

Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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Sunday, October 23, 2022 | 19th Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 2 – Holy Apostle James (Jacob), the Brother of the Lord (ca 63)
Saint Ignatius, Patriarch of Constantinople (877-8)
Translation of the Relics of Bl. Yakov (James) of Borovichi (ca 1540)

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Weekly Schedule

- Today: 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 – St Olga Book Club Meeting is **CANCELLED** this month!
[Father Mark will be away on vacation]
- Saturday: October 29 – Great Vespers - **CANCELLED!!!**
- Sunday: October 30 – Hieromartyr Zenobius & his sister Zenobia
Reading of Hours – 9:30am
Typika (Readers) Service with Communion will be served – **10:00am**
Divine Liturgy service will NOT be held since Father Mark is on vacation
Fellowship Coffee Hour to follow the Divine Liturgy

Texts for the Liturgical Service

Troparion (Tone 2)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, / Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. / And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, / all the powers of heaven cried out: // “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

Troparion (Tone 4 – Saint James)

As the Lord’s disciple thou didst receive the Gospel, O righteous James; / as a martyr thou hast unfailing courage; / as God’s brother, thou hast boldness; / as a hierarch, thou hast the power to intercede. // Pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved.

Kontakion (Tone 2)

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, / seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! / The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, // and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

Kontakion (Tone 4 – Saint James)

When God the Word, the Only-begotten of the Father, / came to live among us in these last days, / He declared thee, venerable James, to be the first shepherd and teacher of Jerusalem / and a faithful steward of the spiritual Mysteries. // Therefore, we all honor thee, O Apostle.

Prokeimenon (Tone 2)

The Lord is my strength and my song; / He has become my salvation.
v. The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.

Another Prokeimenon (Tone 8 – Saint James)

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe!

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands. It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago – whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows – such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows – how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me. And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Alleluia (3x’s) (Tone 2)

- v. May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect thee! Alleluia (3x's)
- v. Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call to Thee! Alleluia (3x's)
- v. The heavens will praise Thy wonders, O Lord; and Thy truth in the congregation of the saints. [TONE 1] Alleluia (3x's)

Gospel Reading: Luke 16:19-31

There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. 'And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, 'for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'

Communion Hymn:

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise him in the highest!
 Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe! Alleluia (3x's)

*[Note: The readings for the Holy Apostle James are as follows:
 Epistle – Galatians 1:11-19 and Gospel – Matthew 13:54-58]*

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 from Monday, October 24 to Wednesday, November 9 traveling over to the country of Georgia.

While Father Mark and Matushka Jan are away, as of the printing of this bulletin, the parish will be having the Readers (Typika) Service over the next two Sundays 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.

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.

ADVENT GIVING – Donations for Saint Tikhon's Seminary

Parish will be accepting food donations starting on Sunday, October 9 for supplying 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.

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:

Patricia, Catherine, Levi, Emily, Anna, Edward, Mary, Michelle and her unborn child, Nora Rose, Joseph, William, Anastasia, Colin, Alex, Selena, Patricia, Veronica, Paul, Kenneth offered by M/M K Kavalkovich
Sis Schilliro offered by Nina Patterson
Andrews, Coan, and Kavalkovich Families offered by Catherine Kavalkovich

May God Grant Them Many Blessed Years!

Memory for the Departed:

Michael Bolinski offered by M/M Herbert
Vito, Anne, Helen, June offered by M/M K Kavalkovich
Joe Grosch offered by Melanie Albrecht

May Their Memories Be Eternal!

Vigil Cross Candles – 10/16/22

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Please remember in your prayers:

Ronald Kavalkovich who passed away this past 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 16)

Sidewalk Repair Donation (Small Block) – Anonymous

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)

Week of Sun Oct 9 to Sat Oct 15

October Month to Date

Attendance:	32	35 (average)
Funds In:	\$ 1,014.00	\$ 4,295.00
Funds Out:	\$ 8,818.56	\$11,456.23
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	(\$ 7,804.56)	(\$ 7,161.23)

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 on ZOOM media platform.
- 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 23)</u>	<u>Next Week (Oct 30)</u>
3 rd Hour:	Matthew Andrews	Michael Wanenchak
6 th Hour:	Daniel Herbert	Simon Herbert
Epistle:	Subdeacon Daniel Kavalkovich and Matthew Andrews	Michael Wanenchak

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)**

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/November 2022.

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)

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.

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.



Apostle James, the Brother of the Lord [October 23rd]

Holy Apostle James, the Brother of God (Adelphotheos) was the son of Righteous Joseph the Betrothed of the Most Holy Theotokos (December 26). From his early years James was a Nazarene, a man especially dedicated to God. The Nazarenes vowed to preserve their virginity, to abstain from wine, to refrain from eating meat, and not to cut their hair. The vow of the Nazarenes symbolized a life of holiness and purity, commanded formerly by the Lord for all Israel. When the Savior began to teach the the nation about the Kingdom of God, Saint James believed in Christ and became His apostle. He was chosen as the first Bishop of Jerusalem.

Saint James presided over the Council of Jerusalem and his word was decisive (Acts 15). In his thirty years as bishop, Saint James converted many of the Jews to Christianity. Annoyed by this, the Pharisees and the Scribes plotted together to kill Saint James. They led the saint up on the pinnacle of the Jerusalem Temple and asked what he thought of Jesus. The holy Apostle began to bear witness that Christ is the Messiah, which was not the response the Pharisees were expecting. Greatly angered, the Jewish teachers threw him off the roof. The saint did not die immediately, but gathering his final strength, he prayed to the Lord for his enemies while they were stoning him. Saint James' martyrdom occurred about 63 A.D.

The holy Apostle James composed a Divine Liturgy, which formed the basis of the Liturgies of Saints Basil the Great and John Chrysostom. The Church has preserved an Epistle of Saint James, one of the books of the New Testament.

In 1853, Patriarch Hierotheus of Alexandria sent to Moscow a portion of the relics of Saint James. The Church distinguishes between the holy Apostle James the Brother of God, and Saint James the son of Zebedee (April 30) and Saint James the son of Alphaeus (October 9).

