



Sunday August 26, 2018 13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 4. *Martyrs Adrian and Natalia and 33 companions, of Nicomedia (4th). Ven. Adrian, Abbot of Ondrusov (Valaam—1550). The Meeting of the “VLADIMIR” Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos (in commemoration of the deliverance of Moscow from the invasion of Tamerlane in 1395).*

This Week’s Schedule

Saturday 9/1 Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9/2 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>
Sep 02	RILEY	RILEY	RILEY
Sep 8	NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS		
Sep 09	SOUDER	LEWIS	CAREY
Sep 14	ELEVATION OF THE CROSS		
Sep 16	WALES	WALES	WALES

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 *(for the Martyrs)*

Your holy martyrs Adrian and Natalia, 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 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 *(Holy Martyrs)*

Martyr of Christ, Adrian,
you kept the words of your godly and devoted wife Natalia in your
heart.//
With her you accepted every kind of suffering and obtained the crown
of victory!

Tone 4 Prokeimenon

O Lord, 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 1 Corinthians 16:13-24

Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.

Let all that you do be done with love.

I urge you, brethren – you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints – that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with us.

I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on your part they supplied.

For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men.

The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house.

All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss.

The salutation with my own hand – Paul's.

If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

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 21:33-42

Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country.

Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit.

And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another.

Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them.

Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'

But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.'

So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him.

Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?"

They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

Communion Hymn

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

This Week's Announcement

Pot Luck Next Week Just a reminder that we will have a parish pot luck next week as the first Sunday of the month. Our parish picnic will be held Sept. 16th following Divine Liturgy

Family Promise St. Michaels will co-host Family Promise the week of Sept. 2nd. Will you please sign up on the board to cook, serve & provide hospitality at St. Philips Lutheran Church, 5320 Limestone Road, Wilmington on these days: Monday, Sept. 3, Tuesday, Sept. 4 & Thursday, Sept. 6th. Contact Ellen Gundersen at 610.388.0695 or email at ellengundersen5@gmail.com. These families need and appreciate your compassion and understanding.

Calling all Church School Teachers We are looking for volunteers, teachers, and substitutes for the upcoming 2018-19 church school year. All those interested in helping with church school please see Fr. Barnabas. Our church school will kick off with our parish picnic on Sunday Sept. 16th. The Moliben for the beginning of church school will be offered as others prepare and set up for the picnic.

Upcoming Parish Picnic We are planning to have our annual parish picnic on Sunday, September 16th. Once again, this year we hope that having the picnic after Labor Day the weather (God willing) will be a bit cooler and that more will be able to attend. Hope to see you there!

Nativity of the Theotokos We will celebrate the first major feast of the new church year (Sept.1) with the Nativity of the Theotokos. The feast honors the birth of the Mother of God and the salvation that comes through her Son. We will celebrate with both Vespers on the eve of the feast Fri. Sept 7th at 7:00 p.m. and Divine Liturgy Saturday, Sept. 8th at 9:00 a.m.

Royal Saints & Tea On Saturday, September 15th we will host a Royal Saints & Tea at 10 am. Everyone is welcome. We will learn about several Royal Saints & Families & our Royal Priesthood prior to Tea. You may come dressed as princes & princesses. Parents are especially encouraged to participate as a special princess guest joins us after tea. Please see me Catalina Finck for more details.

Study Group to Begin Please mark your calendars for the start of our Thursday Study Group. Our Study group will resume on Thursday, September 13th at 10 a.m. We will be reading and discussing the Gospel of St. Matthew with commentary from the holy fathers. All are welcome to join us!

Apostle to the Dead

The Church solemnly remembers the Beheading of John the Baptist. John dared to reprove a powerful man, King Herod. Herod knew John to be a just and holy man, and even benefited from listening to John's words. But his awareness of his own moral weakness also made him fear this bluntly truthful preacher.

John reproved Herod for unlawfully marrying his brother's wife, Herodias. Furious at this insult, she convinced Herod to imprison John. She really wanted him executed, but Herod hesitated, because John was revered as a prophet among the people.

But her chance came at Herod's birthday celebration. Herodias used her daughter Salome to entice Herod with a sensuous dance, knowing he would lavishly promise to grant any request the girl made. Her request startled and saddened him, but he couldn't lose face in front of his important guests. John's severed head, which Herodias had told her daughter to ask for, was delivered on a charger, or large plate.

How did Jesus react to the news of His cousin John's death? Matthew 14: 13 tells us that He went into a "lonely place apart" but was soon

followed by a crowd. He did not take time alone to grieve, but compassionately began healing the sick among them.

Saint Justin Popovich, along with other commentators on John's beheading, asks this question: Why didn't Jesus raise John from the dead, as He had raised, for instance, the daughter of Jairus? Why not bring this man back to life to continue his important work?

Saint Justin answers the question by saying that among John's many titles—Baptizer of the Lord, Holy Forerunner, Seal of All the Prophets, God-Sent Messenger—there is another he might be given, and that is Apostle to those in Hades, the Dead. Father Justin writes:

"The Forerunner had to become the Forerunner in Hades as well, in death's kingdom, so that he might preach there as well: Lo, the One whom all you Righteous Ones have been awaiting...is working signs and wonders such as you, all of you taken together, have never seen. And lo, I go before Him to preach to you as well this best of all news: He will come down here to us as well...the kingdom of death will be destroyed when, in a little while, the Lord appears here, and you will be led out of this horror and into heavenly joy, into the Kingdom On High."

Those in Hades had to be prepared for something new: a Messiah who could lead them to eternal life. Mark 2: 18-22 calls us also to be ready for something new. Christ compares His saving message to new wine, which requires new wineskins, because old ones can't expand enough to hold it.

Can we "expand" our minds to receive Christ's message? John the Baptist was willing to give his life to preach the Good News to those in Hades. We, still having our lives, can honor him by hearing it and rejoicing in it.

Troparion - Tone 2

The memory of the righteous is celebrated with hymns of praise, but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for you, O Forerunner.

You were shown in truth to be the most honorable of the prophets, for you were deemed worthy to baptize in the streams of the Jordan Him whom they foretold.

Therefore, having suffered for the truth with joy, you proclaimed to those in hell God who appeared in the flesh, who takes away the sin of the world, and grants us great mercy.

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Church New Year Commemorated on September 1

The first day of the Church New Year is also called the beginning of the Indiction. The term Indiction comes from a Latin word meaning, "to impose." It was originally applied to the imposition of taxes in Egypt. The first worldwide Indiction was in 312 when the Emperor Constantine (May 21) saw a miraculous vision of the Cross in the sky. Before the introduction of the Julian calendar, Rome began the New Year on September 1.

According to Holy Tradition, Christ entered the synagogue on September 1 to announce His mission to mankind (Luke 4:16-22). Quoting Isaiah 61:1-2, the Savior proclaimed, "The spirit of the Lord is upon me; because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent me to proclaim release to captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord..." This scene is depicted in a Vatican manuscript (Vatican, Biblioteca. Cod. Gr. 1613, p.1). Tradition says that the Hebrews entered the Promised Land in September.

Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

When anyone goes into sin, his thoughts are as if it were enchained and his vision is changed for the worse through that by means of which the evil one, instigating and flattering, weakens and darkens us. But after the sin has been committed he sets before our eyes what we have done and cruelly reveals that to which he has drawn us with much guile and, condemning the severity of the deed, endeavours by the same to draw the sinner into despair.

St. Photius the Great, Amphilochius, 14)

"When pride retreats from a man, humility begins to dwell in him, and the more pride is diminished, so much more does humility grow. The one gives way to the other as its opposite. Darkness departs, and light appears. Pride is darkness, but humility is light.

"God Who is great and exalted looks on nothing so lovely as on a humble and compunctionate heart. "

St. Tikhon of Zadonsk "Journey to Heaven"

Prayers for the Departed: Mat. Mary Dirga, Maria Proch, Mark Gundersen, John Berket, Anthony Greer, George Sarmousakis, Alfred Mokhiber

Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need: Fr. John Zabinko, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Josef Petranin, Fr. John Nightingale, Fr. Dimitry Perez, Fr. Deacon James Carpenter, Mat Julia Petranin, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Mat. Lisa Weremedic, Matushka Myra Kovalak, Lemlem Resat, Peter Melnik, Olga Riley, Marie Holowatch, Marie Karawulan, Barbara Hicks, James Hicks, Anna Herko, Luke & Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Maria & Doug Dozier, Mona Elia, Lydia Kendall, Mary Anne Farrell, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, Benjamin, Patrica, Lubov, Stephanie Hojnicky, Anastacia Sarmousakis, Ioana

Prayers for Women and the Child to be born: Stephanie Riley, Catalina Mary Finck

Date	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Clean</u>	<u>Library</u>
26-Aug	O. Arshinova and Julia	Bunitsky/Lewis	Hines	Farrell
2-Sep	POT LUCK	Elia/Morjana	Clause/Whale	Skomorucha
9-Sep	Najemy/Kendall/Baldychev	Riley/Riley	Finck	Maloney
16-Sep	Parish Picnic	Sulpizi/Finck	Skomorucha/	Lewis
23-Sep	Oberto/Peck	Hojnicky/Souder	Peck/Peck	Gundersen