



Sunday January 22, 2017 31st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 6. Apostle Timothy of the Seventy (96). Monk Martyr Anastasius the Persian (628). Monk Martyr Anastásii, Deacon, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—12th c.). Ven. Makáry of Zhabynsk, Wonderworker (1623). Martyrs Manuel, George, Peter, Leontius—Bishops; Sionius, Gabriel, John, Leontius, Parodus—Presbyters; and 377 companions in Bulgaria (ca. 817).

This Week's Schedule

Saturday 01/28 Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 01/29 Hours 8:40 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Followed by coffee hour

Reader Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>3RD HOUR</u>	<u>6TH HOUR</u>	<u>EPISTLE</u>
Jan-22	SULPIZI	SOUDER	FINCK
Jan-29	LEWIS	PECK	PECK
<i>Feb 2</i>	<i>MEETING OF THE LORD</i>		
Feb-5	WALES	WALES	\WALES
Feb-12	SULPIZI	LEWIS	BRASOWSKI
Feb-19	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY

Hymns and Prayers

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 4 Troparion *(for Apostle Timothy)*

Having learned goodness and maintaining continence in all things,
you were arrayed with a good conscience as befits a priest.
From the chosen Vessel you drew ineffable mysteries;
you kept the faith and finished a course equal to His.//
Bishop-martyr Timothy, entreat Christ God that our souls may be saved!

Tone 4 Troparion *(for Martyr Anastasius)*

Your holy martyr Anastasius, O Lord,
through his suffering has received an incorruptible crown from You, our
God.
For having Your strength, he laid low his adversaries,
and shattered the powerless boldness of demons.//
Through his intercessions save our souls!

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 1 Kontakion*(for Apostle Timothy and Martyr Anastasius)*

Let us the faithful praise the Holy Apostle Timothy,
the companion of Paul in his travels;
and, together with, him let us honor the wise Anastasius,
who came as a star from Persia//

for the healing of the passions of our souls and the diseases of our bodies.

Tone 6 Prokeimenon

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 1 Timothy 1:15-17

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life.

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Tone 6

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God. (Ps 90/91:1)

v: He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust." (Ps 90/91:2)

Gospel Luke 18:35-43

Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging.

And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant.

So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by.

And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight."

Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

This Week's Announcement

Blessing of the Schuylkill River The Philadelphia Brotherhood of Orthodox Christian Clergy to conduct the Blessing of the Schuylkill River on Sunday - January 22, 2017 from 3-6PM

The address for the service is 2 Kelly Drive (Boat House Row), Philadelphia PA. The event is being hosted by the Anglican Fellowship of the Delaware Valley. Light Refreshments to Follow.

Parking: (metered) Art Museum Over flow Parking Lot between the Water Works Restaurant and the Boat House; On street - South Side of Kelly Drive (same side as Boat House) and Sedgley Drive which is perpendicular to and North of Kelly Drive.

For more information, contact Protodeacon Gregory Moser 215-794-8980

House Blessings Schedule Fr. Barnabas will be offering home blessings following the feast of Theophany. Please see the signup in the Narthex.

Family Promise: St. Michaels will be hosting 4 homeless families for dinner and evening fellowship on Feb. 13, 14 & 16 (Monday, Tuesday & Thursday) at St. Philips Lutheran Church on 5320 Limestone Road (Wilmington). It's a good way to share our meals, hope, compassion and love for our neighbors in need. Please sign up on the board in narthex or contact Ellen Gundersen at puffins1@verizon.net or call 610.388.0695.

Study Group Our Study group continued this past week with nine of us reading and discussing the 14th Step 'On the Clamorous Stomach' from "The Ladder of Divine Ascent". Study group will continue this Thursday at 10 a.m.. All are welcome to join us.

Basics of Orthodoxy Update We will be offering the basics of Orthodoxy class on Friday evenings during the Lenten season. We will begin the week of Meatfare, Friday evening Feb 24th following vespers. All are welcome to attend.

St Michael's Food Pantry A small food pantry bin is available to place the non-perishables for those who may come to St. Michael's in need of food. We would like to ask our community to kindly bring food items that are frozen or non-perishable, as nutritious and as minimally processed as possible. We would like to include some items that are easy to open and require little or no preparation for those who might not have fully operational kitchens, (No junk food or highly processed foods please.) If you bring frozen items, please label them as "St Michael's Food Pantry" donation and place in freezer. Thank you!

A Homeless Wanderer Who Found the Kingdom

On January 24 the Church celebrates the memory of Blessed Xenia of Petersburg. She was born in the 18th century to a noble family, and married a colonel who was a member of the Imperial Chorus. But she is probably best known as a "Fool for Christ."

This term is based on Saint Paul's words in I Corinthians 4: 10: "We are fools for Christ's sake." The men and women who became "Fools for Christ" or "Holy Fools" gave up the normal life of family, job and home. They lived in complete dependence on God, and rejected the pursuit of security, status, or the respect of other people.

Xenia's early life followed the conventional path for a young woman of her time. But it changed dramatically when her husband Andrei died suddenly at a lively evening party with his soldier companions. She had loved him dearly and was concerned that there had not been time for him to make a final confession and to receive the Eucharist before he died. We don't know exactly how her concern influenced her next actions, but we do know that she sold her considerable possessions and gave away the proceeds, began wearing Andrei's military uniform, and called herself by his name. She gave her house to a friend, stipulating that it must be used to give shelter to those who could not afford to provide shelter for themselves. Her shocked family tried to have her declared mentally incompetent, but the court found her to be of sound mind.

Xenia left Petersburg and set out on an eight-year pilgrimage, going from one monastery to another and seeking spiritual guidance from the elders and holy people she met along the way. When she returned to Petersburg, she lived as an impoverished wanderer through the streets of the city's worst slum.

Out of fear and mistrust, some people treated this strange woman in a tattered military uniform with derision, shouting or spitting at her. But others were kind, offering her a bit of food or money out of the little they had. She would always give these gifts to needy people, and became recognized for her own charity as well as the good effect she seemed to have on those around her. They began to ask for her blessing, and welcome her presence.

Xenia, like other holy fools, was given the gift of doing miracles and seeing the future. She was able to save people from coming dangers, and once bluntly told a single woman who hoped to marry, "As you sit here drinking coffee, your future husband is burying his first wife." Some time later, the woman met and married the widower to whom Xenia was referring.

In her chapter on Saint Xenia in the book *Encountering Women of Faith*, Barbara Harris succinctly describes the gift holy fools give us: "With their eyes turned toward God and through extreme poverty and humility, fools offer us an extraordinary example of a voluntary kenotic [self-emptying] life."

This weekly bulletin insert complements the curriculum published by the Department of Christian Education of the Orthodox Church in America.

This and many other Christian Education resources are available at <http://dce.oca.org>.

Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

“The person who loves God cannot help loving every man as himself, even though he is grieved by the passions of those who are not yet purified. But when they amend their lives, his delight is indescribable and knows no bounds.”

St. Maximos the Confessor

To the extent that you pray from your soul for the one who spread scandal about you, God will reveal the truth to those who were told the scandal.

- St. Maximus the Confessor, Four Hundred Chapters on Love, Fourth Century, #89

'If someone shuts a snake and a scorpion up in a bottle, in time, they will be completely destroyed. So it is with evil thoughts: they are suggested by the demons; they disappear through patience.'

St. Poemen

"Souls that love truth and God, that long with much hope and faith to put on Christ completely, do not need so much to be put in remembrance by others, nor do they endure, even for a while, to be deprived of the heavenly desire and of passionate affection to the Lord; but being wholly and entirely nailed to the cross of Christ, they perceive in themselves day by day a sense of spiritual advance towards the spiritual Bridegroom."

St Macarius

Lord, be merciful now that my life is approaching its end, and the evening awaits me. There is not enough time for me to cleanse myself of my sins, for they are so many. Heal me while I am still on earth, and I shall be truly healthy. In your mercy, move me to repent so that I shall not be ashamed when I meet you in heaven.

Saint Macarius

Prayers for the Departed: Nabil Gouda, Jesse Jones, Joseph Wojceichowski, Sofia Puit, Anwor Kawaja

Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need: Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Josef Petranin, Mat Julia Petranin, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Mat. Jennifer Franchak, Mat. Lisa Weremedic, Lemlem Resat, Alfred Mokhiber, Peter Melnik, Agnes Timchak, Olga Riley, Anna Hotrovich, Marie Holowatch, Marie Karawulan, Barbara Hicks, James Hicks, Maria Current, Anna Herko, Zack Bajuyo, Luke & Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Mona Elia, Lydia Kendall, Maria and Doug Dozier, Mary Anne Farrell, Michael Vannello, Catalina(Mary) & Jeremy (John) Finck, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, Carson, Stephen, Maria, Aiden, Peck Family, Walter Danchenka, Anne Peck, George Coyle

Prayers for Women and the Child to be born: Tatyana Klimova

Prayers for Catechumens: William Wennburg, Stephanie Smiertka

Prayers for Newly Illumined/Chrismated: Emily (Theodora) Zushi, Misty (Mary) Robinson

Date	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>	<u>Library</u>
15-Jan	Souder /Riley	Bunitsky/Lewis	Riley	Lewis
22-Jan	Peck/Wales	Elia/ Morjana	Bunitsky	Gundersen
29-Jan	Hojnicki/Flynn/ Roberts	Riley	Farrell	Farrell
3-Feb	Potluck	Sulpizi/Fink	Gerassimakis	Skomorucha

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

DATE

VESPERS and LITURGY

Jan-22

Team George

Jan-29

Team Conover

Feb-2

MEETING OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE SHARED

Feb-5

Team Gabriel

Feb-12

Team George

Feb-19

Team Conover

Attendance

1/5 Vigil: 31

1/6 Liturgy: 35

1/7 Vespers: 17

1/8 Liturgv: 85