

## Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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### Sunday, October 16, 2022 | 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 1 – Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council. Martyr Longinus the Centurion, who stood at the Cross of the Lord (1<sup>st</sup> c.). Saint Gail of Switzerland (646)

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### Weekly Schedule

Tuesday: October 18 – Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke

Saturday: October 22 – Great Vespers at **4:00PM!**

Sunday: October 23 – Holy Apostle James (Jacob)  
Reading of Hours – 9:30am  
Divine Liturgy – **10:00am**  
*Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy*

Sunday: October 23 – Fall General Parish Meeting after Divine Liturgy in the church basement. The election of 2023-24 officers will occur at this meeting, along with discussions about parish business.

Thursday: October 27 – Book Club Meeting is **CANCELLED** this month [Father Mark will be away on vacation]

## 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 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 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 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 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 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 9:6-11**

But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: “He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.” Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

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. 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)

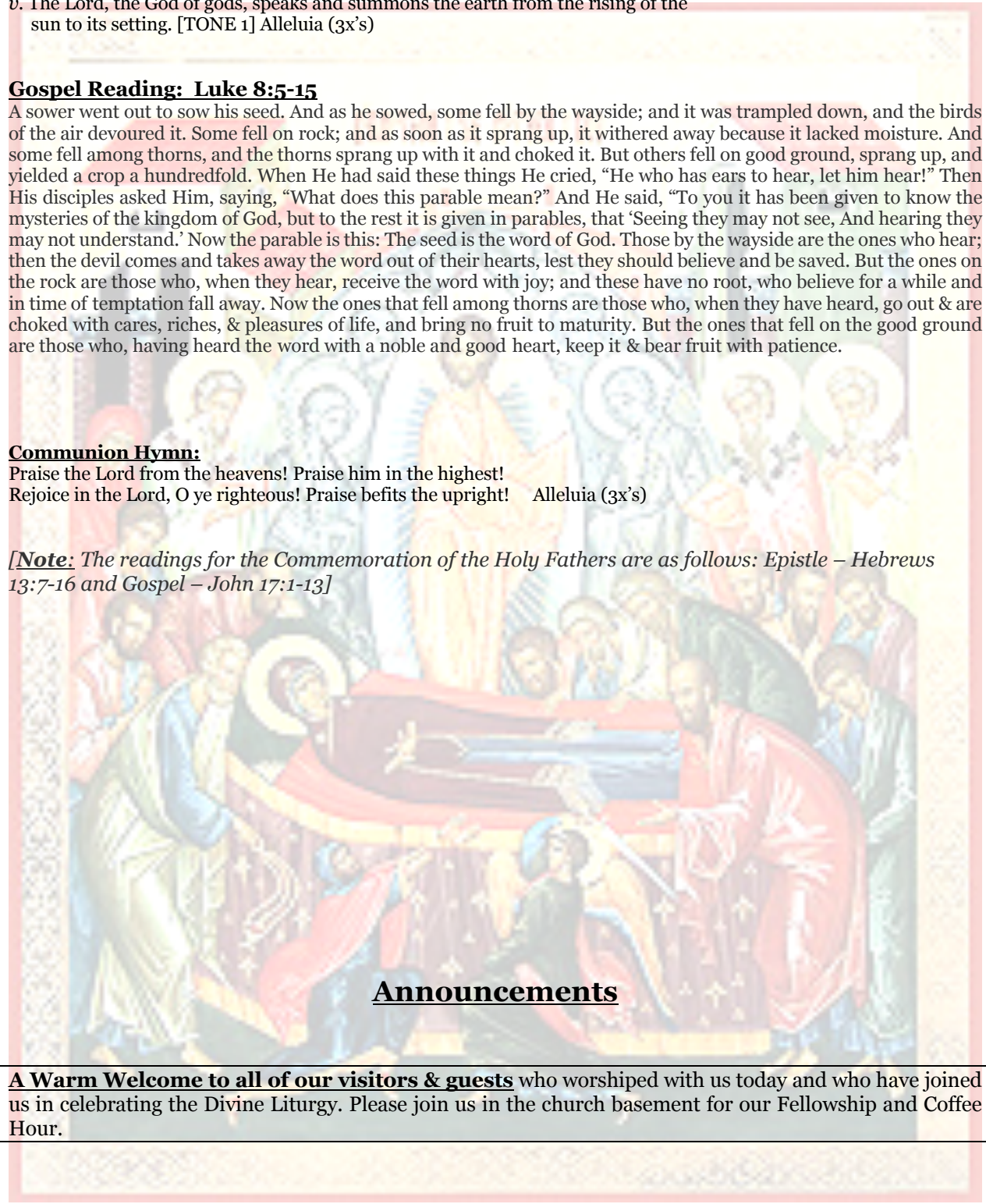
**Gospel Reading: Luke 8:5-15**

A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold. When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?" And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.' Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out & are choked with cares, riches, & pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it & bear fruit with patience.

**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]*



**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

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

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**Taking Collections for the parish's Saint Nicholas Fair**

We are collecting new items and unused items (PLEASE, nothing used!) for sale at the Saint Nicholas Fair. We are also accepting crafts and baked goods for sale. Please see Matushka Janine if you would like to help donate. Matushka Janine will have a sign-up sheet for baked goods. Proceeds from the Saint Nicholas Fair are earmarked for the HVAC Project. Please see the Flyers on the bulletin boards for additional details.

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**ADVENT GIVING – Donations for Saint Tikhon's Seminary**

Parish will be accepting food donations starting on Sunday, October 9 for suppling possible food pantries. This year's focus is to donate to the Seminary at Saint Tikhon's, but is also subject to the needs of the Seminarian's and their families. The donations will be accepted for Thanksgiving Dinner distribution and Christmas Dinner distribution.

Also, for the Seminarians at Saint Tikhon's, we will be implementing an Advent Giving Tree, pending their needs. The tree will be available after November 15. Please see the bulletin and the Flyers on the bulletin boards for more details which are to follow. Donations will be accepted through December4.

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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:**

Joe Cimino offered by David Pellack  
David Albrecht Sr. offered by Nina Patterson  
Harry, Patricia, Family & Friends, Herbert Family, David Albrecht, Melanie Albrecht offered by Debra Kavalkovich  
Family offered by Peter Witiak  
Melanie Albrecht, David Albrecht, Family offered by Catherine Kavalkovich

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

**Memory for the Departed:**

**May Their Memories Be Eternal!**

**Vigil Cross Candles – 10/9/22**

Two Small Vigil Crosses – Memory of Mr Michael Bolinski  
offered by the Herbert Family

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**Please remember in your prayers:**

+ His Beatitude Metropolitan Herman (Swaiko), retired (Sep 6)

Those who have been impacted by both Hurricanes Ian and Fiona!!

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 October 9)**

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 (October)**

<u>Week of Sun Oct 2 to Sat Oct 8</u>	<u>October Month to Date</u>
Attendance: 38	38 (average)
Funds In: \$ 3,281.00	\$ 3,281.00
Funds Out: \$ 1,137.67	\$ 2,637.67
Net Surplus/(Deficit): \$ 2,143.33	\$ 643.43

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

### Readers Schedule:

	<u>Today (Oct 16)</u>	<u>Next Week (Oct 23)</u>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour:	Dr David Albrecht	Matthew Andrews
6 <sup>th</sup> Hour:	Michael Spack	Daniel Herbert
Epistle:	Reader Mark Klus and Dr David Albrecht	Sbdcn Daniel Kavalkovich and Matthew Andrews

### 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:

- Sunday, December 25 (Christmas Day)**
- Sunday, January 1 (New Year's Day)**

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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 2022.

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

**Thursday, October 27 – Saint Olga Book Club is CANCELLED for this date due to Father Mark will be away on a well-deserved vacation. The next Book Club will be held on Thursday November 17 at 6:30pm on the ZOOM media platform. [NOTE: Thursday, November 24 is Thanksgiving] (Please check your email Inbox (or Spam folder) from Monday, September 19 around 11:25AM for more details & viewing information)**

**December 4, 11, and 18, 2022: Saint Nicholas Fair at the parish between 11:30AM to 2:00PM. Please see Flyers on bulletin boards for more details and for a list of donations being accepted for this event. Donations will be accepted between October 9 and December 3, 2022.**



### **Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council [October 16<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.

### **Venerable Longinus the Gatekeeper of the Kiev Caves [October 16<sup>th</sup>]**

Saint Longinus, the Gate-Keeper of the Kiev Caves, Far Caves, made his monastic obedience at the Kiev Caves monastery. His prayerful fervor and humble love for work were rewarded by the Lord. The venerable gatesman was granted the gift of discernment. He encouraged the people who came to the Lavra with good intent, but he denounced those inclined to wickedness and urged them to repentance. He was buried in the Far Caves.

St Longinus is also commemorated on August 28 and on the second Sunday of Great Lent.

