



Sunday October 22, 2017 20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 3. Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Abercius, Bishop and Wonderworker of Hieropolis (ca. 167). The Holy Seven Youths (“Seven Sleepers”) of Ephesus: Maximilian, Jamblicus, Martinian, John, Dionysius, Exacustodian (Constantine), and Antonius (ca. 250). Martyrs Alexander the Bishop, Heraclius, Anna, Elizabeth, Theodota, and Glyceria (Glykéria), at Adrianopolis (2nd-3rd c.).

This Week’s Schedule

Wednesday 10/25 Small Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.

Saturday 10/28 Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 10/29 Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

followed by Coffee Hour & Church School

Reader Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>3RD HOUR</u>	<u>6TH HOUR</u>	<u>EPISTLE</u>
Oct 22	SULPIZI	SOUDER	BRASOWSKI
Oct 29	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY
Nov 05	SULPIZI	LEWIS	CAREY
Nov 12	BUNITSKY	BUNITSKY	FINCK
Nov 19	WALES	WALES	WALES

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 5 Troparion *(Abercius)*

You emulated the zeal of the Apostles
and shone forth like a morning star,
and your works showed your God-given power:
you guided the erring to God,//
O hierarch Abercius.

Tone 4 Troparion *(Holy Seven Youths)*

Your seven holy martyrs, O Lord,
through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from You,
our God.
For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries,
and shattered the powerless boldness of demons.//
Through their intercessions, save our souls!

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 8 Kontakion *(Abercius)*

The whole Church honors you as a great hierarch
and as a companion to the Apostles.

By your prayers keep the Church unconquered and unshaken by heresy, glorious Abercius.

Tone 4 Kontakion (*Holy Seven Youths*)

The Seven Holy Youths renounced the perishing comforts of this world, preferring the eternal things of Heaven.

They were incorrupt after death and rose from the dead and buried the snares of the devils!

O Faithful, let us then honor them, singing a hymn of praise to Christ!

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 Galatians 1:11-19

But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man.

For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ.

For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it.

And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers.

But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days.

But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

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 Luke 16:19-31

There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day.

But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, the dogs came and licked his sores.

So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried.

And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.'

But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented.

And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.'

Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house,

for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.'

Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.'

And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.'

But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'"

Communion Hymn

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

This Week's Announcement

Annual Parish Meeting Thank You! We were blessed at this year's annual meeting to have such great attendance. Thank you to all who came and participated. A special thank you to our parents for their endurance with our little ones. They too share in the business of our parish! The blessings of our Lord are at work in many areas of our parish life. Please consider the brief presentation on our vision and the need for help in our parish ministries. St. Michael's parish needs your talents!

Paraklesis this Wednesday Evening

This Wed. evening, we will once again offer Small Paraklesis at 6: 30 p.m. Please consider making a commitment to be a reader or be willing to offer the responses. Come be a part of the mid-week service of supplication.

Church School/Harvest Party Church school will once again resume today during the coffee hour. Classes are available for 3-5 yrs. old, 6-10yrs. old, and 11-17yrs old. Just a reminder that there will be a Harvest party on October 29th. ****Note we will also have church school on Oct. 29th & Nov. 12th (Bylaws meeting postponed)*.***

Study Group This week six of us continued to discuss the diocesan presentation on the "*Effective Church Model*". Starting Nov. 1st our study group will begin reading "*Courage to Pray*," by Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh. Please check with the bookstore for available copies. The study group meets Thursday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. All are welcome to join us!

Wedding November 11th John (Joseph) Elliott & Colleen McDonald are getting married on Nov 11th at 2 p.m. They would like to warmly invite all the faithful of St. Michael's to attend. They ask for your prayers and singing the responses in the Rite of Holy Matrimony.

"Wedding Welcome" – John (Joe) Elliott & Colleen McDonald

To show our love & support we've planned an informal "wedding welcome" in conjunction with the coffee-hour pot luck luncheon on Sunday, November 5th. For those who have expressed interest in a gift, 'Orthodox' gift items would work well or perhaps gift cards for Macy's or Amazon. See Nona Carey if you have any questions.

Feast of St. Michael Nov. 8th Reminder that our Patronal Feast of the Archangel Michael is coming up. Vespers with Iydia Nov 7th at 7:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy Nov. 8th at 9:00 a.m. Joyous feast day!



The Orthodox Church in America
DIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA AND EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
The Most Rev. Mark, Archbishop of Philadelphia

October 20, 2017

Dear to God,

Christ is in our midst! We are pleased to announce that 1.93 acres of the former Children's Home has been transferred to the Diocese. The remaining 5 or so acres, the Children's Home and the other two houses are now merged with the Monastery. As there has been much confusion over what was being done, I will provide some background.

The Seminary, Monastery and Diocese are all separate entities. Around 1939, the Orphanage was created as a fourth entity. The Orphanage functioned until the early 1970's and closed, but no decision was made to dissolve the Orphanage Corporation. The monastery, seminary and Diocese all made use of the property, but none of us owned it. The Orphanage Board did not seem to be involved in authorizing usage of the property, which certainly raised liability issues. Metropolitan Theodosius gave permission in 1980 for the Diocese to build its Diocesan Offices and residence on the Orphanage property and Metropolitan Herman later gave permission to two other people to build houses on the Children's Home property.

After a Special Investigation was commissioned around 2005, it was decided that the property be formally divided. Given the litigious age in which we live, there needed to be clear boundaries or firewalls between our various entities and agreements need to be formally executed. Metropolitan Tikhon, chaired the initial meetings when the Orphanage Board was reconstituted to address the property subdivision. At the time he was your Bishop, he and the Diocesan Council wished to move the Diocesan Offices and residence to Philadelphia once a property deed was acquired.

After all most 9 years of legal work and approval of the Assistant Attorney General, we finally have the properties officially divided and deeds will be recorded Monday for the Monastery and for the Diocese. Abbot Sergius said he would forward an offer next week on our property, but any sale to the Monastery would require the approval of the Assistant Attorney General. We were previously told she would not do so.

At this point, I have already met with four realtors and intend to list the property next week. If the offer from the Monastery is acceptable, we will insert a caveat into our listing, specifically stating that should the Monastery procure approval to purchase the property, we have the right to remove the listing and enter into a private sales agreement. Our first choice would be for the Monastery to purchase the property.

At our Diocesan Assembly in January authorization was given our Diocesan Council to move forward with the sale of the property when we were able to do so and purchase another property in closer proximity to our parishes.

Yours in Christ,

+ Mark

+ Mark, Archbishop of Philadelphia and the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania

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Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

'The person who is unaffected by the things of this world loves stillness; and he who loves no human thing loves all men.'

St. Thalassios the Libyan

'There are many differing methods of prayer. No method is harmful; if it were, it would be not prayer but the activity of Satan.'

St. Mark the Ascetic

'It does not matter how many virtues a man may have, even if they are beyond number and limit. If he has turned from the path of self-accusation, he will never find peace.'

St. Dorotheos of Gaza

'It is the hard-working monk who is a warrior.'

Abba Agathon

'Just as the thought of fire does not warm the body, so faith without love does not actualize the light of spiritual knowledge in the soul.'

St. Maximos the Confessor

'The Church is the sure way to the life eternal; walk in it undeviatingly, hold fast to it, and you will gain the kingdom of heaven; but if you turn aside at the crossways of your own sophistry and unbelief, then you have only yourself to blame, you will go astray and be lost. I am the way, the truth, and the life (St. John 14:6).'

St. John of Kronstadt -My Life In Christ

Prayers for the Departed: *Matushka Martha Ermikov*

Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need: *Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Josef Petranin, Fr. John Nightingale, Mat Julia Petranin, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Mat. Jennifer Franchak, Mat. Lisa Weremedic, Matushka Myra Kovalak, 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, Catalina (Mary) & Jeremy (John) Finck, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, Benjamin, Charles, Patrica, Lubov, Marilyn Coyle*

Prayers for Women and the Child to be born: *Mary (Misty) Robinson, Elizabeth Brasowski, Laura Cristina Najemy, Maria Peck*

Prayers for Catechumens: *Stephanie Smiertka Riley*

Date	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>	<u>Library</u>
22-Oct	Elia/Gunderson/Farrell	Hojnicki/Souder	Riley	Maloney
29-Oct	Oberto/ C.Peck	Baldychev	Bunitsky	Lewis
5-Nov	PARISH POT LUCK	Bunitsky/Lewis	Farrell	Gundersen
12-Nov	PARISH FEAST DAY	Elia/Morjana	Gerassimakis	Farrell
19-Nov	Hojnicki /Flynn /Rob	Riley	Clause/Whalen	Skomorucha

Church School Reminder

Oct. 22 Class
Oct. 29 Class/ Harvest Party
Nov. 5 Class
Nov. 12 Class
Nov. 19 Class

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Oct-22 Rafael
Oct-29 Roel
Nov-5 Andrew
Nov-8 Archangel Michael
Nov-12 Rafael
Nov-19 Roel