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OCTOBER 17, 2021 – 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8

| | <u>Services</u> |
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| MONDAY, OCTOBER 18 Ephesians 4:25-32 Luke 9:18-22 | SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16 Great Vespers.....4:00 p.m. |
| TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19 Ephesians 5:20-26 Luke 9:23-27 | SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17 Divine Liturgy.....9:00 a.m. |
| WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20 Ephesians 5:25-33 Luke 9:44-50 | SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23 Great Vespers.....4:00 p.m. |
| THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21 Ephesians 5:33-6:9 Luke 9:49-56 | SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24 Divine Liturgy.....9:00 a.m. |
| FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22 Ephesians 6:18-24 Luke 10:1-15 | <i>[Services are now inside Holy Ghost Church.]</i> |
| SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23 1 Corinthians 15:39-45 Luke 7:1-10 | |

NOTE: With Metropolitan Tikhon's blessing, ALL services are now in-person for anyone who is healthy. More information is provided within this bulletin. **Before coming to church, please be sure you have no possible symptoms of COVID. If you have any doubts about this, please protect yourself and everyone else by staying at home.**

All services will also be streamed online via Facebook Live as follows:

<https://www.facebook.com/Holy-Ghost-Russian-Orthodox-Greek-Catholic-Church-681248091936330/>

2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1*(Epistle)*

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And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people."

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Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you."

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"I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty."

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Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Luke 7:8:5-15*(Gospel)*

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"A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it.

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Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture.

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And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it.

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But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold." When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

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Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?"

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And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.'

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Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

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Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

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But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away.

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Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity.

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But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

MASK AND FACE COVERING REQUIREMENTS... All parishioners are encouraged to be vaccinated for everyone's protection.

Outdoors: Masks not required

Indoors: A reminder that we are still in an area of 'substantial or high transmission', so masks must be worn inside church. Thank you.

WEEKLY ENVELOPE REMINDER ... Please provide your weekly envelopes in a timely manner, either by bringing them with you to church, submitting them via US mail to Holy Ghost Orthodox Church, PO Box 55339, Bridgeport, CT, 06610-5339, or by the online donation system as follows: There is a link on the Holy Ghost Website <https://holyghostbpt.org/> on the right-hand side of the home page. You can set up a one-time donation or recurring. There is a cost to using this service, which you can cover or charge the church. (*It is hoped that you will be able to cover the charges.*) Thanks!

Credit/debit card transactions are 2.9% plus \$.30 per transaction
ACH/bank account transactions are 1% plus \$.30 per transaction

DONATIONS / CANDLES / FLOWERS

A donation to the Building Maintenance Fund in loving memory of Marion Gulash from Natalie Pronechen - \$50

REMINDER OF MEMORIAL CANDLES & DONATIONS ... Requests for memorial candles and donations for various funds can be emailed to Sue Maugeri at: suemaugeri@snet.net or mailed to the church's PO Box 55339, Bridgeport, CT, 06610. Please note that mail is only picked up once a week at the post office, therefore, please make sure that requests are mailed at least 2 weeks ahead of schedule.

CT HOSPICE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS ... CT Hospice is once again in the process of recruiting new volunteers. For those interested, please contact Joan Cullen, phone (203) 315-7510, or email jcullen@hospice.com

THE FOLLOWING MATERIAL CAN BE FOUND IN THE BACK OF CHURCH ...

FOCUS provided us with several copies of their 2020-2021 Annual Report; Monastery Icons catalogue for ordering religious gifts; "Tikhonaire Spring 2021", St. Tikhon's Seminary magazine; for children, the Orthodox Christian Education Commission, 2021-2022 catalogue; and the Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry sent their 2020 Annual Report.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING DATE HAS BEEN SET ... Please mark your calendars for **November 7th**, following Divine Liturgy. Please see Sue Maugeri if you have any questions about your eligibility to vote at the meeting. Thank you.

Important Msg. for Council Members: Year-end reports need to be submitted to Barb Dulin at least 2 weeks prior. Thx!

DIOCESE OF NEW ENGLAND ASSEMBLY ... will be held October 29-30 in Southbury at Christ the Savior Church, with Metropolitan Tikhon presiding. Fr John Jillions and Richard Kendall will be representing the parish.

OCTOBER 10th SERVICES RETURN TO HOLY GHOST CHURCH



UPDATE ON THE MISSION TO INDIA ... Due to the generosity of Holy Ghost, lead Pastor Vijay was able to obtain a high quality used laptop for only \$500. His efforts included traveling to different places to locate the best laptop he could find - 2017 Mac Pro. Although it had hardly been used, it had some software issues. Once they were resolved, it operated like new. He sent the following photographs and message to our parish.



Dear Fr. John & Parishioners of Holy Ghost Church. How can I thank you enough for your kind generosity in providing a laptop for our efforts to reach Indian Christians with the Orthodox Faith? This will enable us to bring the message to poor churches in the villages that do not have the Internet capability of the cities. God bless you richly, Pastor Vijay Raj

PARISH METRICS (OCTOBER 17 thru OCTOBER 23)

BIRTHDAYS – Claudia M. Tabak, October 18th

God Grant her Many Years!

ANNIVERSARIES – None Listed

DEPARTED FROM THE PARISH METRICS

OCTOBER 17 – Thekla Philipenko, 1966 (79); George Jankura, 1977 (63); Alexander Turko, 1983 (72)

OCTOBER 18 – John Vasiliev, 1910; Anna Santelik Mizek, 1979 (89); Anna Litvinas, 1993 (77);
Pauline Kollar Wakelee, 1995 (97)

OCTOBER 19 – Michael Pletz, 1918 (60); Xenia Baida, 1918 (24); Helen LoPata, 1941 (48); Anna
Horelick, 1951 (62); Henry Andrew Scherback, 1960 (45); Susanna Semanchik Ratushnuk, 1974 (73);
Barbara Zaveruha, 1988; Olga Mary Gallan, 1999 (91)

OCTOBER 20 – Stephen Kvoka, 1913 (3); Luke Kushel, 1923 (36); John Karpie, 1955 (70)

OCTOBER 21 – Vasily (William) Bloshuk, 1946 (49); Paul Zenovchik (Zeno), 1947 (67); Anna
Holovach Ryback, 1953 (80); Veronica Kasper, 1957 (86); Kyril Tanych, 1968 (80); John Bobko, 1969
(85)

OCTOBER 22 – Anna Poliakov, 1910; James Gerpach, 1915 (2 days); John Katrenich, 1944 (71);
Andrew Habetz, 1952 (67); Stephen Mazanick, 1953 (59); Rose T. Graham, 2002 (83); Victor Ezepchik,
2003 (84); Anna Varonka, 2011 (87)

OCTOBER 23 – John Kosko, 1957 (67); Zoya Gilevich, 1983 (66); Ethel (Kotrady) Jankura, 2004 (92)

Memory Eternal!

Вечная память!



A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS AND FOR A PRIEST FOR OUR PARISH

Master of all, You promised us, "I will be with you always, even until the very end of the world," and You have taught, "I will build My Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Mindful of this pledge, we beseech Your great goodness to inspire men to the Holy Priesthood, the service of Your Holy Orthodox Church, so that she may properly be able to fulfill Your will for Your people in this age. There are children to baptize, the sick to heal, and the dying to care for. There is the Bread of Life to distribute, and the Word of God to teach. There are sins to forgive, and charity to be done in Your Name. Send Your Church in this hour and in every age "vessels of clay" to be instruments of Your presence. Lastly, send us a priest after Your own heart to shepherd and lead the flock of Holy Ghost Orthodox Church. Hear us O Lord, and Have mercy.

(Come to Me Orthodox Prayer Book, Christ the Savior Seminary Press, Johnston, PA with added sentence at end of prayer)