

The “Ostopowich” Tabernacle

When I first arrived at Dormition Parish about 5 years ago there was a large tabernacle in the storage room. This tabernacle was made in the old style that is most notably remembered for as “big”. In fact I think a small child could fit inside the structure.

I asked about it and found out that this tabernacle was donated to the parish by the Ostopowich family in memory of their father (husband). It was used for several years.

When Fr. Myron came to Dormition parish, one project that he worked on was creating a more usable liturgical space. The Altar area was dominated by the large Holy Table with this large Tabernacle upon it. Due to the size of these things the priest had difficulty swinging the kadylo (incense), and there was little room for co-celebrants. In order to remedy this Fr. Myron had a new Holy Table built which was of a more suitable size.

With the changing of the Holy Table, the large Tabernacle needed also to be replaced. So, a smaller one was borrowed from St. Nicholas Parish (so I’m told) and is in use till this day.

Being a creative guy, I spoke with some of the Ostopowich family who felt sad about their family’s donation not being used, and I said that I could work on rebuilding it, using some of the original parts to create a smaller, usable, tabernacle.

Over the past few years, I tried several times to come up with a plan, and then successfully recreated what you see in the pictures to the right. However, before I brought the tabernacle to the church, I had acquired a new tool that would change this project completely: a CNC router.

With this new tool, I new I could do a much fancier job, creating not just something smaller, but also significantly nicer. So I began taking the newly rebuilt structure apart again.

Sadly after I had taken the tabernacle apart, I discovered that my new (used, but new to me) tool did not work as good as it should. It took me over 2 years of fixing it to get it to the state it is in today.

Now, after doing some projects such as the processional Cross in memory of + Laurence Sirman, and the processional fans (ripidia) that stand next to it, I have created a carved door and walls. This past several weeks I have been working on it. Honestly it has it’s imperfections, but it is coming together, literally.

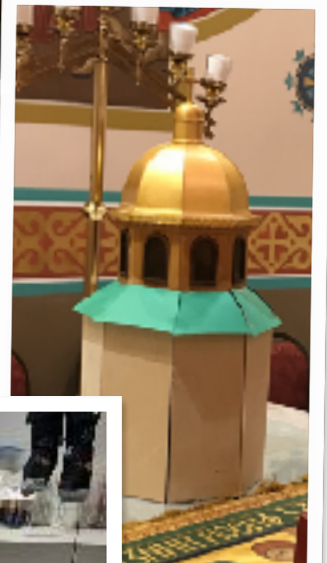
(Another motivation for getting it done asap is that I would like to have this project complete before I am moved to Holy Cross parish.)

Today you will see the “not yet finished” tabernacle on the Holy Table. I still will need to do some more finishing touches. But hopefully this restoration can bring some peace to the Ostopowich-es and some fond history back into the parish.



← The Tabernacle sitting in the parish storage room before the restoration.

The Tabernacle in a few forms while I was figuring out it’s new shape.



← Completed (mostly) but before I took it apart again.



← Carved doors and walls of the “new” tabernacle.



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Seventh Sunday after Pascha. Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea; The Holy Great Rulers Constantine (337) and Helen (330), Equals-to-the-Apostles

First Antiphon

Clap your hands, all you nations;* shout to God with the voice of joy.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God,
O Saviour, save, us.

For the Lord most high is awesome,* a great king over all the earth.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God,
O Saviour, save, us.

He has subdued peoples to us,* and nations under our feet.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God,
O Saviour, save, us.

God ascended amid shouts of joy;* the Lord at the sound of the trumpet.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God,
O Saviour, save, us.

Glory... Now... Only-Begotten Son...

Third Antiphon

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord,* let us acclaim God, our Saviour.

Son of God, who ascended in glory,*
save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Let us come before His face with praise,* and acclaim Him in psalms.

Son of God, who ascended in glory,*
save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

For God is the great Lord,* the great king over all the earth.

Son of God, who ascended in glory,*
save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Entrance

Come, let us worship* and fall down before Christ.

Son of God, who ascended in glory,*
save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Troparion, Tone 6: Angelic powers were upon Your tomb* and the guards became like dead men;* Mary stood before Your tomb* seeking Your most pure body.* You captured Hades without being overcome by it.* You met the Virgin and granted life.* O Lord, risen from the dead,* glory be to You!

Troparion, Tone 4: You ascended in glory, O Christ our God,* giving joy to Your disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit,* and assuring them through your blessing* that You are the Son of God,* the Redeemer of the world.

21 травня.

7-а Неділя Пасхи. Неділя Святих Отців першого вселенського собору в Нікеї. Свв. великих царів і рівноап. Константина й Олени.

Антифон 1

Всі народи, заплещіте руками, воскликніть Богові голосом радости (Пс 46,2).

Приспів: Молитвами Богородиці, Спасе, спаси нас.

Стих 2: Бо Господь Всевишній – страшний, цар великий по всій землі (Пс 46,3).

Приспів: Молитвами Богородиці, Спасе, спаси нас.

Стих 3: Він покоровив людей нам і народи під ноги наші (Пс 46,4).

Приспів: Молитвами Богородиці, Спасе, спаси нас.

Стих 4: Зійшов Бог під оклики веселі, Господь – під голос сурми (Пс 46,6).

Приспів: Молитвами Богородиці, Спасе, спаси нас.

+Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові. І нині, і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінь. Єдинородний Сину

Антифон 3

Співаємо звичайні третій антифон, але зі приспівом:

Спаси нас, Сину Божий, що вознісся у славі,
співаємо тобі: Алилуя.

Вхідне:

Прийдіте поклонімося і припадім до Христа.

Спаси нас, Сину Божий, що вознісся у славі,
співаємо тобі: Алилуя.

Тропар (глас 6): Ангельські сили на гробі Твоїм* і сторожі омертвіли;* Марія ж стояла при гробі,* шукаючи пречистого тіла Твого.* Полонив Ти ад і, не переможений від нього,* зустрів Ти Діву, даруючи життя.* Воскреслий з мертвих, Господи, слава Тобі!

Тропар (глас 4): Вознісся ти у славі, Христе Боже наш,* радість сотворивши ученикам обітуванням Святого Духа,* утвердивши їх благословенням,* бо ти єси Син Божий,* ізбавитель світу.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion, Tone 3: Today Constantine and Helen his mother reveal the cross,* the all-precious wood which shames those who refuse to believe.* Rulers with faith possess it as a weapon against foes;* a glorious standard frightful in battle revealed for the sake of all.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 6: When you had fulfilled Your plan for us* and united things on earth with those in heaven,* You ascended in glory, O Christ our God,* in no way distant, but remaining in separable,* You cried to those who love You:* I am with You and there is none against you.

Prokeimenon, Tone 4

Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name forever.

verse: For You are righteous in everything that You have done to us.

Epistle: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

AT THAT TIME: Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; he was eager to be in Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. From Miletus he sent a message to Ephesus, asking the elders of the church to meet him. When they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you the entire time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, Keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after I have gone, savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Some even from your own group will come distorting the truth in order to entice the disciples to follow them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to warn everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the message of his grace, a message that is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or clothing. You know for yourselves that I worked with my own hands to support myself and my companions. In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" When he had finished speaking, he knelt down with them all and prayed.

Alleluia verses:

The God of gods, the Lord, spoke and summoned the earth from the rising of sun to its setting.

verse: Gather to Him His devout ones, who with sacrifice make covenant with Him.

+Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові.

Кондак свв. (г. 3): Днесь Константин із матір'ю Оленою показують хрест, всечесне Древо* – для всіх юдеїв посоромлення, зброя ж на противників вірним,* бо ради нас з'явилося знамено велике і в боях грізне.

І нині, і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінь.

Кондак (глас 6): Сповнивши промисел щодо нас* і те, що на землі, з'єднавши з небесним,* вознісся ти у славі, Христе Боже наш,* ніяк не відлучаючись, але невідступне перебуваючи,* ти кличеш до тих, що люблять тебе:* Я з вами і ніхто проти вас.

Прокімен (глас 4):

Благословен єси, Господи, Боже отців наших,* і хвальне, і прославлене ім'я твоє на віки (Дан 3,26).

Стих: Бо праведний єси в усьому, що сотворив ти нам (Дан 3,27).

Апостол: (Ді 20,16-18. 28-36)

Тими днями Павло вирішив плисти попри Ефес, щоб не баритися в Азії; поспішав бо, щоб, по змозі, на день П'ятидесятниці бути в Єрусалимі. З Милету він послав у Ефес і прикликав пресвітерів Церкви. Коли ж вони прийшли до нього, він до них промовив: «Ви знаєте, як з першого дня, коли я вступив у Азію, увесь час повадився я з вами. Зважайте на самих себе й на все стадо, над яким Дух Святий поставив вас єпископами, щоб пасли Церкву Божу, що її він придбав кров'ю власною. Я знаю, що по моїм відході ввійдуть поміж вас вовки хижі, які не щадитимуть стада. Та й з-поміж вас самих повстануть люди, що говоритимуть погубні речі, щоб потягнути за собою учнів. Тому чувайте, пригадуйте собі, що я три роки, ніч і день, не переставав кожного з вас із сльозами наводити на розум. А тепер передаю вас Богові і слову його благодаті, що може збудувати й дати вам спадщину між усіма освяченими. Ні срібла, ні золота, ані одежі я не вимагав ні від кого. Ви самі знаєте, що моїм потребам і тих, які зо мною, служили оці руки. У всьому я показав вам, що, так працюючи, треба допомагати слабосильним і пам'ятати слова Господа Ісуса, що сам сказав: «Більше щастя – давати, ніж брати.» Промовивши це, він упав на коліна і з усіма ними почав молитися.

Алилуя (глас 1):

Стих: Бог богів, Господь мовив, і призвав землю від сходу сонця до заходу (Пс 49,1).

Стих: Зберіть йому преподобних його, що заповідують завіт його в жертвах (Пс 49,5).

Gospel: John 17:1-13

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.

Hymn to the Mother of God

O my soul, magnify the Lord who in glory ascended bodily into the heavens.* O Mother of God,* you transcended both mind and word,* and in time, ineffably bore the Timeless One:* it is you who, with one accord,* we, the faithful, magnify.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.

Rejoice in the Lord, O you just;* praise befits the righteous.

Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

Instead of We have seen the true light we sing:

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, above all the earth be Your glory.

Instead of Let our mouths be filled we sing three times:

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, above all the earth be Your glory. (3x)

Євангеліє: (Ів 17,1-13)

У той час Ісус, підвівши очі свої до неба, проказав: «Отче, прийшла година! Прослав свого Сина, щоб Син твій тебе прославив, згідно з владою, що її ти дав йому над усяким тілом: дарувати життя вічне тим, яких ти передав йому. А вічне життя у тому, щоб вони спізнали тебе, єдиного, істинного Бога, і тобою посланого – Ісуса Христа. Я тебе на землі прославив, виконавши те діло, яке ти дав мені до виконання. Тепер же прослав мене, Отче, у себе – славою тією, що її я мав у тебе перед тим, як постав світ! Я об'явив твоє ім'я людям, яких ти від світу передав мені. Вони були твої, ти ж передав мені їх, і зберегли вони слово твоє. Нині збагнули вони, що все, тобою дане мені – від тебе; слова бо, тобою мені дані, я їм дав, і сприйняли вони їх, і справді збагнули, що від тебе я вийшов, і увірували, що ти мене послав. Молю ж за них: не за світ молю, лише за тих, яких ти передав мені, бо вони – твої. І все моє – твоє, твоє ж – моє, і в них я прославився. Я вже більш не у світі, а вони у світі, і я до тебе йду. Отче Святий! Заради імени твого бережи їх, тих, що їх ти мені передав, щоб були одно, як ми! Бувши з ними у світі, я беріг їх у твоє ім'я; тих, яких ти передав мені, я їх стеріг, і ніхто з них не пропав, лише син загибелі, щоб збулося Писання. Тепер же йду до тебе, і кажу те, у світі бувши, щоб вони радощів моїх мали у собі вщерть.»

Замість Достойно:

Величай, душе моя, Господа, що з плоттю во славі вознісся на небеса. Тебе, вище ума і слова Матір Божу, що в часі безлітнього несказанно родила, вірні однодумне величаємо.

Причасний:

Хваліте Господа з небес,* хваліте його в вишніх.

Радуйтеся, праведні, у Господі,* правим належить похвала.

Алилуя (х3).

Замість "Ми бачили світло істинне..." (х1) "Нехай сповняться уста..." (х3) ми співаємо:

Вознесися на небеса, Боже, і по всій землі слава Твоя.

The following Changeable Parts are for May 28th

At the time of the making of this bulletin (a week early) the Ukrainian parts were not yet posted on the Eparchial Website.

Descent of the Holy Spirit. Holy and Glorious Pentecost

Antiphon 1

The heavens tell the glory of God, and the firmament declares the work of his hand.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God...

Day to day pours forth the message and night proclaims this knowledge to night.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God...

Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God...

Glory... Now... Only-begotten Son...

Antiphon 3

O Lord, by Your power the king shall rejoice and greatly exult in Your salvation.

Blessed are You, O Christ our God who revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending them the Holy Spirit; through them You caught the entire world. Loving Master, glory to You.

You gave him his heart's desire and did not deny the request of his lips.

Blessed are You, O Christ our God who revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending them the Holy Spirit; through them You caught the entire world. Loving Master, glory to You.

For You have gone before him with gracious blessings, you have placed upon his head a crown of precious stones.

Blessed are You, O Christ our God who revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending them the Holy Spirit; through them You caught the entire world. Loving Master, glory to You.

Entrance

Be exalted, O Lord, in Your strength; we will sing and make music to Your might.

Troparion, Tone 8: Blessed are You, O Christ our God who revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending them the Holy Spirit; through them You caught the entire world. Loving Master, glory to You.

Glory... Now...

Kontakion Tone 8: When the Most High came down and confused the tongues,* He parted the nations.* When He divided the tongues of fire,* He called all to unity;* thus with one voice* we glorify the all-Holy Spirit.

Instead of the Trisagion

All you, who have been baptized into Christ, you have put on Christ! Alleluia. (3x)

Glory be to the Father...

... you have put on Christ! Alleluia!

All you, who have been baptized into Christ, you have put on Christ! Alleluia.

Prokeimenon, Tone 8

Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

verse: The heavens tell the glory of God, and the firmament declares the work of His hand.

Epistle Acts 2:1-11

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

Alleluia, Tone 1

verse: By the Lord's words the heavens were established, and by the Breath of His mouth all their host.

verse: The Lord has looked down from heaven and beheld the whole human race.

Gospel John 7:37-53; 8:12-13

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

When they heard these words, some in the crowd said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Messiah." But some asked, "Surely the Messiah does not come from Galilee, does he? Has not the scripture said that the Messiah is descended from David and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David lived?" So there was a division in the crowd because of him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

Then the temple police went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, "Why did you not arrest him?" The police answered, "Never has anyone spoken like this!" Then the Pharisees replied, "Surely you have not been deceived too, have you? Has any one of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, which does not know the law—they are accursed." Nicodemus, who had gone to Jesus before, and who was one of them, asked, "Our law does not judge people without first giving them a hearing to find out what they are doing, does it?" They replied, "Surely you are not also from Galilee, are you? Search and you will see that no prophet is to arise from Galilee."

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

Hymn to the Mother of God

O my soul, magnify the one Divinity in three Persons.

Rejoice, O Queen, boast of the virgins and mothers, for every tongue, though capable and eloquent, cannot hymn you as is your due, and every mind is confounded in seeking to comprehend the way in which you gave birth. Wherefore with one accord we glorify you.

Communion Hymn

Your good Spirit will lead me to the land of righteousness.
Alleluia, *thrice*.