



Sunday July 9, 2017 . 5th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 4. Hieromartyr Pancratius, Bishop of Taormina in Sicily (1st c.). Hieromartyr Cyril, Bishop of Gortyna in Crete (3rd-4th c.). Martyrs Paternuthius, Coprius, and Alexander the Soldier, in Egypt (4th c.). St. Theodore, Bishop of Edessa (9th c.). Ven. Paternuthius and Coprius, Ascetics, of Egypt (4th c.). Ven. Dionysius the Orator of St. Anne Skete (Mt. Athos—1606).

This Week's Schedule

Saturday 7/15 No Vespers

Sunday 5/16 Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

followed by Coffee Hour and Church School

Reader Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>3RD HOUR</u>	<u>6TH HOUR</u>	<u>EPISTLE</u>
July 09	SOUDER	SULPIZI	CAREY
July 16	WALES	WALES	WALES
July 23	BUNITSKY	BUNITSKY	FINCK
July 30	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 4 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

When the women Disciples of the Lord
learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection,
they cast away the ancestral curse
and elatedly told the Apostles:
“Death is overthrown!
Christ God is risen,//
granting the world great mercy!”

Tone 4 Troparion *(Hieromartyr Pancratius)*

By sharing in the ways of the Apostles,
you became a successor to their throne.
Through the practice of virtue, you found the way to divine
contemplation, O inspired one of God;
by teaching the word of truth without error, you defended the Faith, even
to the shedding of your blood.//
Hieromartyr Pancratius entreat Christ God to save our souls!

Tone 4 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

My Savior and Redeemer
as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their
chains.
He has shattered the gates of hell,
and as Master,//
He has risen on the third day!

Tone 4 Kontakion *(Hieromartyr Pancratius)*

Pancratius, you were revealed as a brilliant star for the people of
Taormina.
You were also shown to be a sufferer for Christ.//
Since you now stand before Him, O blessed one, pray for those who
honor you.

Tone 4 Prokeimenon

O Lor, how manifold are Your works; in wisdom have You
made them all. (*Ps 103/104:24*)

*v: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, You are very great!
(Ps 103/104:1)*

Epistle Romans 10:1-10

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved.

For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.

For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man who does those things shall live by them."

But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down from above)

or, 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach):

that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Tone 4

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth! (Ps 44/45:5)

v: For You love righteousness, and hate iniquity. (Ps 44/45:8)

Gospel Matthew 28:38-9:1

When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way.

And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?"

Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding.

So the demons begged Him, saying, "If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine."

And He said to them, "Go." So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water.

Then those who kept them fled; and they went away into the city and told everything, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men.

And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged Him to depart from their region.

So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city.

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 Open Tuesday Fr. Barnabas plans on being back in Wilmington tomorrow evening. The parish office will be opened Tuesday (July 11). Thanks to all for their patients and prayers during this time.

Blessing of Vehicles July 23rd In commemoration of the holy prophet Elijah (July 20) who was taken into heaven on a fiery chariot, we will be offering the blessing of vehicles. The glorious prophet Elijah is therefore known as the patron saint of vehicles, reminding us that we must struggle to manifest holiness in our lives, especially when we travel. The honoring of this great prophet of the Old Testament in our Holy Church dates back to Apostolic times. In the fourth century, the feast was already generally known. Our holy fathers John Chrysostom, St. Ambrose and St. Augustine have testified to his greatness, a fact which alone would prove the antiquity of this feast. The Blessing of Cars and any kind of Vehicle (Kids bring your bikes) will take place following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday July 23rd.

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!

Gabriel the Archangel

July 13 marks the Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel, the leader of the heavenly hosts of angels. The Prologue from Ochrid reminds us that we can find him in many "appearances and marvels through the whole history of the salvation of mankind."

In the Old Testament, Gabriel appears to Daniel, proclaiming to the "greatly beloved" prophet, "I have now come to give you wisdom and understanding" (Daniel 9:22-23). He imparts to Daniel a vision of both future tribulations and the coming of an "anointed one." It is clear from this encounter that angels sometimes appear in human form, for Daniel refers to his visitor as "the man Gabriel." They also sometimes fly;

Daniel says that Gabriel "came to me in swift flight at the time of the evening sacrifice."

The first chapter of the Gospel of Luke tells of two other appearances of Gabriel, both directly related to Our Lord. First the angel visits the aged priest Zechariah to tell him that he and his wife Elizabeth will not only no longer be childless, but shall have a son who "will turn many of the sons of Israel to the Lord their God." To this wonderful news, the old man gives what is definitely the wrong response: "How shall I know this?"

We can imagine the archangel turning his powerful gaze on Zechariah as he says, "I am Gabriel, who stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you, and to bring you this good news." Zechariah is temporarily rendered unable to speak because of his disbelief. In the next verses, when Gabriel tells Mary she will bear the Son of the Most High, she is surprised, and questions him, but unlike Zechariah she believes and accepts his great news.

Both Mormons and Muslims teach things about Gabriel that Christianity absolutely rejects. Mormons claim that it was Noah "in his role as the archangel Gabriel" who visited Zechariah. For Muslims, it was Gabriel who revealed the Qur'an to Mohammed. Therefore, according to Islam, the archangel considered Jesus to be a prophet of Mohammed rather than the divine and only-begotten Son of God. But in that second chapter of Luke, Gabriel tells Mary that Jesus is "the Son of the Most High" of whose "kingdom there shall be no end." Jesus, Gabriel is clearly saying, is the Savior all the prophets were readying us for, not merely a prophet himself of a messiah yet to come.

As Christians we aren't encouraged to speculate about things that are "too great and too marvelous" for us, but the prophet Daniel gives us a wonderful vision of the angels, including Gabriel, worshipping around God's throne: "A stream of fire issued and came forth from before Him; a thousand thousands served Him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him" (Daniel 7:9).

The Troparion for this day urges us to call on Gabriel: "Deliver us from harm, for you are the commander of the powers on high!"

*Troparion - Tone 4 Gabriel, commander of the heavenly hosts,
we who are unworthy beseech you, by your prayers encompass us
beneath the wings of your immaterial glory, and faithfully faithfully
preserve us who fall down and cry to you:// "Deliver us from all harm,
for you are the commander of the powers on high!"*

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 candles lit before icons of saints reflect their ardent love for God for Whose sake they gave up everything that man prizes in life, including their very lives, as did the holy apostles, martyrs and others. These candles also mean that these saints are lamps burning for us and providing light for us by their own saintly living, their virtues and their ardent intercession for us before God through their constant prayers by day and night. The burning candles also stand for our ardent zeal and the sincere sacrifice we make out of reverence and gratitude to them for their solicitude on our behalf before God.”

+ *St. John of Kronstadt*

When your faith in the Lord, either during your life and prosperity, or in the time of sickness and at the moment of quitting this life, grows weak, grows dim from worldly vanity or through illness, and from the terrors and darkness of death, then look with the mental eyes of your heart upon the companies of our forefathers, the patriarchs, prophets, and righteous ones: St. Simeon, who took the Lord up in his arms, Job, Anna the Prophetess, and others; the Apostles, prelates, venerable Fathers, martyrs, the disinterested, the righteous, and all the saints.

See how, both during their earthly life and at the time of their departure from this life, they unceasingly looked to God and died in the hope of the resurrection and of the life eternal, and strive to imitate them.

These living examples, which are so numerous, are capable to strengthen the wavering faith of every Christian in the Lord and in the future life.

Those Christian communions who do not venerate the saints and do not call upon them in prayer lose much in piety and in Christian hope. They deprive themselves of the great strengthening of their faith by the examples of men like unto themselves.

+ *St. John of Kronstadt*

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, Matushka Myra Kovalak, Lemlem Resat, Alfred Mokhiber, Peter Melnik, Olga Riley, AnnaHotrovich, Marie Holowatch, Marie Karawulan, Barbara Hicks, JamesHicks, 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

Prayers for Catechumens: Stephanie Smiertka Riley

Prayers Newly Illumined/ Chrismated: Josephine Didonatos, Carolyn Peck, Johan Asfaha-WatersPeck

Date	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>	<u>Library</u>
9-July	Oberto/ C.Peck	Elia/Morjana	Finck	Maloney
16-July	LaChance /Shatley /Hines	Riley	Skomorucha/Lewis	Lewis
23-July	Gerassimakis /Bunitsky	Sulpizi/Finck	Hines	Gundersen
30-July	Hamwi / Morjana	Hojnicki/Souder	Baldychev/Shatley/Sylvest	Farrell

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Jul-09

Roel

Jul-16

Andrew

Jul-23

Luke