



Sunday July 02, 2017 — 4th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 3. *The Placing of the Honorable Robe of the Most-holy Theotokos at Blachernæ (5th c.). St. Photius, Metropolitan of Kiev (1431). St. Juvenal, Patriarch of Jerusalem (ca. 458)..*

This Week's Schedule

Saturday 7/08 *Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.*

Sunday 7/09 *Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.*
followed by coffee hour

Reader Schedule

DATE	3RD HOUR	6TH HOUR	EPISTLE
July 02	RILEY	RILEY	BRASOWSKI
July 09	SOUDER	SULPIZI	CAREY
July 16	WALES	WALES	WALES
July 23	BUNITSKY	BUNITSKY	FINCK

Hymns and Prayers

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 8 Troparion *(Theotokos)*

Ever-Virgin Theotokos, protectress of mankind,
you have given your people a powerful legacy:
the robe and sash of your most honored body, which remained incorrupt
throughout your seedless childbearing;
for through you time and nature are renewed!
Therefore we implore you: “Grant peace to your people and to our souls
great mercy!”

Tone 3 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

On this day You rose from the tomb, O Merciful One,
leading us from the gates of death.
On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices;
with the Prophets and Patriarchs//
they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Your power.

Tone 4 Kontakion *(Theotokos)*

O Pure One, full of the grace of God,
you have given your sacred robe as a garment of incorruption to all the
faithful,
with it you covered your holy body,
O divine protection of all mankind.
We celebrate its enshrinement in Blachernae with love
and we cry aloud with awe:
“Rejoice, O Virgin, boast of Christians.”

Tone 3 Prokeimenon (*Resurrection*)

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! (*Ps 46/47:6*)

v: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
(*Ps 46/47:1*)

Epistle Romans 6:18-23

And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.

For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death.

But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Tone 3

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: In You, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame! (*Ps 30/31:1*)

v: Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me!
(*Ps 30/31:2*)

Gospel Matthew 8:5-13

Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented."

And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him."

The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed."

For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!"

And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.

But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.

Communion Hymn

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

This Week's Announcement

Parish Office to be Closed The parish office will be closed this week (July 2nd - 6th). If any emergency would arise requiring a priest please call Fr. Dn. James Carpenter. All other parish need should be brought to Jeff Kendall.

Parish Pot Luck/ Fellowship August 6th We invite all to stick around for our next parish potluck and extended fellowship outside (weather permitting), Sunday August 6, 2017 (Transfiguration). This day we will also be blessing of the "First Fruits". We hope that during the Summer months we can extend our pot lucks to include some extended fellowship outdoors.

Reminder: For those of you that were paying your National and Diocesan Assessments on a quarterly basis, this is just a midyear reminder for paying those assessments. The yearly assessment is \$166 per adult or \$41.50 per quarter. We have envelopes in the Narthex for your use or you can just make a notation on your check referencing the assessments. So far, we have received about \$4,800 compared to the \$14,500 that we will be assessed by the end of the year. We still have

some ways to go to reach our responsibility to the diocese. Thank you for your continued support.

Church Library Summer Reading: Now that the nice weather is upon us, recharge your spiritual life by checking out one of the books at the library table, outside the Church Hall. Our library team has set out a new selection of books, and there's something to inspire everyone: Saint's lives, books on the spiritual life, books on prayer, and books for the kiddos. Check it out today.

Traveling this Summer? Try to Go to Church! Visit the “Orthodoxy in America” website to find an Orthodox Church wherever you are heading. All the canonical Orthodox jurisdictions (OCA, Greek, Antiochian, Serbian, etc.) are listed together on this one helpful site: www.orthodoxyinamerica.org - Check it out! Also, Father Barnabas can contact a priest ahead of time for you to inform him that you would like to come for Holy Communion at the Liturgy. If you do travel, also please remember to not take a vacation from your Financial support of our parish! We are here even when you are not! Thank you, God bless your travels and come back safe and sound!

Jealousy That Kills

July 3 is the day the Church remembers a very youthful martyr: a boy named Hyacinthus or Hyacinth, who lived in Caesarea in Cappadocia in the second century.

Raised in a Christian family, Hyacinth had to face a terrible dilemma early in life. He was bright and articulate, and had a friendly, engaging manner. These qualities brought him to the attention of the emperor Trajan, who made him an assistant to the chamberlain in the royal court. The dilemma, of course, was Hyacinth's faith. The emperor and his other servants were pagans, and Trajan was among those Roman rulers who hated and feared Christians. When Hyacinth stood aside and did not take part in ceremonies of sacrifice to the pagan idols, other court members were quick to notice. They were already jealous that a high position had been given to such a young person, and now they saw their chance to curry favor with the emperor.

They denounced Hyacinth, and had him brought to trial. When he refused to sacrifice to the idols and openly stated his willingness to be sacrificed himself for Christ, the infuriated emperor had him thrown into prison. Trajan also ordered that the only nourishment Hyacinth should be given was food that had been sacrificed to idols. The emperor assumed, of course, that the boy would give in to his hunger when it became too hard to bear, and would eat the food forbidden to Christians. But Hyacinth did not, and would not, touch the food he was given. He died after a number of days, not yet having quite reached his teenage years. It happened in the year 108.

On this same day we read Romans 14: 9-18. In the first verses of this passage, Saint Paul talks about the danger of passing judgment on other people. But after asking why anyone would judge a brother, he also writes: "Or you, why do you despise your brother?" The "despising" that Paul writes about can be a form of jealousy, an attitude toward someone who is different from us and who might, we fear, have something we do not. This was the jealous fear that motivated Joseph's brothers, in Genesis, to sell him into slavery and what they thought would be his death. And it led Trajan's courtiers to bring about Hyacinth's martyrdom, though they hoped it would cause him to betray his principles when hunger became extreme.

Paul is referring in these verses to those who scrupulously keep religious laws (such as not eating meat) and then judge others who do not keep the same laws. That judgment too is a form of jealousy, a fear that even those who don't keep the laws may be accepted by God. If that happens, what advantage will the law-keepers have?

Paul urges us to abandon such concerns. He asks us "never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother" but to look to the Kingdom where we find "righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit."

Please note: Last week's insert incorrectly listed the century for Aidan of Lindisfarne and Hilda of Whitby. They are seventh-century saints.

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

Avoid by every means occasions, causes, and words that produce enmity, and avail yourself of every opportunity and occasion to show holy and sincere love.

By doing the first, the inimical disposition of the soul will little by little be eradicated, and by the second, love will be nourished and strengthened.

Do not allow yourself for a moment to have any ill-feeling against anyone; always be kind to everyone, conquering your evil disposition by the love that endureth all things and conquereth all things.

Avoid obstinacy, self-will, and opposing your neighbor; do not persist in having your own way, in order to satisfy your caprice, or in order to intentionally injure anyone.

+ *St. John of Kronstadt*

“It is madness for a Christian to be envious. In Christ we have all received infinitely great blessings.”

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“Do not let pass any opportunity to pray for anyone, either at his request or at the request of his relatives, friends, of those who esteem him, or of his acquaintances. The Lord looks favorably upon the prayer of our love, and upon our boldness before him. Besides this, prayer for others is very beneficial to the one himself who prays for others; it purifies the heart, strengthens faith and hope in God, and enkindles our love for God and our neighbor. When praying, say thus: ‘Lord, it is possible for Thee to do this or that to this servant of Thine; do this for him, for Thy name is the Merciful Love of Men and the Almighty.’”

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Prayers for the Departed: Anwor Kawaja, , Joseph Fetchina

Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need: Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Josef Petranin, Fr. John Nightingale, Sister Theophano, Mat Julia Petranin, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Mat. Jennifer Franchak, Mat. Lisa Weremedic, Lemlem Resat, Alfred Mokhiber, Peter Melnik, Olga Riley, Anna Hotrovich, Marie Holowatch, Marie Karawulan, Barbara Hicks, James Hicks, 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, George Coyle, Joanna Carey, Anthony, Nedwin & Pearl Minnich, Patricia, Ketevan, & Claramond Sensor, Jamie (James) Clause

Prayers for Women and the Child to be born: Tatyana Klimova, Elizabeth Clause, Mary (Misty) Robinson, Anna

Prayers for Catechumens: Stephanie Smiertka Riley

Prayers Newly Illumined/ Chrismated: Josephine Didonatos, Carolyn Peck, Johan Asfeha-Waters

Date	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>	<u>Library</u>
2-Jul	Pot Luck (Set up & clean up All help)	Bunitsky/Lewis	Clause/Whalen	Skomorucha
9-Jul	Oberto/ C.Peck	Elia/Morjana	Finck	Maloney
16-Jul	LaChance /Shatley /Hines	Riley	Skomorucha/Lewis	Lewis
23-Jul	Gerassimakis /Bunitsky	Sulpizi/Finck	Hines	Gundersen

Altar Server Schedule

DATE	FEAST/SPECIAL	VESPERS and LITURGY
Jul-02		Rafael
Jul-09		Roel
Jul-16		Andrew
Jul-23		Luke