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HOLY MYSTERIES

VISITATIONS OF THE SICK AND INFIRM – If you are going into the hospital for any reason, please inform Father Stephen at the Rectory. Our hospitalization code for Christiana and Wilmington Hospitals is **UKR**.

EMERGENCY CALLS – Please call the Rectory anytime (day or night) in an Emergency!

BAPTISMS – Celebrated by appointment.

CROWNING IN MARRIAGE – Please discuss timing with Father prior to setting a date. At least six months notice is needed. There are three 2-hour courses that must be attended prior to the Wedding.

BULLETIN DEADLINE – The deadline for getting information printed in the Weekly Bulletin is Wednesday.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS – For the Needs of the Parish; 2nd Youth Ministry

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Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of August 4 – 11

Sunday, August 4 - 6th Sunday after Pentecost –Tone 5

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

Sunday, August 11 – 7th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 6

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Panakhya: +Kim Bringle (10 Yr. An.) – Richard Bringle

Coffee Hour

PLEASE WELCOME – Father Emmanuel Pratsinakis. May God grant him many, happy and blessed years!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

6th Sunday – Matins: Luke 24:36-53; Liturgy: Romans 12:6-14; Matthew 9:1-8

Monday – 1 Corinthians 5:9-6:11; Matthew 13:54-58

Tuesday - 1 Corinthians 6:20-7:12; Matthew 14:1-13

Wednesday – 1 Corinthians 7:12-24; Matthew 14:35-15:11

Thursday – 1 Corinthians 7:24-35; Matthew 15:12-21

Friday – 1 Corinthians 7:35-8:7; Matthew 15:29-31

Saturday – Romans 12:1-3; Matthew 10:37-11:1

7th Sunday – Matins: John 20:1-10; Liturgy: Romans 15:1-7; Matthew 9:27-35

6 Sunday After Pentecost: "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven."

In Matthew 9 a huge crowd was endeavoring to see Jesus. The amazing thing is that what each individual saw was what each individual had made up his or her mind to see. And it also tells us what Jesus saw in them. What Jesus saw in them was the defining characteristic of Jesus.

Matthew 9:1-8 - Jesus stepped into a boat, crossed over and came to his own town. Some men brought to him a paralytic, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven." At this,

some of the teachers of the law said to themselves, "This fellow is blaspheming!" Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, "Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins...." Then he said to the paralytic, "Get up, take your mat and go home." And the man got up and went home. When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God, who had given such authority to men.

In Mark's account of this story Jesus is in a house and it is so full that no one could get in. There were other men with the paralyzed man. They took him upon the roof and tore the roof off the house to let him down to Jesus. There is no doubt as to what these men saw in Jesus. They saw him as one that was willing to help those in need. Yet, the man didn't receive what he expected. He received something far greater. Jesus said, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven."

In this story, we find ourselves in a different world from our own. In that world it was believed that one was deformed because of his sins or his parents sins. (John 9:1ff; Luke 13:1-3) The Talmud said, "*the sick man recovers not from his sickness until (God) has forgiven all his sins.*" (Nedarim 41a) (Jack Lewis, **The Living Word Commentary**, Sweet Publishing Company, Austin Texas. Page 132.) Sick people were harassed and rejected by religious folks. Religious people saw them as cursed by God. You might think about what Job was suffering at the hands of his friends. They saw his trouble as a curse from God. Sick people were made to feel guilty for ever being born. You can only wonder at what is going on in the man's own heart as he is brought to Jesus. No doubt the guilt and rejection was like a thick fog hanging over his life. Jesus saw the man's deepest need. Jesus forgave the man. I would like to think that Jesus knew that this man was so guilt ridden that he would need some kind of proof that he had been forgiven. So Jesus says, "Get up, take your mat and go home." "And the man got up and went home."

More than the healing of the man's body was the cleansing of his heart. He went home with both a sound body and a heart at peace with God. Too often what we see in other people are only the demons in our own eyes! How does one person see Jesus as the answer to all his problems, and another person see Jesus as the problem to all his answers? What determines what each person sees? Is it outward circumstances or a condition of the person's heart? If the paralytic came to Jesus with the mindset of his world, that is, "*the sick man recovers not from his sickness until (God) has forgiven all his sins,*" then he came to Jesus seeing far more than the Pharisees did. He saw Jesus as coming from God. He saw in A

Jesus the power of God. He came to be made whole. What he saw was the determining factor in what he received.

Why did the Pharisees only see Jesus as a threat? Why did they come identifying what he did with Beelzebub, the prince of demons? Why did they come to Jesus only seeing demons?

Ironically, the teachers of the law began to see Jesus as having power from the prince of demons. But this only defines them, for they can only see the demons in their own eyes. Jesus turns their philosophical and religious thought on its head. In their minds the man is cripple because of his sins. Jesus blows them out of the water. Jesus forgives the man's sins and then Jesus heals the man. He gets up and goes home. Jesus has torn their minds apart. If the man is cripple because of his sins, then there is no greater way for Jesus to manifest his power over sin than to forgive the man and heal him. They should have seen Jesus as the one who could remove the paralysis of sin. But Jesus remained the problem to all their answers.

The crowds saw something much different. They saw God and praised his almighty power! "And the man got up and went home. When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God, who had given such authority to men." (Matthew 9:7-8)

The Holy Passion- Bearers Borys and Hlib

On July 24th (August 6) we honor in our Holy Church the first glorified/canonized saints - martyrs of our Ukrainian Church, the holy Passion bearers Borys and Hlib. Who are these two brothers? How did they die? Borys (in baptism David) and Hlib (in baptism Roman) were brothers by the same mother. Their father the great Prince Volodymyr - before his baptism, had numerous wives and many children by them. Hence, Vladimir divided up the state among all of his sons before his death, and after his death the eldest son, Sviatopolk, became Prince of Kyiv (the main city of the state, Kyivan Rus' - Ukraine). But still Sviatopolk was jealous and wanted yet more power, and he planned to kill his brothers in order to gain their territories. Some of Vladimir's advisers told Borys that he should take the army and establish himself as ruler of Kyiv. The holy martyr Borys, however, said that he could never lift his hand against his own brother. Sviatopolk sent assassins to kill Borys, who already knew that his brother wanted him dead. When they arrived they heard him chanting psalms and praying before an Icon of Christ. He asked the Lord to strengthen him for the suffering he was about to endure. He also prayed for Sviatopolk, asking God not to count this against him as sin. Then he lay down upon his couch, and the assassins stabbed him with their lances.

After Sviatopolk had killed Borys, he sent Hlib a message saying that their father was ill and wished to see him. As he was on his way, he received word that their father had died and that Sviatopolk had murdered Borys. The holy martyr Hlib wept for his father and brother, and was lamenting them when the assassins arrived. They seized his boat and drew their weapons, but it was Hlib's cook who stabbed him with a knife. The martyr's body was thrown onto the shore between two trees. Later, he was buried beside his brother St. Borys in the Church of St. Basil the Great. Although Borys and Hlib were not martyred for their faith (they are properly called 'passion - bearers' rather than martyrs), their voluntary and meek sacrifice for the sake of averting the suffering of others and preserving the Christian ideal, had a profound effect on the subsequent development of Christianity in Ukraine and the entire Orthodox Church

**Greatmartyr and Healer Panteleimon
Commemorated on July 27 (August 9)**

The Great Martyr and Healer Panteleimon was born in the city of Nicomedia into the family of the illustrious pagan Eustorgius, and he was named Pantoleon. His mother Saint Euboula (March 30) was a Christian. She wanted to raise her son in the Christian Faith, but she died when the future martyr was just a young child. His father sent Pantoleon to a pagan school, after which the young man studied medicine at Nicomedia under the renowned physician Euphrosynus. Pantoleon came to the attention of the emperor Maximian (284-305), who wished to appoint him as royal physician when he finished his schooling.

The hieromartyrs Hermolaus, Hermippus and Hermocrates, survivors of the massacre of 20,000 Christians in 303, were living secretly in Nicomedia at that time. Saint Hermolaus saw Pantoleon time and again when he came to the house where they were hiding. Once, the priest invited the youth to the house and spoke about the Christian Faith. After this Pantoleon visited Saint Hermolaus every day.

One day the saint found a dead child on the street. He had been bitten by a great snake, which was still beside the child's body. Pantoleon began to pray to the Lord Jesus Christ to revive the dead child and to destroy the venomous reptile. He firmly resolved that if his prayer were fulfilled, he would become a follower of Christ and receive Baptism. The child rose up alive, and the snake died before Pantoleon's eyes.

After this miracle, Pantoleon was baptized by Saint Hermolaus with the name Panteleimon (meaning "all-merciful"). Speaking with Eustorgius, Saint Panteleimon prepared him to accept Christianity. When the father saw how his

son healed a blind man by invoking Jesus Christ, he then believed in Christ and was baptized by Saint Hermolaus together with the man whose sight was restored.

After the death of his father, Saint Panteleimon dedicated his life to the suffering, the sick, the unfortunate and the needy. He treated all those who turned to him without charge, healing them in the name of Jesus Christ. He visited those held captive in prison. These were usually Christians, and he healed them of their wounds. In a short time, reports of the charitable physician spread throughout the city. Forsaking the other doctors, the inhabitants began to turn only to Saint Panteleimon.

The envious doctors told the emperor that Saint Panteleimon was healing Christian prisoners. Maximian urged the saint to refute the charge by offering sacrifice to idols. Saint Panteleimon confessed himself a Christian, and suggested that a sick person, for whom the doctors held out no hope, should be brought before the emperor. Then the doctors could invoke their gods, and Panteleimon would pray to his God to heal the man. A man paralyzed for many years was brought in, and pagan priests who knew the art of medicine invoked their gods without success. Then, before the very eyes of the emperor, the saint healed the paralytic by calling on the name of Jesus Christ. The ferocious Maximian executed the healed man, and gave Saint Panteleimon over to fierce torture.

The Lord appeared to the saint and strengthened him before his sufferings. They suspended the Great Martyr Panteleimon from a tree and scraped him with iron hooks, burned him with fire and then stretched him on the rack, threw him into a cauldron of boiling tar, and cast him into the sea with a stone around his neck. Throughout these tortures the martyr remained unhurt, and denounced the emperor.

At this time the priests Hermolaus, Hermippus and Hermocrates were brought before the court of the pagans. All three confessed their faith in the Savior and were beheaded (July 26; August 8).

By order of the emperor they brought the Great Martyr Panteleimon to the circus to be devoured by wild beasts. The animals, however, came up to him and licked his feet. The spectators began to shout, "Great is the God of the Christians!" The enraged Maximian ordered the soldiers to stab with the sword anyone who glorified Christ, and to cut off the head of the Great Martyr Panteleimon.

They led the saint to the place of execution and tied him to an olive tree. While the martyr prayed, one of the soldiers struck him with a sword, but the sword became soft like wax and inflicted no wound. The saint completed his prayer, and a Voice was heard from Heaven, calling the passion-bearer by his new name and summoning him to the heavenly Kingdom.

Hearing the Voice, the soldiers fell down on their knees before the holy martyr and begged forgiveness. They refused to continue with the execution, but Saint Panteleimon told them to fulfill the emperor's command, because otherwise they would have no share with him in the future life. The soldiers tearfully took their leave of the saint with a kiss.

When the saint was beheaded, the olive tree to which the saint was tied became covered with fruit. Many who were present at the execution believed in Christ. The saint's body was thrown into a fire, but remained unharmed, and was buried by Christians. Saint Panteleimon's servants Laurence, Bassos and Probus witnessed his execution and heard the Voice from Heaven. They recorded the life, the sufferings and death of the saint.

Portions of the holy relics of the Great Martyr Panteleimon were distributed throughout all the Christian world. His venerable head is now located at the Russian monastery of Saint Panteleimon on Mt. Athos.

Saint Panteleimon is venerated in the Orthodox Church as a mighty saint, and the protector of soldiers. This aspect of his veneration is derived from his first name Pantoleon, which means "a lion in everything". His second name, Panteleimon, given him at Baptism, which means "all-merciful", is manifest in the veneration of the martyr as a healer. The connection between these two aspects of the saint is readily apparent in that soldiers, receiving wounds more frequently than others, are more in need of a physician-healer. Christians waging spiritual warfare also have recourse to this saint, asking him to heal their spiritual wounds.

The holy Great Martyr and Healer Panteleimon is invoked in the Mystery of Anointing the Sick, at the Blessing of Water, and in the Prayers for the Sick.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FATHER STEPHEN ON VACATION – Father Stephen will be on vacation from Saturday, August 3 – Saturday August 10. In case of an emergency, please call Father Emmanuel Pratsinakis (215) 543-2989.

VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY - is expressed to Donald Hrynshyn, 8/4; Amanda Pappas, 8/6; Sandra Cramer, 8/6; John Vladimir Melnik, 8/9 & Stephen W. Tur, 8/9. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

MAKING PYROHY – We will be making pyrohy on Saturday, August 24.

MEETINGS

PARISH BOARD – Tuesday, August 13 @ 6:30 PM

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

(Please find a substitute if you cannot make a given week)

August 4 – Victor Kaliakin and Sonya Patronik

August 11 – Victor Kaliakin and Sonya Patronik

August 18 – John Plachuta and Linda Hnatow

August 25 – John Plachuta and Linda Hnatow

September 1 – Matthew Andreas and Victor Kaliakin

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of August 5- Thomas and Lynn Sulpizi

Week of August 12 - Nancy Hlwiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

Week of August 19 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of August 26 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

Week of September 2 - Mark & Laura Andreas

Week of September 9 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of September 16 - John Plachuta and David Lazaration

AN EVENING TO SUPPORT WOUNDED UKRAINIAN SOLDIERS – August 31 from 3 – 7 PM – Chambers Memorial Hall of Millcreek Fire Co. (3900 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington, DE). Buffet style dinner with open bar, live Ukrainian Folk Music, an auction to include a Ukrainian Flag signed by President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and other items used by the Ukrainian Army. Donation is \$100 per person (children under 13 are free). For reservations, please call Ivan Otamas (215) 962-7236.

GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

August 4 - Zina Twardus and Nancy Tur

August 11 – Kathy and Michael Chalfont

August 18 - Sandy Cramer

August 25 - Sonya Patronik

September 1 - David and Eve Lazaration

We need more Greeters!! If you would like to volunteer, please see Father Stephen

UOL FLEA MARKET – Thanks to all who helped in all the work. Special thanks to all who donated their treasures!

DONATIONS (CREDIT CARDS) ACCEPTED – for those who are interested, we can accept donations to the Church through credit cards. See Mark Andreas for details.

TENTATIVE CALENDER OF EVENTS

Saturday, November 2 – Fall Bazaar

Tuesday, November 26 – Community Thanksgiving Service – Atonement Methodist

SCHEDULING FOR THE PARISH – Please remember that all events, work parties, use of the hall must be cleared through the calendar kept by Father Stephen so that dueling events can be avoided.

READERS MINISTRY SCHEDULE

August 4 – Jean Roeth

August 11 – Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

August 18 – Andrew Duncan

August 25 - Thomas Scholtz

September 1 - Andrew Duncan

September 8 - Thomas Sulpizi

September 15 – John Plachuta

September 22 - Linda Hnatow

We need more Readers, if you would like to volunteer, please see Father Stephen

PATRON'S PATH – We will be taking orders for replacement bricks that will be engraved and placed in the Path. Just as before, each brick can have the clip art of a three bar Cross or it can be plain. The donation for the bricks is: 4" x 8" engraved brick is \$150 – with the clip art \$175; 8" x 8" engraved brick is \$200 - with the clip art \$225; 12"x 12" engraved brick is \$250 – with the clip art \$275. If you didn't get the chance to be a part of the Patron's Path before, take the opportunity now and tell your family members as well. Please see Father Stephen if you would like to place an order.

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL – Metropolitan Antony, Archbishop Daniel, Archimandrite Raphael, Father George Bazylevsky, Father Gus Christo, Father Vasyl Dovhan, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Andrew Molewski, Father John Nakonechney, Father James Norton, Father Gerald Ozlanski, Father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Father Michael Zaparyniuk, Matushka Andrejuk, Matushka Laura Odell, Matushka Lisa Weremedic, Pani Matka Oksanna Bazylevsky, Pain Matka Marianne Ozlanski, Pani Matka Annette Zaparyniuk, , Alicia, Nerry, Mykola, Brennan, Henry, Deborah, Galina, Dolores, Julian, Madison, Maria, Marie, Matt, Michele, Mykola, Penelope, Rita, Ryan, Jonathan Angelo, Randy Allen, Carolyn Angelo, Colby Atkinson, Shannon Austin, Stephania Bacha, Joyce Belles, Neil Belles, Joyce Bendoakas, Ethel Bernhard, Yaroslav Bilinsky, Irene Billon, James Bolton, Maria Borowenski, Betty Bosland, Becky Bosley, Angie Brengle, Paul Brengle, Patricia Bringle, Richard Bringle, Thomas Bringle, John Brick, Fedir Bukacz, Christine Cain, Mark Cello, Kathy Chalfont, Erik Colazo, Alex Czernik, Sharon Dalaski, Stephen Dalecki, David Dalldorf, Paula Daubert, William Dewhurst, Peter DiVirgilio, James Dudrick, Kathleen Dugan, Margaret Durell, Mary Eagleton, Maria Economou, Mary Eagleton, Rose Eldridge, Thomas Fagan, Archantula Fanjoy, Mary Farell, James Garrett, Lisa Gee, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovnio, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Richard Haslam, Rick Hastings, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Alicia Hlywak, John Hlywak, John Hnatow, Daniel Holoviak, Jennifer Huertes, Joette Jago, Stephen Johnson, Linda Josepinson, Michael Kapelus, Walter Katolik, Diane Keyser, Wendy Klinedinst, Judith Kocinski, Lorissa Kozakova, Ludmyla Krawchenko, Mykola Krawchenko, Sue Kreisa-Christian, Marlene Kuhar, Ron Lazaration, Karen Livick, Charles Lontor, Alla Lysenko, Jeremy Madea, Andrew Makolynyk, Jean Marano, Frederick McCarthy, Beth McKirachan, Fred McKirachan, Stephen McNulty, Ronald Michel, Mary Ann Michalcewicz, Michelle Michalcewiz, Lisa Miller, Matthew Miller, Mary Elizabeth Moran, Barry Morris, Elsie Moroz, Karen Needham, Julie Neff, Ann Nester, Laurie Newman, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Anthony Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry, Janilyn Bernice Pinkowicz, Daphne Pantelopulos, George Pantelopulos, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanné Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Roman, Jeff Rozwadowski, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, David Scharba, Isaac Schmidt, Joella Seale, Clay Seman, John Serth, Larissa Serth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Emily Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Alexandra Sparco, Natalia Stanford, Rich Steinman, Joseph Stevens, Noel Strobino, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczyszyn, Michael Synczyszyn, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, Lydia Thomas, Michael Tilson, Brysen Tomei, Dominic Tomei, Mark Tomei, Violet Tomei, Aria Tonner, Mariel Trimble, Martha Vignali, Jack Vognetz, Margaret Vognetz, Marilyn Wagner, Olena Wasylevska, James Watts, Chris Way, Leah Way, Barbara Weeks, Peter Weremedic, Laura Worley, Jack Ziegler & James Zook.

"REJOICE, MARINA, DOVE OF CHRIST . . ."

The life of the HOLY MARTYR MARINA is a wonderful example of piety, purity and chastity. Marina's parents were both pagans, but when her mother died giving birth to her, her father unwittingly entrusted her to the care of a devout Christian woman.

It is said that Marina matured into a beautiful woman. When she was 18 years old, Olymbrius, the imperial governor, desired to make her his wife. Not only did she refuse his advances, but Marina also boldly proclaimed that she was a Christian. Upon hearing this, the governor ordered her to offer sacrifice to the Roman gods. Marina would not compromise her faith in such a manner, and was tossed into prison.

The Martyr Marina suffered great physical abuse while in prison. She was repeatedly whipped and burned; when she healed sufficiently, the painful process would resume. Marina was finally beheaded in 289 A.D. Before giving up her life for the Lord, she had a vision in prison. A cross appeared on the wall of her cell. A white dove was perched on the top of it. Marina then heard the words: 'REJOICE, MARINA, DOVE OF CHRIST AND DAUGHTER OF ZION. THE DAY OF YOUR JOY IS DRAWING NEAR.' Some of her relics are preserved and venerated in the Vatopedi Monastery on Mt. Athos, while others can be found in an ancient Romanian monastery that bears her name.

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