

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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Sunday, August 28, 2022 | 11th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 2 – Venerable Moses the Black of Scete (4th c.)
Uncovering of the Relics of Venerable Job, Abbot of Pochaev (1659)
Righteous Anna the Prophetess, daughter of Phanuel (1st c.)

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Weekly Schedule

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

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

Saturday: September 3 – Great Vespers at **4:00PM**

Sunday: September 4 – Hieromartyr Babylas, Bishop of Antioch
Reading of Hours – 8:30am
Divine Liturgy – **9:00am [SUMMER HOURS!!!]**
Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

NOTE: September 4th is the Final Sunday of Summer Hours!!!

Wednesday: September 7 – Vesperal Divine Liturgy at **5:30PM** for the Feast of the Nativity of Our Most-Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary.

Texts for the Liturgical Service

Troparion (Tone 2)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, / Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. / And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, / all the powers of heaven cried out: // “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

Troparion (Tone 4 – Venerable Job)

Having acquired the patience of thy Forefather, / and having resembled the Baptist in abstinence, / thou didst share the divine zeal of both / and wast made worthy to receive their names. / Thou wast a fearless preacher of the True Faith; / in this way thou didst bring a multitude of monastics to Christ. / Thou didst strengthen all people in Orthodoxy, / Job, our venerable father; // pray that our souls may be saved!

Kontakion (Tone 2)

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, / seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! / The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, // and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

Kontakion (Tone 4 – Venerable Job)

Thou wast a pillar of the True Faith; / a zealot of the commandments of the Gospel; a denouncer of pride, / and a defender and teacher of the humble. / Therefore, those who honor thee pray for the remission of their sins, / and that this, thy holy habitation, be kept safe from all harm, // Job, our father, who resembled the long-suffering Patriarch of old.

Prokeimenon (Tone 2)

The Lord is my strength and my song; / He has become my salvation.
v. The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.

Another Prokeimenon (Tone 7 – Venerable Job)

Precious in the sight of the Lord / is the death of His saints.

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:2-12

If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. My defense to those who examine me is this: Do we have no right to eat and drink? Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working? Who ever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock? Do I say these things as a mere man? Or does not the law say the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses, “You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain.” Is it oxen God is concerned about? Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things? If others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ. Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 2)

- v. May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect thee! Alleluia (3x's)
v. Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call to Thee! Alleluia (3x's)
v. Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments. Alleluia (3x's) [TONE 6]

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:23-35

Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses.

Communion Hymn:

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise him in the highest!
The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil tidings! Alleluia (3x's)

*[Note: Today's readings for Venerable Job are as follows:
Epistle – Galatians 5:22-6:2 and Gospel – Luke 6:17-23]*

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 next 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!

+ Metropolitan Kallistos (Ware) of Diokleia (August 24, 2002)

His Eminence Metropolitan Kallistos (Ware) of Diokleia, world-renowned Orthodox scholar and a hierarch in the Archdiocese of Thyateira (Great Britain) of the Patriarchate of Constantinople, fell asleep in the Lord on Wednesday, August 24, 2022, at the age of 87 after battling a grave illness.

Metropolitan Kallistos was born Timothy Ware in England in 1934 and raised as an Anglican. After discovering Orthodox Christianity, he was received into the Church in 1958. He was educated at Oxford University. In 1963, he published his best-known book, *“The Orthodox Church”*, which continues, with many updates and revisions, to be a must-read, especially among seekers of the true faith. A companion volume, *“The Orthodox Way”*, was published by Saint Vladimir’s Seminary Press in 1979.

Prayers requested for His Beatitude Metropolitan Herman

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon is asking for the prayers of the clergy, monastics, and faithful of the Orthodox Church in America on behalf of His Beatitude Metropolitan Herman who is drawing to the close of his earthly life. Metropolitan Herman is currently in his home on the grounds of Saint Tikhon’s Monastery.

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:

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Stephen Spack offered by Nina Patterson

May Their Memories Be Eternal

Vigil Cross Candles – 8/21/22

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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 21)

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 14 to Sat Aug 20</u>	<u>August Month to Date</u>
Attendance: 44	34 (average)
Funds In: \$ 2,554.00	\$ 4,488.00
Funds Out: \$ 2,714.89	\$ 6,100.05
Net Surplus/(Deficit): (\$ 160.89)	(\$ 1,612.05)

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 28)</u>	<u>Next Week (Sep 4)</u>
3 rd Hour:	Sbden Daniel Kavalkovich	Dr. David Albrecht
6 th Hour:	Matthew Andrews	Daniel Herbert
Epistle:	Sbden Daniel Kavalkovich and David Pellack	Dr. David Albrecht

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)

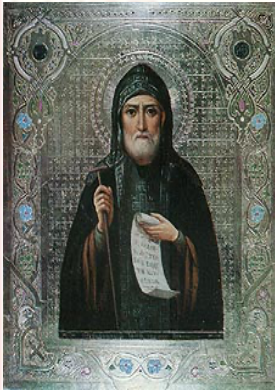
Please continue to check our parish website, social media pages, and your emails regularly for updated information on the parish regarding parish services & events in August & September 2022.

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

Wednesday, September 7 - Vespereal Divine Liturgy at 5:30PM for the Feast of the Nativity of Our Most-Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary.

Tuesday, September 13 – Vespereal Divine Liturgy at 5:30PM for the Exaltation of the Precious Cross [Strict Fast Day on September 14]

Tuesday, September 20 – Bible Study at 6:30pm in the church basement and on the ZOOM media platform [NOTE Change in Date!!!!]



Recovery of the relics of Saint Job of Pochaev [August 28th]

Saint Job of Pochaev reposed on October 28, 1651, and his relics were recovered and transferred to the Cathedral of the Life-giving Trinity on August 28, 1659.

The Uniates returned Pochaev Monastery to the Russian Orthodox Church in 1831, after they had held it from 1720 - 1831. During that time the present Cathedral of the Dormition was built at Pochaev Lavra.

Miraculous cures prompted the Holy Synod to uncover the relics a second time, which occurred on August 28, 1833 with Metropolitan Dionysios presiding. There was no sign of corruption, and an ineffable fragrance came forth from his grave.

In the year 1902, the Holy Synod decreed that on this day the holy relics of Saint Job be carried around the Dormition Cathedral of Pochaev Lavra following the Divine Liturgy.

