

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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Sunday, October 2, 2022 | 16th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 7 – Hieromartyr Cyprian, Virgin-Martyr Justina,
and Martyr Theoctist, of Nicomedia (304)

Martyrs David and Constantine, Princes of Georgia (740)

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Weekly Schedule

Thursday: October 6 – Glorification of Saint Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow,
Enlightener of the Aleuts, Apostle to the Americas.

And also, the Holy, Glorious Apostle Thomas

Saturday: October 8 – Great Vespers at **4:00PM!**

Sunday: October 9 – Glorification of Saint Tikhon

Reading of Hours – 9:30am

Divine Liturgy – **10:00am**

Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Tuesday: October 11 - Bible Study at 6:30PM in the church basement
and on the ZOOM media platform.

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 4 – Saint Cyprian)

By sharing in the ways of the Apostles, / thou didst become a successor to their throne. / Through the practice of virtue, thou didst find the way to divine contemplation, O inspired one of God; / by teaching the word of truth without error, thou didst defend the Faith, even to the shedding of thy blood. // O Hieromartyr Cyprian, entreat Christ God to save our souls!

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 1 – Saint Cyprian)

Thou didst turn from the art of sorcery to the knowledge of God, / and wast shown forth as a skillful healer for the world, Cyprian, inspired by God. / Together with Justina thou grantest cures to those who honor thee; // with her, pray to the Master Who loves mankind that He may save our souls!

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!

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)

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:31-36

And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

Communion Hymn:

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



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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 of the 2023 St Tikhon's calendars is \$6 per calendar. The deadline for ordering these calendars will be: Sunday, November 6, 2022!

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Announcements

The Fall Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 23, 2022 after Divine Liturgy in the church basement. This is Notice #1 of 3.

According to Article IV, Section 2, Subsection A. of the Parish By-Laws, notice of all Annual and General Parish Meetings shall be announced in the Parish Bulletin and read by the Parish Rector from the amvon on three consecutive Sundays preceding the date of the Meeting. This meeting the parish will elect parish council members for the 2023-2024 term for the positions of Vice-President (currently Brett McKenna), Treasurer (currently Ken Kavalkovich), and Trustee (Odd Year Term) (currently Ronald Homa). Please make every effort to be in attendance and support the parish!

The following email was received this past week intended for our parish:

From: Matushka Margarite (Maggie) Zlatkowski
To: Parishioners of the Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church
Subject: Thank You to the Parishioners
Date: Thursday, September 29, 2022 at 2:59PM

Dear Fr. Mark, Matushka Janine and the wonderful parishioners of the Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church,

It's with heart felt gratitude that I want to acknowledge the special people of your parish for their generosity. The terrible war in Ukraine has impacted people around the world in so many different ways. As is the case for many people, my heart and prayers are particularly with the families, and especially the children directly affected by this war.

With your tremendous support, thoughtfulness, and generosity given to the Two Holies and a Saint golf outing, together, we have raised more than \$6,000 to support an Ukrainian Orphanage. Every parishioner's contribution is significant. Every parishioner's contribution will make a positive impact in the life of a child. Your donation will be used to support the basic needs of the children including allowing the orphanage to continue to provide a safe place to sleep, nutritious food, clothing, and much needed medical supplies.

As we come together as a community to support families and children we may never meet, I am both humbled and inspired by your generosity, kindness, and humanity.

God Bless You All.

Matushka Margarite
[Chairperson of the Two Holies and a Saint Golf Tournament and Saint Stephens Orthodox Cathedral parishioner]

Announcements (cont.)

Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Health for the Living:

Tammy Carns offered by Nina Patterson
Matesy Herbert offered by Simon Herbert
Margie Pich offered by David Pellack

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

John Pellack offered by David Pellack

May Their Memories Be Eternal!

Vigil Cross Candles – 9/25/22

One Large Vigil Cross – Memory of Departed Parishioners
offered by an Anonymous Individual

One Large Vigil Cross – Health of Our Parishioners
offered by an Anonymous Individual

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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!

Those who have been impacted by Hurricans Ian and Fiona!!

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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Julie Forte - Roof House Project Donation

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)

<u>Week of Sun Sep 18 to Sat Sep 24</u>	<u>September Month to Date</u>
Attendance: 35	33 (average)
Funds In: \$ 1,584.00	\$ 6,439.91
Funds Out: \$ 1,180.42	\$ 7,251.70
Net Surplus/(Deficit): \$ 403.58	(\$ 811.79)

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.
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:

	<u>Today (Oct 2)</u>	<u>Next Week (Oct 9)</u>
3 rd Hour:	John Spack	David Pellack
6 th Hour:	Michael Wanenchak	Reader Mark Klus
Epistle:	John Spack	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 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

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 2022.

Tuesday, October 11 – Bible Study in the church basement at 6:30PM

Sunday, October 23 after Divine Liturgy – Fall General Parish Meeting!

Thursday, October 27 – Book Club at 6:30pm on the ZOOM media platform. (Please check your email Inbox (or Spam folder) from Monday, September 19 around 11:25AM for more details & viewing information)

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.



Repose of the Holy Right-believing Princess Anna of Kashin [October 2nd]

The Holy Right-believing Princess Anna of Kashin, a daughter of the Rostov prince Demetrius Borisovich, in 1294 became the wife of the holy Great Prince Michael Yaroslavich of Tver, who was murdered by the Mongol-Tatars of the Horde in 1318, (November 22). After the death of her husband, Anna withdrew into Tver's Sophia monastery and accepted tonsure with the name Euphrosynē. Later, she transferred to the Kashin Dormition monastery, and became a schemanun with the name Anna. She fell asleep in the Lord on October 2, 1338.

Saint Anna's sons also imitated their father's steadfast confession of faith in Christ. Demetrius Mikhailovich ("Dread Eyes") was murdered at the Horde on September 15, 1325; and later, Alexander Mikhailovich, Prince of Tver, was murdered together with his son Theodore on October 29, 1339.

Miracles at Saint Anna's grave began in 1611, during the siege of Kashin by Polish and Lithuanian forces. There was also a great fire in the city which died down without doing much damage. The saint, dressed in the monastic schema, appeared to Gerasimus, a gravely ill warden of the Dormition cathedral. She promised that he would recover, but complained, "People show no respect for my tomb. They ignore it and my memory! Do you not know that I am supplicating the Lord and His Mother to deliver the city from the foe, and that you be spared many hardships and evils?" She ordered him to tell the clergy to look after her tomb, and to light a candle there before the icon of Christ Not-Made-By-Hands.

At the Council of 1649 it was decided to uncover her relics for general veneration and to glorify the holy Princess Anna as a saint. But in 1677 Patriarch Joachim proposed to the Moscow Council that her veneration throughout Russia should be discontinued because of the Old Believers Schism, which made use of the name of Saint Anna of Kashin for its own purposes. When she was buried her hand had been positioned to make the Sign of the Cross with two fingers, rather than three. However, the memory of Saint Anna, who had received a crown of glory from Christ, could not be erased by decree. People continued to love and venerate her, and many miracles took place at her tomb.

On June 12, 1909 her second glorification took place, and her universally observed Feast day was established. Her Life describes her as a model of spiritual beauty and chastity, and an example to future generations.

In her Magnification, Saint Anna of Kashin is described as "an instructor of monastics and converser with Angels." She is commemorated on the following dates: October 2 (her blessed repose); June 12: the Recovery of her Holy Relics in 1650, and her second Glorification in 1909; the Synaxis of the Saints of Tver, (movable Feast) on the Sunday after June 29.

OCTOBER 2, 2022

CHURCH MUSICIAN SUNDAY

Recognizing the important role of music in our Orthodox Christian worship and honoring the directors, singers, chanters, readers, composers, arrangers, and bell-ringers who serve in this sacred ministry.

*"...beautiful sacred art—and sacred music especially—forces and threatens no one. Rather, it works to soften their hearts, preparing them to receive the things of God without their even realizing it."
-Metropolitan Tikhon*



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Inaugural “Church Musician Sunday” to be held Sunday, October 2

The Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America (OCA) has designated the Sunday following the commemoration of Saint Romanus the Melodist (October 1) as “Church Musician Sunday.” This new yearly designation, beginning on Sunday, October 2, 2022, will highlight the essential role of liturgical music in Orthodox Christian worship and the important role of church musicians in the life of the Church. Parishes are encouraged to recognize those who serve in the various roles involved in Church music: choir directors, singers, chanters, readers, composers, arrangers, and bell-ringers, through a public acknowledgment following the Divine Liturgy. Additionally, parishioners and parish leaders are strongly encouraged to consider the many essential responsibilities of those who lead the musical responses during the Divine services. To assist in this regard, thoughtful articles will be posted during the week of September 25 on the OCA website about the appropriate preparation, education, and remuneration of choir directors, as well as general articles about liturgical music.

