

May 22nd, 2016

**IC XC NI KA** **HOLY ASSUMPTION**  
Orthodox Church In America

**Today's commemorated feasts and saint**

**4th SUNDAY OF PASCHA** — **Tone 3.** Paralytic. Martyr Basiliscus, Bishop of Comana (ca. 308). Commemoration of the Second Ecumenical Council (381). St. John (Vladimir), Ruler of Serbia (1015). Monk Martyr Paul of the Lavra (Mt. Athos—1818).

**Our Vision: To know and love Christ, sharing His love with others**



**Tone 3 Troparion (Resurrection)**

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead.

He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world// great mercy.

**Tone 3 Kontakion (from the Pentecostarion)**

By Your divine intercession, O Lord, as You raised up the Paralytic of old, so raise up my soul, paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts; so that being saved I may sing to You:// “Glory to Your power, O compassionate Christ!”

**Tone 8 Kontakion (Pascha)**

You descended into the tomb, O Immortal, You destroyed the power of death. In victory You arose, O Christ God, proclaiming: “Rejoice!” to the Myrrhbearing omen// granting peace to Your Apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

**Tone 1 Prokeimenon**

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on You! (Ps 32/33:22) *v: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!* (Ps 32/33:1)

**Epistle Acts 9:32-43**

**Tone 5 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*v: I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation. (Ps 88/89:1)*

*v: For You have said: “Mercy will be established forever; Your truth will be prepared in the heavens.” (Ps 88/89:2)*

**Gospel John 5:1-15**

*(Instead of “It is truly meet ...,” we sing:)*

The Angel cried to the Lady, full of grace: “Rejoice, O pure Virgin! Again, I say: ‘Rejoice, your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb! With Himself He has raised all the dead.’” Rejoice, O ye people!

Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem! The glory of the Lord has shone on you. Exult now, and be glad, O Zion!

Be radiant, O pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection of your Son!

**Communion Hymns** Receive the Body of Christ; taste the Fountain of immortality! Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest!  
*(Ps 148:1) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*



## Announcements

**Big News** – Father Stacey will be starting a second job! This job is not year-round, but is seasonal in nature, and he will work in the summer and fall but will be done before Christmas. This has become necessary due to the increasing debt and financial strain on our family. Our situation has become unworkable. It is important to understand that I did not go out and decide to do this on his own, but was blessed to do this by the Bishop and with the approval of the parish council. It was an act of obedience to what I perceived to be God's will for me and my family – a necessary thing in order for me to stay at Holy Assumption. For those who would like to see a copy of the Bishop's letter, it is on the parish council bulletin board.

I am very committed to our parish and its people. I am not abandoning you! I am very committed to doing my best to continue to try to be the best priest I can for you. The job is flexible enough that I hope conflicts can be kept to a minimum. Please keep me in your prayers, and with God's help and your support, we can make this work!

## HOLY ASSUMPTION is hosting the Small Parish Forum 2016

Registration is now open for the 2016 Small Parish Forum jointly sponsored by the OCA's diocese of Western Pennsylvania and the Midwest at Holy Assumption Church July 14-16, 2016. **AND is free for Holy Assumption Parishioners BUT you must register at :** <http://tinyurl.com/ocaspf2016>

"Titled 'The Small Parish: Possibilities and Opportunities,' the forum is open to clergy and laity interested in inspiring and motivating parishes with memberships of 75 or less to accept their calling to live a life in Christ without necessarily becoming 'big,'" according to Joseph Kormos, Forum Chairperson and Parish Development Ministry Leader for the Archdiocese of Pittsburgh. "Just as a clinic is not a large metropolitan hospital with fewer beds, small churches are not immature mini-versions of larger parishes. They think, act and feel different and, while their resources are limited, they can worship well, care for one another, teach, serve their community and share Christ's love with others. Doing so requires they not use their small size as an excuse for inactivity and mediocrity but rather harness the intimacy and close relationships inherent in their modest size."

"This is not merely a repeat of previous Small Parish Forums", said Archpriest Daniel Rentel, the Forum's Chairperson Emeritus. "We've recruited outstanding speakers to cover new territory. Most sessions will be completely fresh, so past attendees will find it easy to supplement past insights. Much of the content consists of topics requested by past attendees, including understanding your neighborhood, structuring youth and education efforts in small churches, evangelizing as a small church, and the role of the bi-vocational pastor."

"Forum sessions will offer actionable tips and good practices for strengthening small parishes that will be valuable to clergy and lay leaders alike," Mr. Kormos added.

Faculty will include Fathers Eric Tosi, Marc Vranes, Peter Baktis, Daniel Mathewson, Justin Patterson, and Jonathan Bannon and Mr. Benedict Sheehan and Mr. Joseph Kormos. For clergy and lay leaders from small Orthodox churches, the Small Parish Forum is an intimate, conference designed to share helpful, hopeful ideas and tools for stabilizing and strengthening parish life.

## WELCOME VISITORS!

We are delighted to have visitors worship with us, and we pray that you will be blessed in your time with us! Regarding participation in the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion is treated with the utmost respect and reverence in the Orthodox Church, *and it is the rule that only practicing Orthodox Christians may receive it.* Our non-Orthodox guests are welcome, however, to participate with us in any other way they may desire, and are welcome to join us in venerating the Cross and receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

## Please Join us for Coffee Hour after Divine Liturgy in the Social Hall!

*If this is your first visit to our parish, we welcome you and invite you to return as often as you are able. For those interested in learning more about Orthodox Christianity please ask any of our church community – or feel free to contact Fr Stacey. Our parish library is available for your reading interests. Children are welcome to join church school classes after liturgy.*



## CONFESSIONS

Fr Stacey can usually hear confessions after any weekday service or after Saturday Vespers. He is also available by appointment, or during his regular office hours.

### Mission Statement:

Bringing the love of Christ to our community through prayer, worship, fellowship, discipleship, service, and outreach within the tradition of historic

Going to miss a service? Listen online to our Divine Liturgy and other Orthodox Christian Teachings INBN.net

### Coffee Hour Schedule

**MAY 22** POWELL, BLANCHARD, LEWIS, MUDRAK, FEDORKO

**MAY 29** WAGSTER, KOSITA, ARCHER, RICHTER

**JUNE 5** KISHA, MONAHAN, KISHA-WISE, MATHEWSON

**JUNE 12** WESCOTT, CROSTON, HAYWOOD, BYRNES

**JUNE 19** MANOS, MANOS, HOFFMAN, VORKAPICH

**JUNE 26** HUBA, MILLER, BRANDON, KRAJCI, MAILAT



## Upcoming Services

Sunday, May 22nd

9:10 Hours

9:30 Divine Liturgy

11:00 Coffee Hour

11:30-12:15 Church School

Wednesday, May 25th

6:30 Akathist to Our Lord Jesus

Saturday, May 28th

5:00 Great Vespers

Sunday, May 29th

9:10 Hours

9:30 Divine Liturgy

11:00 Coffee Hour

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