

## Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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### Sunday, November 6, 2022 | 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 4 – Saint Paul the Confessor, Archbishop of Constantinople. (350)  
Martyrs Tecusa, Alexandra, Claudia, Matrona, Polactia, Euphrosyne, and  
Athanasia, of Ancyra (3<sup>rd</sup> c.)

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### Weekly Schedule

Today: Typika (Readers) Service with Communion will be served!

Today: Last Day to order additional St. Tikhon 2023 Calendars!

Tuesday: November 8 – Election Day! Get out there and vote!

Tuesday: November 8 – Synaxis of Archangel Michael and the other Bodiless Powers.  
**No** Divine Liturgy at the church!!

Friday: November 11 – Veterans Day!

Saturday: November 12 – Great Vespers at **4:00PM!**

Sunday: November 13 – Saint John Chrysostom

Reading of Hours – 9:30am

Divine Liturgy – **10:00am**

*Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy*

## Texts for the Liturgical Service

### **Troparion (Tone 4)**

When the women disciples of the Lord / learned from the angel the joyous message of thy Resurrection, / they cast away the ancestral curse / and elatedly told the apostles: / “Death is overthrown! / Christ God is risen, // granting the world great mercy!”

### **Troparion (Tone 3 – Saint Paul)**

For confessing the divine faith, / among her priests the Church has shown thee to be another Paul. / Abel cries out to the Lord together with thee, / as does the righteous blood of Zachariah. // Venerable Father, entreat Christ God to grant us His great mercy.

### **Kontakion (Tone 4)**

My Savior and Redeemer / as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. / He has shattered the gates of hell, / and as Master, // He has risen on the third day!

### **Kontakion (Tone 2 – Saint Paul)**

Paul, thou hast shone on the earth like a star of heavenly splendor; / now thou dost enlighten the universal Church for which thou didst suffer, / for thou didst lay down thy life, // and thy blood cries out to the Lord like that of Zachariah and Abel.

### **Prokeimenon (Tone 4)**

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works / in wisdom hast Thou made them all!  
v. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great!

### **Epistle Reading: Galatians 2:16-20**

Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 4)

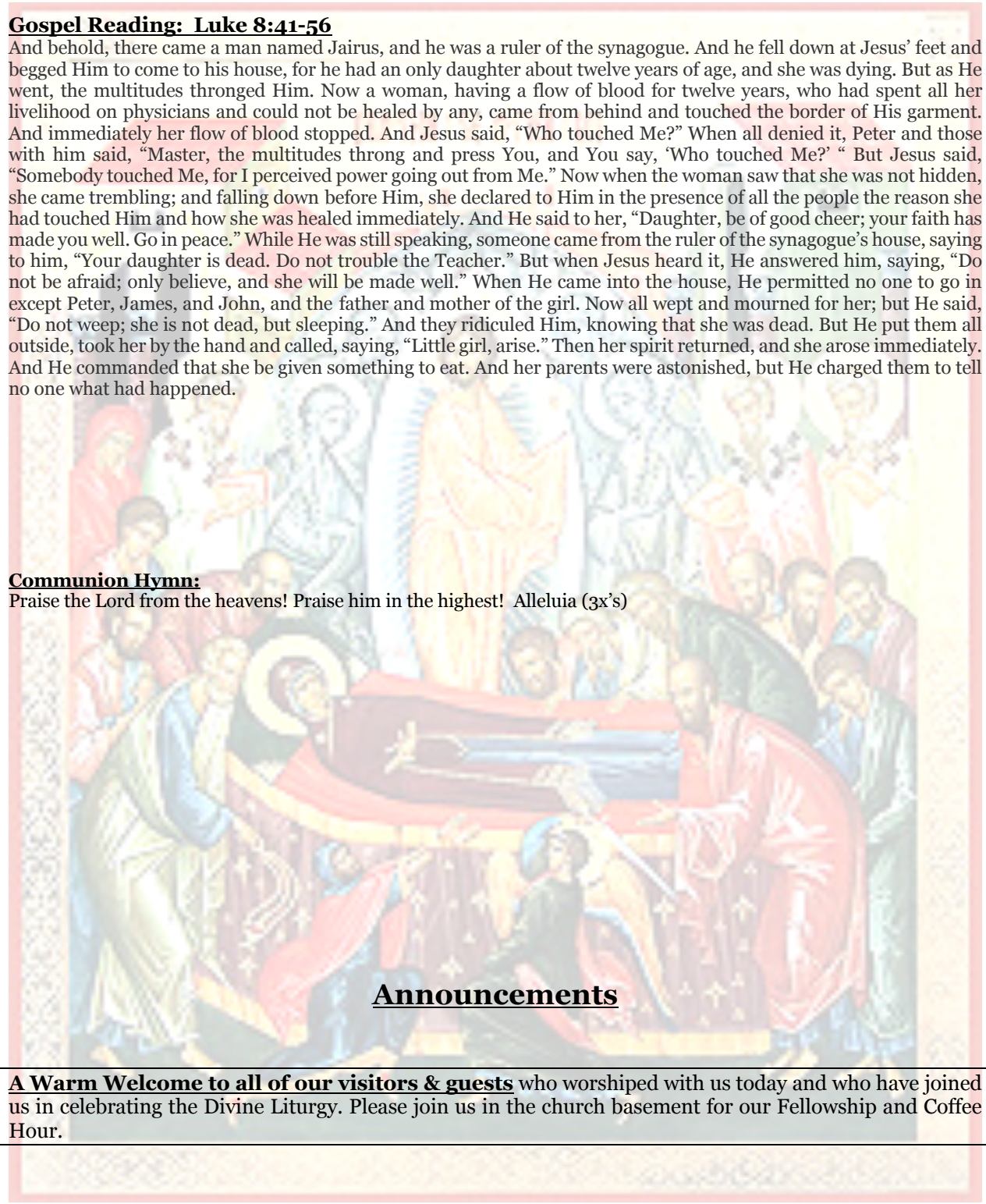
v. Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth! Alleluia (3x's)  
v. For Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest iniquity. Alleluia (3x's)

**Gospel Reading: Luke 8:41-56**

And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him. Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me." Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace." While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher." But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well." When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl. Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead. But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Little girl, arise." Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat. And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

**Communion Hymn:**

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise him in the highest! 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

**Father Mark will be away on vacation until Wednesday, November 9 when he returns back from the country of Georgia.**

While Father Mark and Matushka Jan are away, the parish will be having the Readers (Typika) Service today along with Deacon Michael serving and providing Communion to the faithful.

If you have an emergency, please contact our parish president Matthew Andrews whose contact number is on the front of the bulletin, or the Dean of our Diocesan Deanery Father Victor Gorodenchuk at St Stephen Cathedral at their rectory at phone number 215.745.3232.

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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 December 4.

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**In Memory of Ronald Kavalkovich Sr. – HVAC Project Donations**

Deacon Michael and Matushka Janine McCartney  
Patricia Ferguson  
Robert Wanenchak  
Nina Patterson  
Mr & Mrs Rich and Daria LeRoy  
Jennifer Cantrell  
Anonymous

**Announcements** (cont.)

**Candles and Prayers for the Faithful and Departed**

**Health for the Living:**

Natasha Gerty offered by Robert Wanenchak  
Family and Parishioners offered by Nina Patterson  
Kavalkovich Family offered by Catherine Kavalkovich  
Damian Kavalkovich (on his birthday) offered by Catherine Kavalkovich

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

**Memory for the Departed:**

**May Their Memories Be Eternal!**

**Vigil Cross Candles – 10/30/22**

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**Please remember in your prayers:**

Ronald Kavalkovich who passed away on Monday October 17

Elton Andrews; 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 30)**

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 23 to Sat Oct 29</u>	<u>October Month to Date</u>
Attendance: 44	39 (average)
Funds In: \$ 1,773.00	\$ 7,757.00
Funds Out: (\$ 115.22) <i>Reimbursement</i>	\$11,450.93
Net Surplus/(Deficit): \$ 1,888.22	(\$ 3,693.93)

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 on ZOOM media platform.
- 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 (Nov 6)</u>	<u>Next Week (Nov 13)</u>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour:	Michael Spack	Daniel Herbert
6 <sup>th</sup> Hour:	Matthew Andrews	Simon Herbert
Epistle:	Michael Spack	Sbdcn Daniel Kavalkovich and Daniel Herbert

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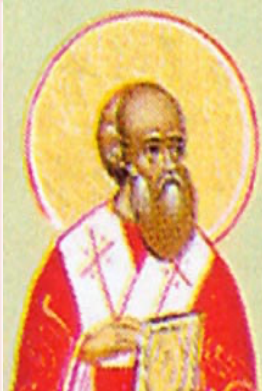
**Please continue to check our parish website, social media pages, and your emails regularly for updated information on the parish regarding parish services & events in November/December 2022.**

**Sunday, November 13** – The monthly Panikhida usually scheduled on the first Sunday of the month will be served on this date since Father Mark will still be away on a well-deserved vacation on Sunday, November 6.

**Tuesday, November 15** – Bible Study at 6:30pm on the ZOOM media platform ONLY!!! **[NOTE Change in Date!!!!]** due to Father Mark will still be away on a well-deserved vacation on Tuesday, November 8.

**Thursday, November 17** - Saint Olga Book Club 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 now and December 3, 2022.



## **Saint Paul the Confessor, Archbishop of Constantinople** [November 6<sup>th</sup>]

Saint Paul the Confessor, Archbishop of Constantinople, was chosen to the patriarchal throne after the death of Patriarch Alexander (+ 340), when the Arian heresy had again flared up. Many of the Arians were present at the Council which selected the new Archbishop of Constantinople. They revolted in opposition to the choice of Saint Paul, but the Orthodox at the Council were in the majority.

The emperor Constantius, ruling over the Eastern half of the Roman Empire, was an Arian. He was not in Constantinople for the election of the Archbishop, and so it took place without his consent. Upon his return, he convened a council which illegally deposed Saint Paul, and the emperor banished him from the capital. In place of the saint they elevated Eusebius of Nicomedia, an impious heretic. Archbishop Paul withdrew to Rome, where other Orthodox bishops were also banished by Eusebius.

Eusebius did not rule the Church of Constantinople for long. When he died, Saint Paul returned to Constantinople, and was greeted by his flock with love. But Constantius exiled the saint a second time, and so he returned to Rome. The Western emperor Constans wrote a harsh letter to his Eastern co-ruler, which he sent to Constantinople along with the holy exiled archpastor. The threats worked, and Saint Paul was reinstated upon the archepiscopal throne.

But soon the pious emperor Constans, a defender of the Orthodox, was treacherously murdered during a palace coup. They again banished Saint Paul from Constantinople and this time sent him off in exile to Armenia, to the city of Cucusus, where he endured a martyr's death.

When the Archbishop was celebrating the Divine Liturgy, Arians rushed upon him by force and strangled him with his own omophorion. This occurred in the year 350. In 381, the holy Emperor Theodosius the Great solemnly transferred the relics of Saint Paul the Confessor from Cucusus to Constantinople. In 1326, the relics of Saint Paul were transferred to Venice.

Saint Athanasius the Great, a contemporary of Saint Paul, writes briefly about his exiles, "Saint Paul the first time was sent by Constantine to Pontus, the second time he was fettered with chains by Constantius, and then he was locked up in Mesopotamian Syngara and from there moved to Emesus, and the fourth time to Cappadocian Cucusus in the Taurian wilderness."

