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✠ ✠ ✠ Service Schedule ✠ ✠ ✠

Sunday, November 22nd. **24th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 7. Afterfeast of the Entry into the Temple.**

Apostles of the Seventy Philemon and Archippus, Martyr Apphia, wife of Philemon and Equal-to-the-Apostles, and Onesimus, disciple of St Paul (1st c.). Martyrdom of St Michael, Prince of Tver' (1318). Rt Blv Yaropolk, In Baptism Peter, Prince of Vladimir in Volyn' (1086). Martyrs Cecilia, Valerian, Tiburtinius, and Maximus, at Rome (c.230). Martyr Procopius the Reader, at Caesarea in Palestine (303). Martyr Menignus at Parium (250). St Agabbas of Syria (5th c.). Righteous Michael the Soldier, of Bulgaria (866). Ven Callistus Xanthopoulos (Mt Athos – 1363).

3rd and 6th Hours: 9:10 am.

Divine Liturgy: 9:30 am

Epistle: Eph. 2:14-22; Gospel: Luke 12:16-21

Tuesday, November 24th. **Akathist of Thanksgiving, “Glory to God for All Things”:** 6:00 pm.

Wednesday, November 25th. **There will be no Daily Vespers or study group on this date.**

Next week, on Wednesday, December 2, Daily Vespers will start to be celebrated at 6:00 pm each week in order to allow more people to attend.

Saturday, November 28th.

Great Vespers of the Resurrection: 5:00 pm

Sunday, November 29th. **25th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 8.** Martyr Paramon and 370 Martyrs in Bithynia

(250). Martyr Philimenus of Ancyra, and with him Martyrs Valerian and Phaedrus (ca. 274). Ven Acacius of Sinai, who is mentioned in *The Ladder* (6th c.) Ven Nectarius the Obedient, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves – 12th c.). Hieromartyr Abibus (Aviva), Bishop of Nekressi in Georgia (6th c.).

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Upcoming Services

Please note that beginning Wednesday, December 2, Daily Vespers will be celebrated at 6:00 pm.

Apostles of the Seventy Philemon and Archippus

Commemorated on November 22

(from oca.org)

The Holy Apostles of the Seventy Philemon and his wife Apphia lived in the city of Colossa in Phrygia. After they were baptized by the holy Apostle Paul, they converted their house into a house of prayer, where all those who believed in Christ gathered and attended services. They devoted themselves to serving the sick and downcast.

St Philemon became bishop of the city of Gaza, and he preached the Word of God throughout Phrygia. The holy Apostle Paul continued to be his guide, and addressed to him his Epistle filled with love, and in which he sends blessings “to Philemon our dearly beloved, and fellow laborer, and to our beloved Apphia, and to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in thy house” (Phil. 1:1-3).

Sts Philemon and Apphia, and also St Archippus (who also lived in Colossa), all received the crown of martyrdom during the persecution of Nero (54-68). During a pagan festival an enraged crowd rushed into the Christian church when services were going on. All fled in terror, and only Sts Philemon and Archippus and Apphia remained. They seized them and led them off to the city prefect. The crown beat and stabbed Archippus with knives, and he died on the way to the court. Sts Philemon and Apphia were stoned to death by the order of the prefect.

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Afterfeast of the Entry of the Most Holy Mother of God into the Temple

Troparian – Tone 4

Today with the most revered of all cities
we fittingly celebrate your honored translation to heaven,
Father of Fathers, wise Proclus.

Kontakion – Tone 4

The most pure Temple of the Savior;
the precious Chamber and Virgin;
the sacred Treasure of the glory of God,
is presented today to the house of the Lord.
She brings with her the grace of the Spirit,
therefore, the angels of God praise her:
“Truly this woman is the abode of heaven.”

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Apostles of the Seventy Philemon and Archippus

Troparian – Tone 3

Holy Apostles Philemon, Archippus, Apphia, and Onesimus,
entreat the merciful God
to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions.

Kontakion – Tone 2

Let us praise the Apostles of Christ,
who illumine the ends of the earth like all-radiant stars:
glorious Philemon and dedicated Archippus,
Onesimus, together with Mark and Appolos, and the all-wise Apphia.

Let us cry to them:
“Unceasingly pray for us all!”

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