

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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Sunday, August 21, 2022 | 10th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 1 – Afterfeast of the Dormition

Apostle Thaddaeus of the Seventy (ca. 44 A.D.)

Martyr Bassa (Vassa) of Edessa and her sons (2nd c.)

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Weekly Schedule

Today: A Reader Service to be served!

Saturday: August 27 – Great Vespers at **4:00PM**

Sunday: August 28 – Venerable Moses the Black of Scete

Reading of Hours – 8:30am

Divine Liturgy – **9:00am [SUMMER HOURS!!!]**

Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Monday: August 29 – Divine Liturgy at **10:00AM** for the Beheading of Saint John the Baptist! [Strict Fast Day!]

Thursday: September 1 – **Church New Year (Indiction)**

Texts for the Liturgical Service

Troparion (Tone 1)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, / while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, / Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, / granting life to the world. / The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: / “Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! / Glory to Thy Kingdom! // Glory to Thy dispensation, O thou who lovest of mankind!”

Troparion (Tone 1 – Dormition)

In giving birth thou didst preserve thy virginity. / In falling asleep thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos. / Thou wast translated to life, O Mother of Life, // and by thy prayers thou dost deliver our souls from death.

Troparion (Tone 3 – Saint Thaddeus)

Holy Apostle Thaddeus, / entreat the merciful God // to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions.

Kontakion (Tone 1)

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, / raising the world with Thyself. / Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. / Adam exults, O Master! / Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee: // “Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

Kontakion (Tone 4 – Saint Thaddeus)

The Church sees thee as a shining star, O Apostle Thaddeus, / and is enlightened by thy wonders. // Save those who honor thy memory in faith!

Kontakion (Tone 2 – Dormition)

Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos, / who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions. / For being the Mother of Life, / she was translated to life // by the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb.

Prokeimenon (Tone 1)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on Thee.
v. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the upright!

Another Prokeimenon (Tone 3 – Song of the Theotokos)

My soul doth magnify the Lord, / and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16

For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored! To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless. And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now. I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you. For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Therefore I urge you, imitate me.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 1)

- v. God gives vengeance to me, and subdues people under me! Alleluia (3x's)
- v. He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David,
His anointed, and his seed forever. Alleluia (3x's)
- v. Arise, O Lord, into Thy rest, Thou and the Ark of Thy sanctification! Alleluia (3x's). [TONE 8]

Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:14-23

And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him. Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me." And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting. Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up. And they were exceedingly sorrowful.

Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing Irmos of Ode 9:

Refrain: The Angels, as they looked upon the Dormition of the Virgin, were struck with wonder, seeing how the Virgin went up from earth to heaven.

Heirmos: The limits of nature are overcome in thee, O Pure Virgin: for birthgiving remains virginal, and life is united to death; a virgin after childbearing and alive after death, thou dost ever save thine inheritance, O Theotokos.

Communion Hymn:

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise him in the highest!
I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord! 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

Ukrainian Orphanage Project

The parish will be collecting monetary donations until Sunday, September 4th as our Giving Project for a Ukrainian Orphanage. This project is in connection with Matushka Maggie Zlatkowski at Saint Stephens Cathedral. For any donations, please make the checks out to Assumption of the Holy Virgin and put the Ukrainian Orphanage Project in the subject line. Please hand all checks to Matushka Janine so she can keep track of the accounting. On September 4th, our parish will write a check for all donations received to Saint Stephens Cathedral, and their Ukrainian Orphanage Project. The funds will be handed directly to the orphanage. Please note at this time, an orphanage cannot be selected in advance because of the war. Whatever orphanage is still standing by the grace of God, will be selected to receive the funds. Please continue to pray for all in the Ukraine, especially the innocent children who are caught up in the war. Thank you!

On another note, but the same topic, earlier this year, the Orthodox Church in America partnered with the Eleos agency of the Polish Orthodox Church. The combined fundraising efforts of the OCA now totals to date just under \$810,000. His Beatitude Sawa, Metropolitan of Warsaw and All Poland of the Polish Orthodox Church is grateful and appreciative of all the prayers, support and donations received by the OCA to assist in their support of Ukrainian Refugees entering their country.

Furthermore, the Romanian Episcopate of the Orthodox Church in America has announced a further donation for Ukrainian refugees totaling \$70,000. The collection was taken after His Eminence Archbishop Nathaniel and the Romanian Episcopate of the OCA received word that the North West Provinces in Romania were in need of financial aid to care for the refugees which have crossed its border in the wake of the conflict in Ukraine. The number of refugees in Romania is approaching one million displaced persons. The \$70,000 was sent directly to His Holiness Patriarch Daniel and the Romanian Orthodox Church to assist with the crisis particularly in the affected North West Provinces.

Vigil Cross Votive Candles: There is availability for the vigil cross votive candles to be lit for services on Sundays and Feast Days. Please see Simon Herbert for details of cross sizes and schedule cross lightings!

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:

Perozzi Family offered by David Pellack
Family and Friends offered by Nina Patterson
Barbara, Levi, Gabriel, Elton Scarlett, Lucas, Catherine, Patricia, Edward,
Family and Friends, Ronald, Alex, Ana, offered by M/M Ken Kavalkovich
Emily Pellack offered by David Pellack

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

May Their Memories Be Eternal

Vigil Cross Candles – 8/14/22

One Large Votive Cross – Memory of John and Margaret Pellack
offered by David Pellack

One Small Votive Cross – Memory of Paul & Irene, Arthur & Grace,
Stephen & Mary, and Michael & Julia
offered by Nina Patterson

One Small Votive Cross – Health of Brianna Herbert going back to school
offered by M/M Herbert

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Please remember in your prayers:

Elton Andrews; Ronald Kavalkovich; Jane Kelly; Anne (Homa) Killoran; Sheba Patton; Dr. Gale Rutan;
Joseph Rabik; Peter Witiak; and all those who are serving in our Armed Forces!

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Sidewalk Repair Donations (Week of August 14)

Sidewalk Repair Block Donation – \$0 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 Fall General Parish Meeting held back on Sunday, October 10, 2021, 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 began back on Sunday, October 17, 2021.
Please be generous with your offering. Every little bit counts. Thank You!

Cash Flow Activity (August)

<u>Week of Sun Aug 7 to Sat Aug 13</u>	<u>August Month to Date</u>
Attendance: 24	24 (average)
Funds In: \$ 1,934.00	\$ 1,934.00
Funds Out: \$ 79.88	\$ 3,385.16
Net Surplus/(Deficit): \$ 1,854.12	(\$ 1,451.16)

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 (Aug 21)</u>	<u>Next Week (Aug 28)</u>
3 rd Hour:	Michael Wanenchak	Sbdcn Daniel Kavalkovich
6 th Hour:	Michael Spack	Matthew Andrews
Epistle:	Michael Wanenchak	Sbdcn Daniel Kavalkovich And David Pellack

Fellowship Coffee Hour & Cleaning Teams:

If you have volunteered to host coffee hour, please check which Team you are on and when your Team is hosting coffee hour on the calendar printout which is located in the white/clear 3-ring binder located on the display case outside of the office room.

NOTE: The following Sundays during the summer are coffee hour bye-weeks where there is no team scheduled. There will be coffee available, just no food or meal:

Sunday, September 5 (Labor Day Weekend)

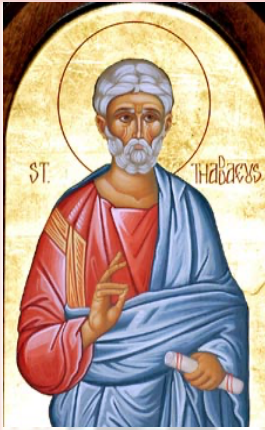
Please continue to check our parish website, social media pages, and your emails regularly for updated information on the parish regarding parish services & events in August & September 2022.

Monday, August 29 – Divine Liturgy at 10:00AM for the Beheading of Saint John the Baptist. [Strict Fast Day]

Either Wednesday, September 7 or Thursday, September 8
Services for the Feast of the Nativity of Our Most-Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary.
*** The Date and Time are still to be determined ***

Either Tuesday, September 13 or Wednesday, September 14
Services for the Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross.
*** The Date and Time are still to be determined ***

[NOTE: Reminder that if Father Mark serves Vesperal Liturgy on Tuesday, September 13, then Bible Study will be moved to the following Tuesday, September 20].



Apostle Thaddeus of the Seventy [August 21th]

Saint Thaddeus, Apostle of the Seventy, was by descent a Hebrew, and he was born in the Syrian city of Edessa. The holy Apostle Thaddeus of the Seventy must be distinguished from Saint Jude, also called Thaddeus or Levi (June 19), who was one of the Twelve Apostles.

When he came to Jerusalem for a feastday, he heard the preaching of John the Forerunner. After being baptized by him in the Jordan, he remained in Palestine. He saw the Savior, and became His follower. He was chosen by the Lord to be one of the Seventy Disciples, whom He sent by twos to preach in the cities and places where He intended to visit (Luke. 10: 1).

After the Ascension of the Savior to Heaven, Saint Thaddeus preached the good news in Syria and Mesopotamia. He came preaching the Gospel to Edessa and he converted King Abgar, the people and the pagan priests to Christ. He backed up his preaching with many miracles (about which Abgar wrote to the Assyrian emperor Nerses). He established priests there and built up the Edessa Church.

Prince Abgar wanted to reward Saint Thaddeus with rich gifts, but he refused and went preaching to other cities, converting many pagans to the Christian Faith. He went to the city of Beirut to preach, and he founded a church there. It was in this city that he peacefully died in the year 44. (The place of his death is indicated as Beirut in the Slavonic MENAION, but according to other sources he died in Edessa. According to an ancient Armenian tradition, Saint Thaddeus, after various tortures, was beheaded by the sword on December 21 in the Artaz region in the year 50).

