

May 15th, 2016

HOLY ASSUMPTION

Orthodox Church In America

Today's commemorated feasts and saint

3rd SUNDAY OF PASCHA — Tone 2. Ven. Pachomius the Great, Founder of Cœnobitic Monasticism (348 A.D.). Myrrhbearing Women. St. Isaiah, Bishop and Wonderworker of Rostov (1090). The slain Crown Prince Dimitry of Uglich and Moscow (1591). Ven. Isaiah, Wonderworker of the Kiev Caves (1115). Ven. Pachomius—Abbot, and Silvanus, of Nerekhta (1384). Ven. Evfrosin (Euphrosynus), Abbot and Wonderworker of Pskov, and his disciple, Ven. Serapion (Pskov—1481). St. Achilles, Bishop of Larissa (4th c.).

Tone 2 Troparion (Resurrection)

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal, You destroyed hell with the splendor of Your God-head. And when from the depths You raised the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out:// “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!”

Tone 2 Troparion (from the Pentecostarion)

The noble Joseph, when he had taken down Your most pure Body from the Tree, wrapped it in fine linen and anointed it with spices, and placed it in a new tomb. But You rose on the third day, O Lord, // granting the world great mercy.

Tone 2 Troparion (from the Pentecostarion)

The Angel came to the Myrrhbearing Women at the tomb and said: “Myrrh is fitting for the dead; but Christ has shown Himself a stranger to corruption! So proclaim: ‘The Lord is risen, // granting the world great mercy.’”

Tone 2 Kontakion (from the Pentecostarion)

You commanded the Myrrhbearers to rejoice, O Christ God. By Your Resurrection, You stopped the lamentation of Eve, the first mother. You commanded them to preach to Your Apostles: // “The Savior is risen from the tomb!”

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 Women, // granting peace to Your Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the fallen.

Tone 6 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance! (Ps 27/28:9))

v: To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be

not silent to me! (Ps 27/28:1)

Epistle Acts 6:1-7

Tone 8 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: O Lord, You have been gracious to Your land; You have turned back the captivity of Jacob. (Ps 84/85:1)

v: Mercy and truth have met, righteousness and peace have kissed each other. (Ps 84/85:10)

Gospel Mark 15:43-16:8

(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.



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!



Announcements

From the women of Holy Assumption: Much thanks to *Shawn Monahan and the men of Holy Assumption* for the wonderful Mother's Day meal last week. Nicely done. It was fabulous!

There will be a **Saint Ann's Guild meeting** today during coffee hour. All women of the church are welcome to attend. A few things on the agenda: *Pascha recap, Monastery retreat, and updates on the kitchen project.* Join us!

Today is the **last day** for a chance to win the **Pampered Woman gift basket** (\$300+ value!) for someone special... or for yourself! Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The winner will be chosen today during coffee hour. 100% of the proceeds go to the kitchen improvement project. See Mary-Ann Frischkorn for tickets before it's too late!

We need help cleaning up the **church yard, this Saturday** we will have a weeding / gardening marathon at the church in the morning. Bring tools, gloves and any extra help you may need to help weed and clean up the church flower beds. We will begin at 8:00 am and work until 11:00 am (weather permitting) this **Saturday, May 21**. Thanks!

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

Coffee Hour Schedule

MAY 15 MANOS, MANOS, HOFFMAN, VORKAPICH
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 15th

9:10 Hours
 9:30 Divine Liturgy
 11:00 Coffee Hour
 11:30-12:15 Church School

Wednesday, May 18th

6:30 Memorial Service for the Departed

Saturday, May 21st

8 AM - 11:AM Church weeding and cleaning
 5:00 Great Vespers

Sunday, May 22nd

9:10 Hours
 9:30 Divine Liturgy
 11:00 Coffee Hour
 11:30-12:15 Church School

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