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Sunday, September 25, 2022 | 15th Sunday After Pentecost
Tone 6 – Venerable Euphrosyne of Alexandria (5th c.)
Martyr Paphnutius and 546 companions in Egypt (3rd c.)
+ Repose of Venerable Sergius, Abbot of Radonezh & All Russia-1392

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Weekly Schedule

Thursday: September 29 – Book Club at 6:30PM on the ZOOM media platform. (Check your emails for more details)

Saturday: October 1 – Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos

Saturday: October 1 – Great Vespers at **4:00PM!**

Sunday: October 2 – Hieromartyr Cyprian, Virgin-Martyr Justina
Reading of Hours – 9:30am
Divine Liturgy – **10:00am**
Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Texts for the Liturgical Service

Troparion (Tone 6)
The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; / the guards became as dead men. / Mary stood by Thy grave, / seeking Thy most pure body. / Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. / Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. // O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

Troparion (Tone 4 – Saint Sergius)
A zealot of good deeds / and a true warrior of Christ our God, / thou didst struggle greatly against the passions in this passing life; / in songs and vigils and fasting thou wast an image and example to thy disciples, / thus the most Holy Spirit lived within thee, / and thou wast made beautiful by His working. / Since thou hast great boldness before the Holy Trinity, / remember the flock which thou hast wisely gathered, // and do not forget to visit thy children as thou hast promised, venerable Sergius, our father!

Kontakion (Tone 6)
When Christ God the Giver of Life, / raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, / He bestowed resurrection on the human race. // He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Kontakion (Tone 8 – Saint Sergius)
Bound by the love of Christ, O venerable one, / and following Him with unwavering desire, / thou didst despise all carnal pleasures, shining like the sun in thy land. / Therefore, Christ has enriched thee with the gift of miracles. / Remember us, who venerate thy most holy memory // and who call out to thee: "Rejoice, O Sergius, made wise by God!"

Prokeimenon (Tone 6)
O Lord, save thy people / and bless Thine inheritance!
v. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

Another Prokeimenon (Tone 7 – Saint Sergius)
Precious in the sight of the Lord / is the death of His saints.

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15

For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed – always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you. And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God. Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 6)

v. He that dwelleth in the aid of the Most High shall abide under the protection of the God of heaven. Alleluia (3x's)
v. He shall say to the Lord: Thou art my protector and my refuge, my God. In Him will I trust! 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: Luke 5: 1-11

So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

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**: The readings for the Repose of Venerable Sergius 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

A Successful 5th Annual Two Holies and a Saint Golf Tournament

Last Friday, September 23 at Ron Jaworski's Ramblewood Country Club in Mount Laurel, NJ, 72 golfers and volunteers enjoyed a sunny, cool, and extremely breezy day both on the golf course and afterwards for the banquet outdoors. Our very own Deacon Michael won the straightest drive on the fairway. Matushka Janine kept her team in the hunt with her excellent putting skills. Our Father Mark, well…let's just say he kept his head up (possibly praying for Divine guidance and patience from above!!)

Proceeds from the tournament which will benefit a Ukrainian Orphanage Fund in Ukraine have yet to be totaled! When this information is forthcoming, it will be noted in the bulletin.

Speaking of the Ukrainian Orphanage Fund, through this parish's generosity over the past two months, over $900 was contributed for this Giving Project. The Charity Committee was able to present a check on Friday to Matushka Maggie for the amount collected. Matushka Janine McCartney and the Charity Committee members appreciate your donations and wish to extend a grateful Thank You to you All!!

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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!

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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!

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2023 Saint Tikhon's Monastery Calendar - Taking orders now:
The parish will once again be ordering 2023 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 for additional 2023 St Tikhon's calendars is $6 per calendar. The deadline for ordering these calendars will be: Sunday, November 6, 2022!

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:
Family and Parishioners offered by Nina Patterson

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

May Their Memories Be Eternal!

Vigil Cross Candles – 9/18/22

One Large Vigil Crosses – Memory of William and Julia Brasko; William Brasko Jr; John Libak Sr; Marie Fortner; John and Julia Drimak; Michael and Anna Bondira; Michael and Mary Spack offered by Nancy Brasko Rabik

One Small Vigil Crosses – Health of Lila, Mia, Katherina, and Julianna as you start your new school year offered by their Baba Nancy Brasko Rabik

One Small Vigil Crosses – Health of Ms Barbara Brasko Evans and Family and Friends offered by Nancy Brasko Rabik

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Please remember in your prayers:

+ Metropolitan Kallistos (Ware) of Diokleia (Aug 24)
+ His Beatitude Metropolitan Herman (Swaiko), retired (Sep 6)

Miriam Parsells (baptized Sep 10), her parents Heather and Peter, her brothers, Luke and Theodore, and her godparents. God Grant Many Years!
Mary Ann (Popelak) Brodie (one year anniversary of falling asleep – Sep 16);
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 September 18)

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 (September)

	Week of Sun Sep 11 to Sat Sep 17	September Month to Date
Attendance:	31	33 (average)
Funds In:	$ 3,046.00	$ 4,855.91
Funds Out:	$ 2,675.72	$ 6,071.28
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	$ 370.28	($ 1,215.37)

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.
Last Thursday of each month – Book Club at 6:30pm on ZOOM media platform.
5th Sunday of each quarter – Quarterly Parish Council Meeting after Liturgy.

Readers Schedule:

	Today (Sep 25)	Next Week (Oct 2)
3rd Hour:	Matthew Andrews	John Spack
6th Hour:	Dr. David Albrecht	Michael Wanenchak
Epistle:	Reader Mark Klus and Matthew Andrews	John Spack

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 are coffee hour bye-weeks where there is no team scheduled. There will be coffee available, just no food or meal:

No Coffee Hour Bye-Weeks Scheduled Any Time Soon

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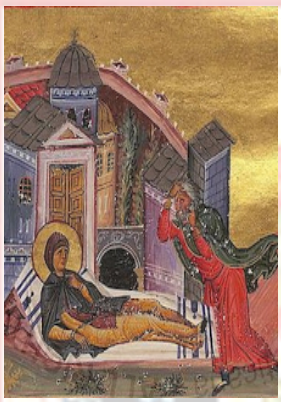
Please continue to check our parish website, social media pages, and your emails regularly for updated information on the parish regarding parish services & events in September/October 2022.

Thursday, September 29 – Book Club at 6:30pm on the ZOOM media platform. (Please check your email Inbox (or Spam folder) from Monday, September 19 at around 11:25AM for more details and viewing information)

Late October on a Sunday after Liturgy – Fall General Parish Meeting!

ATTENTION Parishioners: Keep checking this portion of the bulletin over the next month for information regarding the parishes upcoming Advent Project and for information regarding the Saint Nicholas Festival.



Venerable Euphrosynē of Alexandria
[September 25th]

Our venerable Mother Euphrosynē was born at the beginning of the fifth century in the city of Alexandria. She was the only child of illustrious and wealthy parents. When she was twelve years old, her mother reposed, and so the girl was raised by her Father, Paphnutios, who was a very devout Christian. He was in the habit of visiting a certain monastery, where the Igoumen was his Spiritual Father.

When Euphrosynē turned eighteen, her father wanted her to marry. He went to the monastery to obtain the Igoumen's blessing for his daughter's wedding. The Igoumen talked with her and gave her his blessing, but Saint Euphrosynē longed for the monastic life. One day, she gave away her possessions to the poor, and then she snuck out of the house.

The Saint had decided to enter a monastery in order to spend her life in solitude and prayer, but she was afraid that her father was apt to find find her in a women's monastery. Therefore, she disguised herself as a man and entered the same men's monastery which she had visited with her father from her childhood, calling herself Smaragdos. The monks did not recognize Euphrosynē dressed in men's clothes, and so they received her into the monastery. The monks were impressed by her spiritual struggles and by her willingness to serve everyone.

There in a solitary cell, Saint Euphrosynē spent 38 years in spiritual endeavors, fasting and prayer, thereby attaining a high level of spiritual accomplishment.

Paphnutios was deeply saddened by the loss of his beloved daughter; more than once, on the advice of his Spiritual Father, he spoke to the "monk" Smaragdos, disclosing his grief and receiving spiritual comfort. Before her death, Saint Euphrosynē revealed her secret to her grieving parent and insisted that no one but he should prepare her body for burial. After he buried his daughter, Paphnutios distributed all his wealth to the poor and to the monastery, and then he was tonsured. For ten years, until the time of his own repose, he labored in his daughter's cell.

By her life, Saint Euphrosynē reminds us that we must renounce "worldly passions and live soberly, uprightly, and devoutly" (Titus 2:12). That is, after rejecting the desires of this vain and sinful world, we ought to live abstemiously, with justice toward our fellow human beings, and with piety toward God.

Saint Paphnutios and his daughter Saint Euphrosynē are both commemorated today, and once again on February 15.