

ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Weekly Bulletin for Week of October 9-15, 2017

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

EPISTLE: Brethren: But this I say: "He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever."

Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God. (*2 Corinthians 9:6-11*)

GOSPEL: At that time: Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her.

When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother.

Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people." (*Luke 7:11-16*)



**St. Philip the Deacon
October 11**

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

TODAY: 18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 1. Ven. Pelagía the Penitent. Ven. Dosiféi (Dositheus), Abbot of Verkneóstrov. Ven. Tryphon, Abbot of Vyatka. Ven. Thaïs (Taíssia) of Egypt. Virgin Martyr Pelagía of Antioch. Monk Martyr Ignatius of Prodomou. Ven. Philotheus, Patriarch of Constantinople.

Hours: Youth

Greeters: Stafford/Geralt

Epistle: Youth

Coffee: Ionescu

Post-Communion: Youth

CHURCH SCHOOL

TUES-THUR, October 10-12: DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY, PORTLAND, OREGON (Both priests away)

WEDNESDAY, October 11: No Daily Vespers or Adult Class

THURSDAY, October 12: NO Coffee Chat

SATURDAY, October 14: Russian Confessions, 9:00 AM; Slavonic Liturgy, 10:00 am
Great Vespers, 5:00 PM; CONFESSIONS; **FAMILY BOARD GAME NIGHT**

SUNDAY, October 15: Divine Liturgy, 9:00 AM; 19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 2. Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council. Ven. Euthymius the New, of Thessalonica, Monk of Mt. Athos. Martyr Lucian, Presbyter of Antioch. St. John, Bishop of Suzdal'. Hieromartyr Lucian, Presbyter of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves). Martyrs Sarbelius and Bebaia (Barbea) of Edessa. St. Sabinus, Bishop of Catania.

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CHURCH SCHOOL

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

The annual Diocesan Assembly of the Diocese of the West will take place this week at St. Nicholas Church in Portland, Oregon. Father John and Father Stephen both will be gone to attend the assembly, Tuesday through Thursday. If you have an emergency during their absence, please contact Fr. John through his cell phone, or call Matushka Elizabeth, and we will arrange a local response.

Please pray for safe travel and fruitful deliberations as our whole diocese comes together to hear reports from the past year and plan for the coming one.

FIRST YOUTH NIGHT

We kick off our first Youth Night next Saturday, October 14, following Vespers, with great games, pizza, snacks, and a great group of people. We will be featuring your favorite games, including Clue, Uno, Sorry, and much more. Everyone is invited to come play (young and old - no one is too old to play some games). Join us after Vespers until 9:00 PM.

OKTOBERFEST

Oktoberfest will be held on Saturday, October 28. We will have Vespers at **4:00 PM** (that evening only!), followed by our festival. **Tickets are available in the church hall or on our parish website.** Cost is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. If you bring a friend, extra tickets are only \$10.

TRUNK OR TREAT

We will have our second annual "Trunk or Treat" in the church parking lot following liturgy on Sunday, October 29. We will have a short presentation on a Christian perspective of the "holiday," then children will be allowed to change into costumes they brought after liturgy. Trunks of parishioner cars will be open for a modest trick-or-treat.

Please remember that costumes may not be worn in the church during liturgy. Costumes also should be appropriate for a church setting — healthy and wholesome, not dark, evil or goulsh.

HELP STILL NEEDED

We continue our effort to assist the Hoods with their medical expenses. In addition to making a gift by check or card, we have setup a YouCaring Page to allow online donations:
<https://www.youcaring.com/viginiaginnyhood-899443>

REMEMBER, O LORD...those in need of prayer

Archpriest Michael (Margitich)	Peter (Jolevski)
Archpriest Paul (Lazor)	Michael (Geralt)
Archpriest John (Bruchok)	Victoria (Potter)
Matushka Mary (Perez)	Ruth (Meredith Dresko)
Michelle (Chong)	Stacy (Kim)

Laura (Draskovic)
 Anita (Maresca)
 Sophie & Natasha (Zonitch)
 Marteen (Moore)
 Christine (Sechrist)
 Veronica (Hood)
 David (Poe)

Kathryn (Kessler)
 Micah (Demko)
 Ann (Prochko)
 Monique (Miller)
 Alla (Jascolt)
 Robert (Kuhn)

Wine and altar candles offered by Anita Maresca in memory of her father, Kondrat.

STEWARDSHIP: ST. PAUL

And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints. And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will. So we urged Titus, since he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. But just as you excel in everything — in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us — see that you also excel in this grace of giving. (2 Corinthians 8:1-7)

Christian stewards give "themselves first to the Lord." True stewardship begins with the realization that Christ does not expect "something" from us — He expects everything. He told the rich young man to sell "everything," give it to the poor, and follow Him. We begin a stewardly life by giving ourselves to the Lord. But it is important to note that Paul exalts the Macedonians for their "rich generosity." He also marvels in the fact that they, on their own, "pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service." Generous giving of ourselves to the "service of the saints" (i.e., the life and work of the Church) is not something that is to be taken grudgingly, or as something to be minimized or avoided, but rather a privilege that should be embraced.

In holding up the Macedonians as an example, Paul then turns his attention to the Corinthians. They are excellent in many ways: "in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness," even in love. But if they are excellent in those things, they must also be excellent in the grace of giving. Paul implies that they would be lacking as Christians if they ignored this aspect of their lives. As would we be lacking if we excel in a number of Christian virtues but are miserly in giving.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Oct 9: Philippians 1:1-7	Luke 7:36-50
Oct 10: Philippians 1:8-14	Luke 8:1-3
Oct 11: Philippians 1:12-20	Luke 8:22-25
Oct 12: Philippians 1:20-27	Luke 9:7-11
Oct 13: Philippians 1:27-2:4	Luke 9:12-18
Oct 14: 1 Corinthians 15:58-16:3	Luke 6:1-10

STEWARDSHIP 2017

Stewardship 10/01:	\$ 4,918.00
Total Income 10/01:	\$ 5,155.00
Weekly income needed:	\$ 4,995.27
2017 INC GOAL (41 wks):	\$ 204,806.07
2017 INC ACTUAL:	\$ 205,181.35
Percentage of Budgeted Income:	100.0%