The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (17:14–23; 28:16–20)

At that time, a man came to Jesus, kneeling down to Him and saying, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him." Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me." And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting." Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up." And they were exceedingly sorrowful.

At that time, the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

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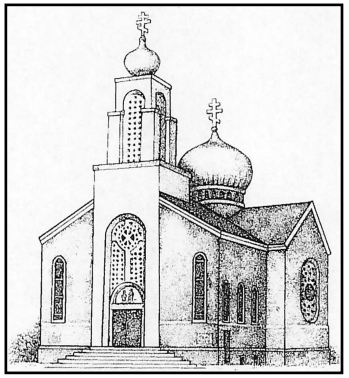

10th Sunday after Pentecost—Tone 1 After-feast of the Dormition August 21, 2022	Apostle Thaddæus of the Seventy (ca. 44). Martyr Bassa of Edessa and her sons Theogonius, Agapius, and Pistus (2nd c.). Ven. Abramius the Wonderworker, Archimandrite of Smolensk (13th c.)

Glory to Jesus Christ!

We welcome everyone who has come to this house of the Lord. We especially welcome all guest and newcomers.

Holy Communion is a solemn responsibility: Orthodox Christians who have prepared through Confession, prayer, and fasting may participate. At the end of the Liturgy, everyone is welcome to come forward for a blessing and to share in the blessed bread (called "antidoron," this blessed bread is used in our prayers but is not itself a sacrament).

Afterward, please join us downstairs for fellowship and refreshment. We look forward to greeting you personally, and we are glad that you are here.

Upcoming Events in Parish Life

We invite anyone to participate in our services online. Visit our website (sspeterpaul.org) for details.

Saturday, Aug. 20	Great Vespers, followed by Confessions	5 PM
Sunday, Aug. 21	Divine Liturgy with the Baptism of Henry Joseph Pannone	9:30 AM
Wednesdays	Weekday Matins	8:15 AM
Thursday, Aug. 25	"Parenting in the Orthodox Church"	6:30 PM
Saturday, Aug. 27	Great Vespers, followed by Confessions	5 PM
Sunday, Aug. 28	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
Sunday, Aug. 28	Duckpin Bowling at Devon Duckpin Bowl, 551 Naugatuck Ave, Milford	2–4 PM
Saturday, Sept. 3	Great Vespers, followed by Confessions	5 PM
Sunday, Sept. 4	Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon has approved the Parish Bylaws, which means they go into effect with the adoption date of August 14, 2022. Since we believe the Cemetery Bylaws will be updated shortly, we will not be printing copies until then, but the 2022 Parish Bylaws are available for download as a PDF from sspeterpaul.org/bylaws .

Claim household items for a freewill offering: The Parish is clearing out its garage and has three wooden dressers and some collections of dishes. You are invited to take them away, making whatever donation seems fitting. To learn more, please speak with Ephraim Mosher (860-929-0513).

As we are about two-thirds of the way through the year, **please review your pledge of support to the parish**. If you have questions, speak with Alexia Tassmer (203-284-0856). Thank you for your ongoing support of the ministry of this parish.

Thursday, Aug. 25, at 6:30 PM: **"Parenting in the Orthodox Church,"** a Zoom lecture by Dr. Philip Mamalakis, sponsored by the Fellowship of Orthodox Churches in CT. Dr. Mamalakis is Professor of Pastoral Theology at Holy Cross Seminary, Brookline, Mass. For more information, contact pwromanovsky89@gmail.com.

FORCC is also sponsoring Duckpin Bowling for Orthodox youth on Sunday, Aug. 28, 2:00–4:00 PM. Come to Devon Duckpin Bowl, 551 Naugatuck Ave, Milford. For details, see the bulletin board downstairs or contact Daniel Cowan (203-996-6165 or danielcowan2@pm.me) or Eve Nucifora (203-874-5448 or eveckn@gmail.com).

The 2022 **FORCC Benefit Dinner** will be on Sunday, Sept. 25, at 1 PM, at St. Dimitrie Romanian Orthodox Church, 504 Sport Hill Rd, Easton. The Guest Speaker is His Grace, Bishop John, Auxiliary of the Diocese of Worcester and New England (Antiochian Archdiocese). If you are interested in attending please speak with Alexia Tassmer, our FORCC Representative. Reservations are required by September 24 — no tickets will be sold at the door and seating is limited. Tickets cost $40 for adults and $10 for children under 12 years of age.

The cross was lit last week by Barbara Belejack **in memory of her father Peter**. May his memory be eternal!

The cross is lit by Donna Leonowich for **Henry Joseph Pannone,** who is to be illumined through Holy Baptism today. May God grant him many years!

We Ask Your Prayers

For those celebrating birthdays: Stacey Lombardi (Aug. 19).

Many years to all those celebrating anniversaries: Keith & Melanie Russell (Aug. 17). Tim & Alexia Tassmer (Aug. 19).

For the Sick & Suffering:

Archpriest Peter (Baktis)
William (Waas)—family of Sarah Massaro
Corey (Knap)—nephew of Valentina Knap, recovering from a serious accident
Alexander (Mankevich)—Alzheimer's Disease
William (Weidmann)—husband of Adrian, suffering from a chronic immune condition similar to multiple sclerosis
Steven (Cardillo)—local Neighborhood Association organizer

Gregory (Mankevich)	Paul (Leonowich)	Christopher (Sullivan)
Ruth	Thomas	Margaret
Irene	Maria	Helen
Robert	Miroslav	Galina Veronica
Cyprian and Dana	Nicole and Naaman	Helen and Helene

For Our Shut-Ins:

Yvonne (Rutcho)	Jennie (Padick)	Margaret (Savchik)
Ann (Kreshik)	Jill (Zadar)	

To share news in the bulletin, or to add someone to our prayer list, please contact Fr. Joshua: priest@sspeterpaul.org or 203-237-4539.

If you would like to commemorate loved ones by lighting the cross in church, please contact Alexia Tassmer: 203-284-0856.

Hymns of the Day

Tone 1 Troparion *(Resurrection)*
When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,
while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body,
You rose on the third day, O Savior,
granting life to the world.
The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life:
"Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ!
Glory to Your Kingdom!//
Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!"

Tone 1 Troparion *(Dormition)*
In giving birth you preserved your virginity.
In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos.
You were translated to life O Mother of Life,//
and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

Tone 4 Troparion *(Apostles Peter & Paul)*
O first-enthroned of the Apostles,
teachers of the universe:
entreat the Master of all
to grant peace to the world,//
and to our souls great mercy!

Tone 3 Troparion *(St. Thaddeus)*
Holy Apostle Thaddeus,
entreat the ^merciful God
to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions.

Tone 1 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*
As God, You rose from the tomb in glory,
raising the world with Yourself.
Human nature praises You as God, for death has vanished.
Adam exults, O Master!
Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to You://
"You are the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!"

Tone 2 Kontakion *(Apostles Peter & Paul)*
O Lord, You have taken up to eternal rest
and to the enjoyment of Your blessings
the two divinely inspired preachers, the leaders of the Apostles,
for You have accepted their labors and deaths as a sweet-smelling sacrifice,//
for You alone know what lies in the hearts of men.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Tone 4 Kontakion *(St. Thaddeus)*
The Church sees you as a shining star, O Apostle Thaddeus,
and is enlightened by your wonders.//
Save those who honor your memory in faith!

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 2 Kontakion *(Feast)*
Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos,
who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions.
For being the Mother of Life,//
she was translated to life by the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb.

Prokeimenon in the First Tone *(Resurrection)*
Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on You!
(Ps. 32:22)
Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!
(Ps. 32:1)

Alleluia
Verse: God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me.
(Ps. 17:48)
Verse: He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever. *(Ps. 17:51)*

(Instead of "It is truly meet...," we sing:)
The Angels, as they looked upon the Dormition of the Virgin,
were struck with wonder,
seeing how the Virgin went up from earth to heaven.
The limits of nature are overcome in you, O Pure Virgin:
for birthgiving remains virginal, and life is united to death;
a virgin after childbearing and alive after death,
you ever save your inheritance, O Theotokos.

Communion Hymn
Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*
I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord.
(Ps. 115:4)
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!