

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

July 19th, 2015

**Tone 6 Troparion (Resurrection)**  
 The Angelic Powers were at Your tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Your grave, seeking Your most pure body. You took hell captive, // not being tempted by it. You came to the Virgin, granting life. // O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

**Tone 8 Troparion (Holy Fathers)**  
 You are most glorious, O Christ our God! You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth. Through them You have guided us to the true aith. // O greatly compassionate One, glory to You!

**Tone 4 Troparion (St Seraphim)**  
 You loved Christ from your youth, O blessed one, and, longing to work for Him alone, you struggled in the wilderness in constant prayer and labor. With penitent heart and great love for Christ you were favored by the Mother of God. Therefore we cry to you: // “Save us by your prayers, venerable Seraphim, our father!”

**Tone 6 Kontakion (Resurrection)**  
 When Christ God the Giver of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race. // He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

**Tone 8 Kontakion (Holy Fathers)**  
 The Apostles’ preaching and the Fathers’ doctrines have established one Faith for the Church. Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theol-ogy, // it defines and glorifies the great mystery of piety.

**Tone 2 Kontakion (St Seraphim)**  
 Forsaking the beauty as well as the corruption of this world, you settled in the monastery of Sarov, O Saint. There you lived an angelic life, becoming for many the way to salvation. Therefore, Christ has glorified you, Father Seraphim, enriching you with abundant healing and miracles. // So we cry to you: “Save us by your prayers, venerable Seraphim, our father!”

**Today’s commemorated feasts and saints**  
 7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — **Tone 6. Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Seraphim of Sarov (1903). Fathers of the 1st Six Ecumenical Councils.** Ven. Macrina, sister of St. Basil the Great (380). Ven. Dius, Abbot, of Antioch (ca. 430). Rt. Blv. Román, Prince of Riazan’ (1270). Ven. Paísii of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—14th c.). Bl. Stephen (1427), King of Serbia, and his mother, St. Milita (1405).

**Tone 4 Prokeimenon (Song of the Three Children)**  
 Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever! (Song of the three Holy Children, v. 3)

*v: For You are just in all that You have done for us! (v. 4)*

**Tone 7 Prokeimenon**  
 Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. (Ps 115/116:15)

**Epistle Romans 15:1-7**  
 Hebrews 13:7-16 (Holy Fathers)

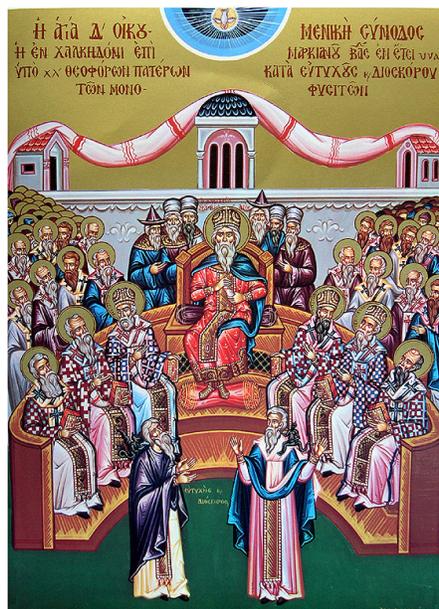
**Tone 1**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
*v: The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. (Ps 49/50:1)*

*v: Gather to Me, My venerable ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice! (Ps 49/50:5)*

**Tone 6 v: Blessed is the man who fears the Lord; he will delight exceedingly in His commandments. (Ps 111/112:1)**

**Gospel Matthew 9:27-35**



Hello Holy Assumption!

I hope this letter finds you well. I have really been missing our community in the past few weeks.

That being said, I love Brazil! When I first arrived here in Bauru, I was greeted by a bunch of students who are a part of the organization that brought me here. There were probably around ten people there (I was not expecting to meet that many people right away), and they were all so welcoming and nice. It must be a part of Brazilian culture, because that same welcoming spirit exists in every person I have met here so far.

Contrary to what most people imagine, my life here is very normal, aside from a few little things (like square toilet seats). I came here to teach English, not have an 8-month vacation on the beach. Bauru isn't a very large city (a little larger than Canton), so there's not always a whole lot going



on, but I think it's perfect. It's safe enough for me to walk to work every day, and I can take the bus wherever I want. I live in an apartment with three other Brazilian girls, all in university, which is great because I have gotten to know a lot of people my age here. There's a running avenue really close to where I live, so I run there often. I've recently joined a sand volleyball team, and am thinking of joining the indoor team as well.

Teaching English is weird, because I don't normally have to explain what I'm saying in English. I teach adults and university students, and they sometimes ask questions that can be really difficult to answer, especially because I don't remember how I learned English—I just learned it. On the contrary, learning Portuguese has been difficult, but I can already tell that I've improved. Sometimes it can be difficult though, mostly because Brazilians speak very fast, and also because everyone wants to practice English with me.

I still have not found a church to regularly attend. I have been to a few Catholic masses, but I recently heard of an Orthodox Church that is here in Bauru. I have no idea where it is or how to get there, but I plan on looking for it soon!

Last weekend I went to São Paulo with my roommate, and we stayed with her family there. It was awesome! São Paulo is the largest city in South America, with 20 million residents. I had a great time there exploring, and I definitely plan on going back soon. I have also bought a plane ticket to visit Salvador next week, so that will be exciting too.

I thank you for your prayers and support!

In Christ, Michal

## Announcements

The **All-American Council** of the Orthodox Church in America will meet in Atlanta from July 20-24. The Diocese of the Midwest's Diocesan Assembly will also meet in Atlanta on Monday July 20 all day, with the All-American Council beginning on Monday Evening. Please pray for these!

Fr Stacey will be in Atlanta for both of these, while **Jonathan Lincoln**, one of our seminarians, will be at the **All-American Council** as our Lay Delegate. In case of pastoral emergency please call Fr. Basil Shaheen at 330-497-9677.

As most of you will have noticed, the new **air conditioning** unit has been installed and is working well! The total cost for the unit and installation was \$9,418.00. Some have been asking if they could donate toward this. Certainly! We have not yet paid for it, and every little bit helps. If anyone would like to donate towards the expenses incurred for the installation, you may do so by simply writing a check and noting "air conditioner" in the memo. Thank you for your generosity!

The **Volunteer Sign Up Sheets** have been posted on the Bulletin Board for the Upcoming *Children's Festival*. There are several different categories, Rides Games, Setup, Etc. Please consider joining this important outreach to our community. St Anne's will be providing dinner after the cleanup at 6 PM (ish) Set up after for the event will start after coffee hour at about 1145 am, officially starting for guests at 1 PM to 5 PM then tear down / cleanup thereafter.

Also, please note that if you would like to *donate toward anything specific in the church*, all you need to do is write a normal check payable toward Holy Assumption and *mark what you are interested in donating toward* on the memo line. But note that designated donations do not count toward your yearly pledge amount. The yearly pledge amounts are used to calculate our budget and are used for the regular operating expenses of the church.

Our annual **Parish Picnic** will take place next **Sunday July 26 at Alpine Park** immediately following Divine Liturgy. Please see flyer on the bulletin board.

## 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 Orthodox Christianity.

Going to miss a service? Listen online to our Divine Liturgy and other Orthodox Christian Teachings [INBN.net](http://INBN.net)

#### Coffee Hour Schedule

See Bulletin board for the list



#### This Week:

<i>Today</i>	
<b>Hours</b>	<b>9:15 AM</b>
<b>Divine Liturgy</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	<b>11:15 AM</b>
<i>Wednesday</i>	
<b>Daily Vespers</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
<i>Saturday</i>	
<b>Great Vespers</b>	<b>5 PM</b>
<i>Next Sunday</i>	
<b>Hours</b>	<b>9:15 AM</b>
<b>Divine Liturgy</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	<b>11:15 AM</b>
<i>Upcoming</i>	
<b>Parish Picnic</b>	<b>Jul 26</b>
<b>Children's Festival</b>	<b>Aug 16</b>