

## Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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### Sunday, October 13, 2024 | 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 7 – Commemoration of Holy Fathers of 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council  
Martyr Carpus, m Papyrus, agathadorus, and Agathonica, at Pergamus  
Venerable Benjamin of the Kiev caves (Far Caves – 14<sup>th</sup> c.)

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### Weekly Schedule

Saturday: October 19 – Great Vespers at **4:00PM**

Sunday: October 20 – Greatmartyr Artemius at Antioch  
Reading of Hours – 9:30am  
Divine Liturgy – **10:00am**  
Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Sunday: October 20 - Dining Out in Delaware – **1:30PM**  
The Taco Grande restaurant is located at the Wilmington Riverfront area in Wilmington, DE. This is our annual social event for the parish. Please speak or get in contact with Matushka Jan Koczak if you would like to attend. Further information is noted on page 7 of this bulletin.

## 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 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 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 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 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!

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

Blessed art Thou, O Lord god of our Fathers and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever!

### **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.

Allelui a (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)
- v. The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising sun to its setting. Alleluia (3x's) (TONE 1)

**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 and are choked with cares, riches, and 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 and 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: Today's readings for the Sunday 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

### **40 Days for Life FALL Vigil – September 25 to November 3**

The campaign is a peaceful vigil. They are not a political organization or a protest group. They stand and pray as a peaceful physical presence and witness for the lives of the unborn, who cannot speak for themselves. Please visit their website: <https://www.40daysforlife.com> for a campaign location near your area.

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### **2025 Saint Tikhon's Monastery Calendar - Taking orders now:**

The parish will once again be ordering 2025 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 in the church basement to do so.

The cost of the 2025 St Tikhon's calendars is \$8 per calendar. The deadline for ordering these calendars will be: Sunday, November 3, 2024!

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### **Martyrs Carpus, Papyrus, Agathodorus, and Agathonica, at Pergamum [October 13]**

The Martyrs Carpus, Papyrus, Agathodorus and Agathonike suffered at Pergamum during the persecution of Decius in the third century.

The governor of the district where the saints lived discovered that Carpus and Papyrus did not celebrate the pagan festivals. He ordered that the transgressors be arrested and persuaded to accept the Roman pagan religion. The saints replied that they would never worship false gods. The judge then ordered them to be bound in iron chains and led through the city, and then to be tied to horses and dragged to the nearby city of Sardis.

Agathodorus and Agathonike voluntarily followed after Carpus and Papyrus. Saint Agathonike was choked to death with ox sinews and Saints Carpus, Papyrus and Agathodorus were beheaded in Sardis.

During his life Saint Papyrus was known for his gift of curing the sick. Since his martyrdom, he has granted healing to all who pray to him with faith.

**Announcements** (cont.)

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

**Health for the Living:**

Parishioners offered by the Reader David Pellack  
Parishioners offered by Nina Patterson  
Ethan Andrews (newborn), Kenneth, Anastasia and her unborn child, Catherine, Alexander, Selena, Christina, Matthew, Barbara, Patricia, Family and Friends offered by M/M K Kavalkovich

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

**Memory for the Departed:**

Emily Gerasimoff offered by M/M K Kavalkovich

**May Their Memories Be Eternal!**

**Vigil Cross Candles – 10/6/24**

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**Please remember in your prayers:**

Ethan Alfred Andrews (newly born on Monday, September 30 at 11:08PM \* 6lbs. 2oz. & 18.9 inches long), his big brother Gabriel, his parents Matthew & Christina Andrews, his grandparents Barbara & Norman Andrews, and his great-grandmother Catherine Kavalkovich. May God Grant Ethan and his family Many Blessed Years!!

All of those effected by both Hurricane Helene and Milton these past few weeks

Natalie Patterson-Nedbal and her unborn child; Darren Bodnar; Jane Kelly; Anne (Homa) Killoran; Sheba Patton; Joseph Renzetti; Fania Wanenchak and all those who are serving in our Armed Forces!

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## 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/October)**

<u>Week of Sun Sep 29 to Sat Oct 5</u>	<u>September Month (Unaudited)</u>	
Attendance:	36	32 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 1,270.70	\$21,230.70
Funds Out:	\$ 9,590.89	\$ 4,956.65
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	<b>(\$ 8,320.19)</b>	\$16,274.05

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

## 2024 Monthly/Quarterly Schedule

- 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.
- 4<sup>th</sup> 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 13)</u>	<u>Next Week (Oct 20)</u>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour:	Reader Mark Klus	Reader Mark Klus
6 <sup>th</sup> Hour:	Reader David Pellack	Reader David Pellack
Epistle:	Reader Mark Klus	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.

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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 2024.

### Sunday, October 20, 2024 – Dining Out in Delaware – 1:30PM

This is short notice, but the parish is planning to have a dining out event on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30PM at **Taco Grande at the Wilmington Riverfront** in Delaware. If we have just one table, then 10 people is the maximum number for that table. If others want to “host” a second table, please get in contact with Matushka Jan Koczak, then we could have a second table with a maximum number of 12. Matushka Jan will provide the details on what the participants will have to do in “hosting” a second table. For now, the first 10 people to respond will get a table. Encouraging everyone who could to attend, especially those who were unable to attend the outing last year. Please see the email that was sent out by Matushka Jan on Friday, October 4 around 6:00PM for more information. Thank You!

UPDATE: As of yesterday (October 12), the parish has 6 confirmed attending this event. The deadline date for Matushka Jan to finalize the number of those attending the afternoon luncheon and confirm to Taco Grande is **Tuesday, October 15.** Please see the second email that was sent out by Matushka Jan on Thursday, October 10 around 11:45AM for more information!



## Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council [October 13<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.

## Saint Joseph, Catholicos of Georgia [October 17<sup>th</sup>]

On Thursday the church observes Saint Joseph (Jandierishvili). He received his spiritual education at David-Gareji Monastery. He was endowed by the Lord with the gift of wonderworking. His prayers healed the terminally ill and demon-possessed. For his wisdom and virtue, he was consecrated bishop of Rustavi, and in 1755 enthroned as Catholicos-Patriarch. Saint Joseph remained a monk-ascetic in spite of his hierarchical rank.

In 1764 Holy Catholicos Joseph, like Saint Gregory the Theologian, humbly stepped down from the archpastor’s throne and withdrew to Akhmeta in northeastern Georgia. With his own hands he cultivated a vineyard and distributed his harvest to the poor. The climate in that region was capricious—droughts were frequent, and hail would devastate the fragile crops, laying waste to the farmers’ labors. But while Saint Joseph was laboring there, the region suffered neither drought nor hail.

Through Saint Joseph’s prayers, the sick were healed and the blind received sight. Those who dwelt near him loved him deeply and put their hope in him. Saint Gabriel the Lesser remarked joyfully in one of his writings: “Once I saw and two times I kissed the hand of this holy man.”

Having lived in godliness to a ripe old age, Catholicos Joseph reposed peacefully in the year 1770.