

## Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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### Sunday, November 13, 2022 | 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 5 – Saint John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople (407)  
Martyrs Antoninus, Micephorus, and Germanus, of Caesarea in Palestine (308)  
Martyr Manetha of Caesarea in Palestine (307-8)

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### Weekly Schedule

- Today: The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Primatial Election of His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon
- Today: Monthly Panikhida (Rescheduled from last Sunday)
- Tuesday: November 15 – Beginning of Advent (The Nativity Fast!!!)
- Tuesday: November 15 – Bible Study at 6:30PM on the ZOOM media platform ONLY!!  
(Just during the Winter Season)
- Thursday: November 17 – Book Club is **CANCELLED!**  
[See Page 7 of this bulletin for the December schedule]
- Saturday: November 19 – Great Vespers at **4:00PM!**
- Sunday: November 20 – Forefeast of the Entrance into the Temple  
Reading of Hours – 9:30am  
Divine Liturgy – **10:00am**  
*Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy*

## Texts for the Liturgical Service

### **Troparion (Tone 5)**

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, / co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, / born for our salvation from the Virgin; / for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, / to endure death, / and to raise the dead // by His glorious Resurrection.

### **Troparion (Tone 8 – Saint John)**

Grace shining forth from thy lips like a beacon has enlightened the universe. / It has shown to the world the riches of poverty. / It has revealed to us the heights of humility. / Teaching us by thy words O Father John Chrysostom, // intercede before the Word Christ our God, to save our souls!

### **Kontakion (Tone 5)**

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, / shattering its gates as Almighty, / resurrecting the dead as Creator, / and destroying the sting of death. / Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, // and we cry to Thee: “O Lord, save us!”

### **Kontakion (Tone 6 – Saint John)**

Having received divine grace from heaven, / with thy mouth thou dost teach all men to worship one God in Trinity. / All-blessed and venerable John Chrysostom, // we worthily praise thee, for thou art our teacher, revealing things divine.

### **Prokeimenon (Tone 5)**

Thou, O Lord, shall protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever!  
v. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.

### **Prokeimenon (Tone 1 – Saint John)**

My mouth shall speak wisdom; / the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

### **Epistle Reading: Galatians 6:11-18**

See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Alleluia (3x's) (Tone 5)

- v. I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation. Alleluia (3x's)
- v. For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens. Alleluia (3x's)
- v. The mouth of the righteous meditates wisdom and his tongue speaks of judgment. Alleluia (3x's) [TONE 2]

**Gospel Reading: Luke 10:25-37**

And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" So he answered and said, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.' " And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves? And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

**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 Saint John Chrysostom are as follows:  
Epistle – Hebrews 7:26-8:2 and Gospel – John 10:9-16]*

**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

**Welcome Back Father Mark from your trip to the country of Georgia!!!**

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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	Anonymous
Robert Wanenchak	Dr. & Mrs. David and Erin Albrecht
Nina Patterson	Mrs. Catherine Kavalkovich
Mr & Mrs Rick and Daria LeRoy	Patricia Amoroso
Jennifer Cantrell	Anonymous

### **In Memory of Marc Ferguson Sr. – HVAC Project Donations**

Patricia Ferguson

**Announcements** (cont.)

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

**Health for the Living:**

Kavalkovich Family offered by David Pellack  
Family and Friends offered by M/M K Kavalkovich

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

**Memory for the Departed:**

Ronald Kavalkovich Sr. offered by Nina Patterson  
Ronald, Andrew, and Albert Kavalkovich offered by Catherine Kavalkovich  
Ronald Kavalkovich Sr & Marc Ferguson Sr offered by M/M K Kavalkovich

**May Their Memories Be Eternal!**

**Vigil Cross Candles – 11/6/22**

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**Please remember in your prayers:**

Ronald Kavalkovich Sr. who passed away on Monday October 17  
Ronald's 40<sup>th</sup> Day of Remembrance is Friday, November 25 but will be observed at the parish with a  
Panikhida on Sunday, November 27.

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 November 6)**

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/November)**

	<u>Week of Sun Oct 30 to Sat Nov 5</u>	<u>October Month (Unaudited)</u>
Attendance:	24	36 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 2,178.05	\$ 9,935.05
Funds Out:	\$ 1,918.45	\$11,450.93
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 259.60	(\$ 1,515.88)

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 13)</u>	<u>Next Week (Nov 20)</u>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour:	Daniel Herbert	Reader Mark Klus
6 <sup>th</sup> Hour:	Simon Herbert	David Pellack
Epistle:	Subdeacon Daniel Kavalkovich and Daniel Herbert	Reader Mark Klus

### 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.

**Thursday, November 17 - Saint Olga Book Club is CANCELLED on this date!**

**The December schedule for Saint Olga Book Club is as follows:**

**Thursday, December 1 at 6:30pm on the ZOOM media platform.**

**Thursday, December 22 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)**

**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 John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople** [November 13<sup>th</sup>]

The below piece is an excerpt on the life of Saint John Chrysostom. To read the full passage, please visit the OCA website under the title Lives of the Saints.

Saint John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople, one of the Three Hierarchs [January 30], was born at Antioch in about the year 347 into the family of a military commander. He turned himself to the profound study of Holy Scripture and prayerful contemplation. He was baptized in 367.

In his pastoral zeal to provide Christians with a better understanding of Holy Scripture, Saint John employed hermeneutics, an interpretation and analysis of the Word of God (i.e. exegesis). Among his exegetical works are commentaries on entire books of the Holy Scripture (Genesis, the Psalter, the Gospels of Matthew and John, the Epistles of the Apostle Paul), and also many homilies on individual texts of the Holy Bible, but also instructions on the Feastdays, laudations on the Saints, and also apologetic (i.e. defensive) homilies (against Anomoeans, Judaizers and pagans). As a priest, Saint John zealously fulfilled the Lord's command to care for the needy. Under Saint John, the Antiochian Church provided sustenance each day to as many as 3,000 virgins and widows, not including in this number the shut-ins, wanderers and the sick.

Saint John began his commentary on Genesis at the beginning of Great Lent in 388, preaching thirty-two homilies during the forty day period. During Holy Week he spoke of how Christ was betrayed, and about the Cross. During Bright Week, his pastoral discourse was devoted to the Resurrection. His exegesis of the Book of Genesis was concluded only at the end of October (388).

At Pascha in the following year the saint began his homilies on the Gospel of John, and toward the end of the year 389 he took up the Gospel of Matthew. In the year 391 the Christians of Antioch listened to his commentary on the Epistles of the holy Apostle Paul to the Romans and to the Corinthians. In 393 he explained the Epistles to the Galatians, the Ephesians, Timothy, Titus, and the Psalms. In his homily on the Epistle to the Ephesians, Saint John denounced a schism in Antioch, "I tell you and I witness before you, that to tear asunder the Church means nothing less than to fall into heresy. The Church is the house of the heavenly Father, one Body and one Spirit."

The fame of the holy preacher grew, and in the year 397 with the death of Archbishop Nectarius of Constantinople, successor to Saint Gregory the Theologian, Saint John Chrysostom was summoned from Antioch, and elected to the See of Constantinople. At the capital, the holy archpastor was not able to preach as often as he had at Antioch. Many matters awaited the saint's attention, and he began with the most important -- the spiritual perfection of the priesthood. He himself was the best example of this. The financial means apportioned for the archbishop were channeled by the saint into the upkeep of several hospices for the sick and two hostels for pilgrims. He fasted strictly and ate very little food, and usually refused invitations to dine because of his delicate stomach.