body which sustained many struggles, martyr Andrew, beacon of Orthodoxy.

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.

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: “I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people.” Therefore Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you.” I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the LORD Almighty.” Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 8)

v. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! Alleluia (3x's)
v. Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him
with songs of praise! Alleluia (3x's)

Gospel Reading: Luke 8:5-15

A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold. When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?" And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.' Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out & are choked with cares, riches, & pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it & bear fruit with patience.

Communion Hymn:

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise him in the highest! Alleluia (3x's)

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2022 Saint Tikhon's Monastery Calendar - Taking orders now:

The parish will once again be ordering 2022 calendars from Saint Tikhon's Monastery. As a result from a generous benefactor, a donation was made to the church to cover the cost of one calendar per household for parishioners of the church.

If you wish to order additional calendars besides the one that will be ordered for your household, there is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board downstairs to do so.

The cost of the 2022 St Tikhon's calendars is \$6 per calendar. The deadline for ordering these calendars will be: Sunday, November 7, 2021!

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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

2021 Fall General Parish Meeting (Summation)

On Sunday, October 10, the parish held its Fall General Parish Meeting. Along with holding the election of parish council officers for the 2022-2023 calendar years, the meeting consisted of 1) the approval of the proposed parish council position of re-categorizing all but two restricted/earmark funds to the unrestricted funds category; 2) approval of the 1st collection (the one right after gospel/sermon) with the first three Sundays of the month earmarked towards Row House Fund and the fourth (and fifth, when it occurs) Sunday earmarked towards Charity; and 3) approval of accepting bids on the snow removal and de-icing around the parish properties & lot.

Minutes for this meeting will be made available and posted on the bulletin board and emailed to the parishioners once they have been compiled by the secretary and reviewed by the parish council.

With that said, here are your 2022 Parish Council Officers:

Parish Spiritual Leader: Father Mark Kozak
Parish President: Matthew Andrews (2022-2023) [2nd consecutive term on council]
Parish Vice President: Brett McKenna (2021-2022)
Parish Secretary: Natalie Patterson (2022-2023) [2nd consecutive term on council]
Parish Treasurer: Kenneth Kavalkovich (2021-2022) [2nd consecutive term on council]
Parish Trustee (Even Year): Tanya Krawchuk (2022-2023)
Parish Trustee (Odd Year): Ronald Homan (2021-2022)
Parish Immediate Past President: Peter Parsells

Next year at the Fall General Parish Meeting, the positions of Parish Vic-President, Parish Treasurer, and Parish Trustee (Odd-Year) will be the only positions available to elect parish council officers for a two-year term.

CARDS FOR OUR TROOPS! – CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT

The Christmas Card Project group will be finalizing putting Christmas cards together by the end of this month. 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!

Saturday, December 4, 2021 - Parish's Saint Nicholas Fair

The parish will have the Saint Nicholas Fair to support the parish HVAC Project. We are collecting new items and unused items (PLEASE, nothing used!) for sale at the fair. We are also accepting crafts, and baked goods for sale. Please see Matushka Janine if you would like to help to donate. Matushka Janine has a sign-up sheet for baked goods. We had a great time last year and raised a little over \$3,200 for the HVAC project. Please consider joining us!

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Edward, Dorothy, Anna, Emily, Paul offered by Catherine Kavalkovich
Family offered by Nina Patterson
Joe Cimino offered by David Pellack
Patricia & Angelo, Kathleen & Michael, Patricia, Catherine, John offered by Debbie Kavalkovich
Family offered by Peter Witiak
Vicki offered by David Pellack

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Andrew and Helen Gerasimoff offered by Catherine Kavalkovich
Joe & Matilda Student offered by David Pellack

May Their Memories Be Eternal

Vigil Cross Candles – 10/10/21:

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Please remember in your prayers:

The newly baptized Gabriel Matthew Andrews (October 16) and his parents Matthew & Christina and his godparents. May God Grant Gabriel and the Andrews 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); 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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Sidewalk Repair Donations (Week of October 10)

Sidewalk Repair Block Donation – \$0 from the Candy Sale

In Memory of Albert Kavalkovich: Extra Large Block – From Anastasia and Colin Jones

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 Fall General Parish Meeting held on Sunday, October 10, the parish body approved that the special collection for the first three Sundays of the month be earmarked towards the repairing/fixing/replacing of the roofs of both houses that the parish owns (now known as the Row House Fund).

The fourth Sunday (and fifth, when it occurs) the special collection will be earmarked towards Charity.

This new collection schedule will begin on Sunday, October 17.

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

Cash Flow Activity (October)

<u>Week of Sun Oct 3 to Sat Oct 9</u>	<u>October Month to Date</u>
Attendance: 31	31 (average)
Funds In: \$ 1,659.00	\$ 1,659.84
Funds Out: \$ 845.00	\$ 3,012.63
Net Surplus/(Deficit): \$ 814.00	(\$ 1,352.79)

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 (Oct 17)</u>	<u>Next Week (Oct 24)</u>
3 rd Hour :	Matthew Andrews	Michael Spack
6 th Hour:	Anthony Colona	Reader Mark Klus
Epistle:	Simon Herbert	Dr David Albrecht

Fellowship Coffee Hour & Cleaning Teams:

Today (Oct 17): Saint Elizabeth the New Martyr
(Catherine Kavalkovich, Sandra Hourahan, Melanie Albrecht)

Next Week (Oct 24): Saint Herman of Alaska
(Matthew Andrews, Christina Andrews, Barbara Andrews)

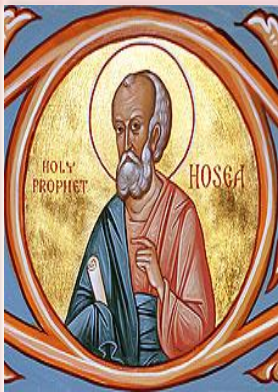
Please continue to check our parish website, social media pages, and your emails regularly for updated information on the parish regarding parish services & events in October 2021.

During October – Finish putting Christmas Cards together

Advent Giving (October 17 to December 12): We will be collecting food and cleaning supplies for Soap & Song Homeless group and Food Pantry

Thanksgiving Turkey Donations (October 17 to November 7): We will be collecting \$3.00 donations for turkeys and distribute donations to Mother Catherine

Sunday, October 31 - Archbishop MARK visit to our parish for Liturgy!!!



Prophet Hosea
[October 17th]

The Holy Prophet Hosea the first of the minor prophets, belonged to the tribe of Issachar. He lived during the ninth Century before Christ, in the kingdom of Israel. He was a contemporary of the holy Prophets Isaiah, Micah and Amos. During this time, many of his fellow Israelites had forgotten the true God, and worshipped idols. The holy Prophet Hosea attempted to turn them again to the faith of their Fathers by his wise counsels.

Denouncing the iniquities of the people of Israel (i.e. the northern kingdom Israel), the prophet proclaimed to them great misfortunes from a foreign people and their removal into captivity by Assyria.

Almost a thousand years before the coming of the Savior, and through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the prophet foretold the end of sacrificial offerings and of the priesthood of Aaron (Hos. 3:4-5), and that the knowledge of the True God would spread through all the earth (Hos. 2:20-23). Hosea spoke also about Christ, how He would return from out of Egypt (Hos. 11:1; compare Mt. 2:15), that He would be resurrected on the third day (Hos. 6 and especially Hos.6:2; compare with 1 Cor.15:4), and that He would conquer death (Hos.13-14. Compare 1 Cor.15:54-55).

The prophecies of Saint Hosea are included in the book that bears his name. The prophetic service of Saint Hosea continued for more than sixty years. The God-inspired prophet died in deep old age, having devoted all his life to fulfilling the Will of God.

