

things which ultimately are neither necessary nor beneficial, but take no care in instructing the children in the fear of God, or to fulfill the commandments of God, and to adhere to the teachings of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. Because of this, children, for the most part, are disobedient and disrespectful to their parents, useless to themselves and to their country, and sometimes even dangerous.

+ St. Ambrose of Optina

EPISTLE

Reader: *The Prokimenon in the 6th Tone: Save, O Lord, Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.*

Choir: Save, O Lord, Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

Reader: *Unto Thee, O Lord, Will I cry; O my God, be not silent unto me.*

Choir: Save, O Lord, Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

Reader: *In the 3rd Tone: My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.*

Choir: My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

Reader: The Reading is from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans. [*Rom. 15:1-7 (§116); Heb. 9:1-7 (§320)*]

GOSPEL

Reader: *Alleluia in the 6th Tone: He that dwelleth in the help of the Most High shall abide in the shelter of the God of heaven.*

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Reader: *He shall say unto the Lord: Thou art my helper and my refuge. He is my God, and I will hope in Him.*

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Reader: *In the 8th Tone: Arise, O Lord, into Thy rest, Thou and the ark of Thy holiness.*

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel [*Matt. 9:27-35 (§33); Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28 (§54)*]

Welcome to

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We are a parish of the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad, and all are welcome to worship with us! Our services are in English. Please join us for lunch downstairs after the service.

July 2/15, 2018

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost The Deposition of the Precious Robe of the Theotokos

This Week's Schedule

Monday	All-Night Vigil for Royal Martyrs	10:00 pm
Tuesday	Divine Liturgy for Royal Martyrs	Midnight
Wednesday	<i>No Akathist</i>	
Saturday	Confession and Communion Rule	4:00 pm
	Vigil	5:00 pm
Sunday	Divine Liturgy	9:00 am
	<i>Meal in Trapeza after Services</i>	

TROPARIA

Resurrection -Tone 6: Angelic hosts were above Thy tomb, / and they that guarded Thee became as dead. / And Mary stood by the grave seeking Thine immaculate body. / Thou didst despoil hades and wast not tempted by it. / Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst grant us life. // O Thou Who didst rise from the dead, O Lord, glory be to Thee.

Robe of the Theotokos – Tone 8: O Ever-virgin Theotokos, protection of mankind: / thou hast given to thy city a mighty legacy, the robe and cincture of thy most honored body, / which have remained incorrupt through thy seedless birthgiving. / For in thee are nature and time renewed. // Wherefore, we beseech thee to grant peace to thy city and great mercy to our souls.

St. Theodore Stratelates – Tone 4: By true strategy, O trophy-bearer / thou wast an illustrious general of the Heavenly King, O Theodore. / For thou didst wisely arm thyself with the weapons of faith, / and didst utterly annihilate the hordes of demons, / and didst prove a victorious athlete, / wherefore with faith // we ever call thee blessed.

St. Theodore the Tyro – Tone 2: Great are the triumphs of faith! / The holy martyr Theodore rejoiced in a fountain of flame as in refreshing water. / For having been made a whole burnt offering by fire, / he was offered as a sweetbread to the Trinity, // By his prayers, O Christ God, save our souls.

KONTAKIA

Resurrection – Tone 6: Having by His life bestowing hand raised up all the dead out of the dark abysses, / Christ God, the Giver of life, hath bestowed the Resurrection upon the fallen human race; / for He is the Savior of all, // the Resurrection, and the Life, and the God of all.

St. Theodore Stratelates – Tone 2: Armed with faith and courage of soul, / and having taken in thy hand the Word of

God as a spear, / thou didst conquer the enemy, / O glory of martyrs, Theodore. // With them cease not to intercede with Christ God for us all.

St. Theodore the Tyro – Tone 8: Having received the faith of Christ in thy heart as an inner shield, / thou didst overcome all the opposing forces, O great champion, / and thou hast been crowned with a heavenly crown, O Theodore, // for thou art eternally invincible.

Robe of the Theotokos – Tone 4: O pure one, full of divine grace, / thou hast given all the faithful a garment of incorruption, thy sacred robe, / wherewith thou didst cover thy sacred body, / O protection of all mankind. / With love do we celebrate its deposition, / and cry out to thee with fear, O pure one: // Rejoice, O Virgin, thou boast of Christians!

PARISH NEWS

- ❖ **Annual Parish Picnic:** Our Parish Picnic is here! Our Parish Picnic take place at the home of Anthony and Gabriella Damiano at 5:30 pm. Their address is 72 Randolph Avenue, Cheektowaga NY 14211. Please sign up to bring a dish to pass and plan to attend.
- ❖ **Feast of the Royal Martyrs:** This year, on July 17, we will commemorate the centennial of the murder of the Royal Martyrs with special solemnity. By order of the Synod of the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad, we will be serving the Vigil for their feast beginning at 10:00 pm on Monday July 16, the eve of the Feast, and continuing right into the Liturgy which should begin around midnight. Please mark your calendars for these services.

WORD FROM THE HOLY FATHERS

The Old Testament says: *A foolish son is a grief to his father, and a bitterness to her that bore him.* (Proverbs 17:25), that is, a son who has not been instructed in the fear of God nor in the law of God. At the present time, many parents teach their children many