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**10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 1. Leavetaking of the
Transfiguration. St. Tikhon, Bishop of Vorónezh, Wonderworker of Zadónsk and
All Russia**

Birthdays & Anniversaries for August

Birthdays: Savina Shepherd (8/5); Fr Michael Shepherd (8/18);

Nameday:

Anniversary: Eli & Paula Stavisky (8/4);

Baptism:

Travelers: Fr Michael, Matushaka Emilia, Maximus, Rodion & Savina; Joseph, Emilia, Judah, Silas, & Nadezdha

Prosphora Schedule: We need families to start baking prosphora at home

Counting: Please Sign up to Count for the month of August

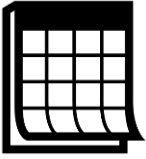
Visitors: *PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR DOWNSTAIRS for an Agape Meal. Thank you to everyone who donated. Please donate what you would spend for a cup of coffee at the agape meal to replenish our supplies.*

You imagine that you pray, but you have long ago left off praying. What you call prayer are only vain sounds, without meaning to your heart. You say the words, but your heart does not feel them; you are deceiving God and yourself.

Righteous John, Wonderworker of Kronstadt

My Life in Christ p.467

DEAR GUESTS AND FRIENDS: *A most sincere and heartfelt welcome to you from our community. According to the ancient traditions of the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is to be administered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared to receive themselves by fasting and a recent (monthly) confession..If you have questions please ask Fr Michael!*



Service Schedule AUGUST

SAT, August 26th: @ 5:00 PM Great Vespers. Confession following

SUN, August 27th: Hours @ 9:20 AM Hours, 12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST —
Tone 3.

SAT, Sep 2nd: @ 5:00 PM Great Vespers. Confession following

SUN, Sep 3rd: Hours @ 9:20 AM Hours, 13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 4.



Announcements

Upcoming Parish & Diocesan Events

Silent Prayers and Confession: Every Wednesday 11:00AM - 1:30PM or you can make an appt for confession. Not during the 8-20Aug

Church Work Day: Every Friday is Church Maintenance day. Come help! Please come and help maintain the Church and its grounds.

Heavenly Host Program: Natasha Coyoy is our coordinator. We will have a meeting on this on the 27th of August.

Parish Council Meeting: 03Sept23 All are invited

Vacation - Fr Michael and his family will be on vacation 08Aug-22Aug. Fr Gregory White, Holy Resurrection Cathedral, will be the on call priest. He can be reached at 570-822-7725 or gregory.white@stots.edu. Fr David Hester will celebrate Liturgy on 13th & 20th of August with no Vespers.

Registration - Please continue to sign up on the website to receive the weekly emails. We are going live with our services! Please go to the website to register for our youtube channel.

Pasta Dinner - Nov 11th, Veterans Day. Please see Tamara Wytovich to help Volunteer.

"God, for your sake humbled Himself, and you will not be humbled for your own sake?! The Lord Himself who is the Way and is God, after He came not on His own behalf but for you so that He might be an example for you of everything good, see, He came in such humility, taking "the form of a slave" [Philippians 2:7], He Who is God, the Son of God, King, the Son of King ... But do not despise His divine dignity, as you look at Him, externally humiliated as one like us. For our sakes He so appeared, not for Himself... When they spat in His face and placed a crown of thorns on Him and hit Him, what more humiliation could He have yet undergone?... If God condescends to such insults and sufferings and humiliation, you, who by nature are clay and are mortal, no matter how much you are humiliated, will never do anything similar to what your Master did. God, for your sake, humbled Himself and you will not be humbled for your own sake?!"

St. Macarius the Great, Homily 26.

Parish Prayer List

NEWLY DEPARTED: *Matushka Dolores Donlick (7/28);*

DEPARTED: *Matushka Karen Mahaffey (8/8); Barbara Pecuch (8/9); Patricia Chesniak (8/15);*

Please remember in your prayers LIVING

Ill-afflicted Archpriests John Nightingale & Theodore Orzolek

Servants of God *Barbara Sevensky, Bernie & Beverly Elko, Sandra Condon, Marie Pasternak, Ann Tyrpak, Sandy & Danny Pregmon, Walter Pritchuk, Michael & Euphemia Keklak; Elizabeth Jackson; Justin Kane; Maria & Vitaliy Rakovsky; Ekaterina & Anna; Joe & Kelly Cigna; George, Natasha, & Rosa Coyoy; Paul & Ann Newmeyer; Mat. Emilia, Blaise, Maximus, Rodion, Savina Shepherd; Joseph, Emilia, Judah, Nadezda, & Silas Hart; Eli & Paula Stavisky, Helen Wytovich, Tammy Wytovich, Charissa & Daniel Vorozichak, Nadia Macheska, Paulette Ezbiansky,*

All those caring for the sick and suffering at this time throughout the world, especially our families and friends: *Christine Sevensky, Mike Jadick, Margaret Pregmon, Daniel Jones, Matushka Paula Soucek; Alexander Horek; The child of God Abigail and Nathan.*

Our tithing and donations have dipped. Please, I ask, relook at your tithing commitment and adjust accordingly.

How Much is my tithe

Weekly	2%	4%	5%	10%
\$200	\$4	\$8	\$10	\$20
\$500	\$10	\$20	\$25	\$50
\$750	\$15	\$30	\$37	\$75
\$1000	\$20	\$40	\$50	\$100
\$1500	\$30	\$60	\$75	\$150

WEEKLY GIVING UPDATE: We thank you for your continued giving in gratitude for all that our loving God does for each of us, for His Holy Church, and all the blessings we receive through her.

July Income: \$8,924 -3978.49

Expenditures: \$17,220.41 +4,317.92

Atypical - Donation to St Tikhon's Summer Camp and Wine/Candle Purchase

Bank Balance: \$113,641.95 (deposited an insurance check, check from RBO, 2 CDs Woman's club)

Weekly Cost to Keep the Church Open: \$3,225.62

Monthly Cost to Keep the Church Open: \$12,902.49

Will update when I return.



From the Saints & Teachers

1 COR 9:5 *The Other Apostles' Practice*

The Ministry of Sister Women. Augustine: When his identity has been established, he shows that the privileges granted to the other apostles are his also, namely, exemption from manual labor and livelihood in recompense for his preaching as the Lord appointed. This is stated most clearly according to the verses where St. Paul argues explicitly that faithful women, possessing the goods of this world, went along with the apostles and ministered to them from their own supplies that the servants of God might lack none of those commodities which constitute the necessities of life.... Certain persons, not understanding this passage, have interpreted it as “wife.” The obscurity of the Greek word deceived them, since, in Greek, the same word is used for wife and woman. Yet the apostle has placed the words in such a way that people should not be deceived, since he says not merely “a woman” but “a sister woman,” and not “to take in marriage” but “to take about.” *The Work of Monks 2*. Bray, G. L. (Ed.). (1999). [*1-2 Corinthians*](#) (pp. 80–81). Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.

MT 18:21–22 *How Often Shall I Forgive?*

No Time for Anger. Hilary of Poitiers: When Peter asked him whether he should forgive his brother sinning against him up to seven times, the Lord replied, “Not up to seven times but up to seventy times seven times.” In every way he teaches us to be like him in humility and goodness. In weakening and breaking the impulses of our rampant passions he strengthens us by the example of his leniency, by granting us in faith pardon of all our sins. For the vices of our nature did not merit pardon. Therefore all pardon comes from him. In fact, he pardons even those sins that remain in one after confession.

The penalty to be paid through Cain was established at sevenfold, but that sin was against a man, against his brother Abel, to the point of murder. But in Lamech the penalty was established at seventy times seven times,² and, as we believe, the penalty was established on those responsible for the Lord's Passion. But the Lord through the confession of believers grants pardon for this crime. By the gift of baptism he grants the grace of salvation to his revilers and persecutors. How much more is it necessary, he shows, that pardon be returned by us without measure or number. And we should not think how many times we forgive, but we should cease to be angry with those who sin against us, as often as the occasion for anger exists. Pardon's frequency shows us that in our case there is never a time for anger, since God pardons us for all sins in their entirety by his gift rather than by our merit. Nor should we be excused from the requirement of giving pardon that number of times [i.e., seventy times seven], since through the grace of the gospel God has granted us pardon without measure. On Matthew 18.10. Simonetti, M. (Ed.). (2002). [*Matthew 14-28*](#) (pp. 82–83). Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.