

## Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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### Sunday, October 10, 2021 | 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 7 – Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council  
Martyrs Eulampius and Eulampia, at Nicomedia, and 200 Martyrs with them (303-311)  
Martyr Theotecnus of Antioch (4<sup>th</sup> c.)

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### Weekly Schedule

- Today: Fall General Parish Meeting after Divine Liturgy and fellowship coffee hour in the church basement. The election of 2022-23 officers will occur at this meeting, along with discussions about parish business.
- Tuesday: October 12 – Bible Study at **6:30PM** in the church basement and on the ZOOM media platform. Social distancing guidelines will be followed!
- Saturday: October 16 - Baptism of Gabriel Andrews will be held at our parish.
- Saturday: October 16 – Great Vespers at **4:00PM**
- Sunday: October 17 – Prophet Hosea  
Reading of Hours – 9:30am  
Divine Liturgy – **10:00am**

## Texts for the Liturgical Service

### **Troparion (Tone 7)**

By Thy Cross Thou destroy death. / To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. / For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy. / And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, / to proclaim that Thou are risen, // granting 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 7)**

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, / for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. / Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: / “The Savior has come to those in faith; // enter, thou faithful, into the Resurrection!”

### **Kontakion (Tone 6 – Holy Fathers)**

The Son who shone forth from the Father / was ineffably born, two-fold in nature, of a woman. / Having beheld Him, we do not deny the image of His form, / but depict it piously and revere it faithfully. / Thus, keeping the True Faith, // the Church venerates the icon of Christ Incarnate.

### **Prokeimenon (Tone 7)**

The Lord shall give strength to His people! / The Lord shall bless His people with peace!  
v. Offer to the Lord, O ye sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

### **Another Prokeimenon (Tone 4 – Song of the Fathers)**

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

### **Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10**

We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 7)

- v. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High! Alleluia (3x's)
- v. To declare Thy mercy in the morning and Thy truth by night Alleluia(3x's)
- v. The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. [TONE 1] Alleluia (3x's)

**Gospel Reading: Luke 7:11-16**

Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."

**Communion Hymn:**

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

*[Note: The readings for the Commemoration of the Holy Fathers are as follows: Epistle – Hebrews 13:7-16 and Gospel – John 17:1-13]*

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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

### **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.

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### **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!

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### **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!

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### **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:**

Edward Gerasimoff offered by Robert Wanenchak  
Family and Parishioners offered by Nina Patterson  
Gabriel, Matthew, Christina, Elton, David, Allison, Scarlett, Luke, Christopher, Allision, Ana, Colin, Alex, Selena, Patricia, Catherine, Edward, Kenneth offered by Debbie Kavalkovich

**May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!**

**Memory for the Departed:**

Matthew offered by David Pellack  
Joe & Matilda Studuat offered by David Pellack

**May Their Memories Be Eternal**

**Vigil Cross Candles – 10/3/21:**

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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); 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 3)**

Sidewalk Repair Block Donation – \$40 from the Candy Sale (September 19)  
Sidewalk Repair Block Donation – \$5 from the Candy Sale (September 26)

In Memory of Mary Anne (Popelak) Brodie: Small Block – From the DeVito, Popelak, Brodie, and Arroyo Families.

## 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/October)**

<u>Week of Sun Sep 27 to Sat Oct 2</u>	<u>September Month (Unaudited)</u>	
Attendance:	37	31 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 3,853.62	\$ 9,804.48
Funds Out:	\$ 2,738.26	\$ 9,544.70
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 1,115.36	\$ 259.78

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month** – Monthly Panikhida immediately after Divine Liturgy.  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month** – Bible Study at 6:30pm in church basement.  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month** – Property Committee Meeting after Divine Liturgy.  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month** – Currently no permanent event is scheduled.  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month** – Currently no permanent event is scheduled.  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each quarter** – Quarterly Parish Council Meeting after Liturgy.

### Readers Schedule:

	<u>Today (Oct 10)</u>	<u>Next Week (Oct 17)</u>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour :	John Spack	Matthew Andrews
6 <sup>th</sup> Hour:	Dr David Albrecht	Anthony Colona
Epistle:	Subdeacon Daniel Kavalkovich and David Pellack	Simon Herbert

### Fellowship Coffee Hour & Cleaning Teams:

Today (Oct 10): Saint Agatha of Belo-Russia  
(John Spack, Michael Spack, Nina Patterson, Natalie Patterson)

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

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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.

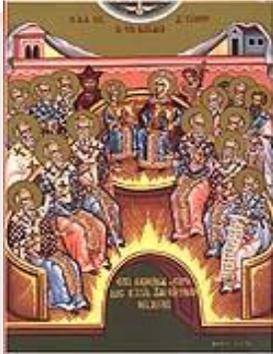
**Today** – Fall General Parish Meeting to be held after Divine Liturgy! This meeting will include the election of parish officers for the following positions: President (Matthew Andrews), Secretary (Natalie Patterson), Trustee (Even Year Term) – (Peter Parsells). Please remember these are 2-year terms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

**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!!!



## **Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council [October 10<sup>th</sup>]**

Today the Church remembers the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council under the holy Patriarch Tarasius (February 25). The Synod of 787, the second to meet at Nicea, refuted the Iconoclast heresy during the reign of Empress Irene and her son Constantine VI.

The Council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype (the person depicted). It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because “no man has seen God at any time” (John 1:18).

In Greek practice, the holy God-bearing Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council are commemorated on October 11 (if it is a Sunday), or on the Sunday which follows October 11. According to the Slavic menaion, however, if the eleventh falls on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, the service is moved to the preceding Sunday.

