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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; 2<sup>nd</sup> Youth Ministry

**September 6, 2020**  
**Volume 56: Number 35**  
**Schedule of Services and Activities**  
**Week of September 6 - 13, 2020**  
**Celebrating our 93<sup>rd</sup> year of Service to the Lord**

**ALL SERVICES ARE LIVE STREAMED  
ON FACEBOOK & WEBPAGE**

**Sunday, September 6 – 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 4**

**8:30 – 9:00 AM - Confessions**

**9:15 AM – Hours**

**9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful**

**Coffee Hour**

**3:30 PM - Coptic Wedding: Chris and Veronique**

**Tuesday, September 8**

**6:30 PM – Board Meeting (Zoom)**

**Wednesday, September 9**

**7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy**

**Thursday, September 10**

**6:00 PM - Great Vespers for the Feast**

**Friday, September 11 – Beheading of John the Baptist – Strict Fast Day**

**8:00 AM – Divine Liturgy**

**6:00 PM – Akathist to Our Lady, Joy of All Who Sorrows**

**Sunday, September 12 – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 5**

**8:30 – 9:00 AM - Confessions**

**9:15 AM – Hours**

**9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful**

**Feast of the Holy Belt of the Mother of God and the Hieromartyr Cyprian**

**Coffee Hour**

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Matins: Mark 16:1-8; Liturgy: 1 Corinthians 16:13-24; Matthew 21:33-42

Monday – 2 Corinthians 12:10-19; Mark 4:10-23

Tuesday – 2 Corinthians 12:20-13:2; Mark 4:10-23

Wednesday – 2 Corinthians 13:3-13; Mark 4:35-41

Thursday – Galatians 1:1-10, 20-2:5; Mark 5:1-20; Vespers: 1) Isaiah 40: 1-3, 9; 41:17-18; 45:8; 48:20-21; 54:1. 2) Malachi 3:1-3; 5-7;12; 18; 4:4-6. 3) Wisdom 4:7, 16-17, 19-20, 5:1-7

Friday – Beheading of St. John the Baptist: Matins: Mathew 14:1-13; Liturgy: Acts of the Apostles 13:25-32; Mark 6:14-30; Day: Galatians 2: 6-10; Mark 5:22-24, 35-6:1

Saturday – 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Matthew 23:1-12

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: Matins: Mark 16:9-20; Liturgy: 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4; Matthew 22:1-14

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### Where was MY God?

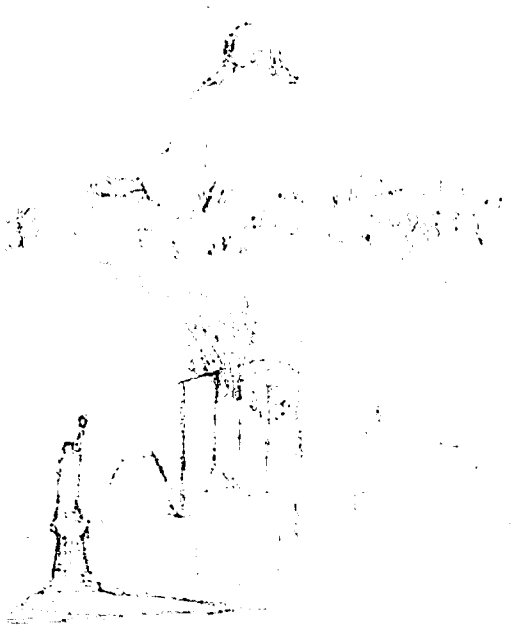
How many of us have heard that question "Where was your GOD when the World Trade Center and the Pentagon was attacked?"

Well I know where my GOD was the morning of September 11, 2001, and He was very busy!

He was trying to discourage anyone from taking these flights. Those four flights together held over 1000 passengers and there were only 266 aboard.

He was on 4 commercial flights giving terrified passengers the ability to stay calm. Not one of the family members who were called by a loved one on one of the hijacked planes said that passengers were screaming in the background. On one of the flights he was giving strength to passengers to try to overtake the hijackers.

He was busy trying to create obstacles for employees at the World Trade Center. After



all, only around 20,000 were at the towers when the first jet hit. Since the buildings held over 50,000 workers, this was a Miracle in itself. How many of the people who were employed at the World Trade Center told the media that they were late for work or they had traffic delays.

He was holding up 2-110 story buildings so that 2/3 of the workers could get out. I was so amazed that the top of the towers didn't topple when the jets impacted. And when they did fall, they fell inward. GOD didn't allow them to topple over, as many more lives would have been lost.

And when the buildings went down, my GOD picked up almost 6,000 of his children and carried them home with him. Reassuring his frighten children that the worst was over and the best was yet to come.

He sat down and cried that 19 of his children could have some much hate in their hearts. That they didn't choose him, but another god that doesn't exist, and now they are lost forever.

He sent his children that are best trained for this disaster and had them save the few that were still alive, but unable to help themselves. And then sent many others to help in anyway they were needed.

He still isn't finished though, he held the loved ones that were left behind in his arms. He comforts them daily. His other children are given the strength to reach out to them and help them in any way they can.

And I believe he will continue to help us in what is to come. He will give the people in charge of this great nation the strength and the wisdom to do the right thing. He would never leave us in our time of need.

So when anyone asks, "Where was your GOD on September 11", you can say "everywhere"! And yes, although this is without a doubt the worst thing I have seen in my life, I see God's miracles in every bit of it. I keep praying for those who don't believe in GOD, every chance I have. I can't imagine going through such a difficult time and not believing in GOD. Life would be hopeless.

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## The Beheading of St. John the Baptist

### “It is not lawful for you...” (Mark 6:14-30)

Everything indicates that we are fast becoming an “anything goes” generation. A student newspaper in one of our large colleges stated recently that sexual freedom is similar to freedom of religion and of speech, that is, a matter of individuality subject only to private standards of conduct. Every man must decide for himself what is right and what is wrong!



This morality - it seems - is based on what everybody is doing. Right and wrong have come to be based on a study of statistics. If everybody is doing something then it cannot be wrong; it has to be right! So it becomes a standard. A century ago Harriet Martineau wrote that the worship of public opinion was the established religion of America. Perhaps this is true. Perhaps that is why the “new morality” has caught on so quickly. It is based not on Christ but on public opinion, not on divine law but on a study of what everybody is doing.

This, then, is the “new morality”. The Gospel lesson speaks of the old morality - God’s morality! John the Baptist had told Herod the ruler: “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.” This was God’s law. John the Baptist did not compromise God’s law. He did not say, “Perhaps it would be better for you if you did not take your brother’s wife.” He said in no uncertain terms: “It is NOT LAWFUL for you to have your brother’s wife.” St. John paid for this with his head. But he could not do otherwise. As a Prophet he had to proclaim God’s unchanging law.

On all other matters, we will readily submit to authority, but on the science of God some people rate no authority higher than their own individual conscience. So each man decides for himself what is right and what is wrong; what is law and what is not law - something they would never think of doing in science or anywhere else but religion.

There are many opinions on any matter, but there is only one truth. Sometimes people prefer to worship the 99 opinions of men, be they actors, actresses, scientists or whatever, rather than the one unchanging truth of God.

Bishop Fulton Sheen once said: “Sins do not become virtues by being widely practiced. Right is still right if *nobody* is right and wrong is wrong if *everybody* is wrong. Some have



contended that sex aberrations are as common as the common cold, but nobody has so far asked us to consider the common cold normal and desirable.”

These same advocates of the “new morality” insist that there are no laws but the law of love. But they never define love. They seem to forget that God’s laws are an expression of His love, Christ did not do away with the Ten Commandments. He “came not to destroy but to fulfill the law.” Love is the basis for each of the Ten Commandments. I love God so I do not worship other gods or take His name in vain. I love my neighbor so I do not steal from him, seduce his wife or lie to him. Law expresses what love demands. The Ten Commandments are God’s way of defining in practical terms how true love is expressed. Without the Ten Commandments each individual is called upon to decide for himself what love is, like the student who killed a coed because, he said, he loved her too much!

An old proverb says, “He who will not heed the stars shall heed the rocks!” God’s laws are like the stars or the signs on our highways. They are there to help us reach our destination. They guide us. They point out danger spots. They tell us the maximum safe speed on curves. They tell us when it is safe to pass and when not. God has placed similar signs on the road of life for much the same reason. He has placed them there out of His great love and concern for us. Through them He points the way to salvation, to peace and happiness. To break God’s laws is to break ourselves. To follow them is to find the meaning and the purpose and the contentment that God has intended us to find in life.

But there are not only signs and laws. there is the Law-giver Himself: the Lord Jesus. “If you love Me, you will keep My Commandments” we read in the Gospel of John. How much do we love Him?

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### **GOD WON'T ASK**

**Written by: Jill E. Penley**

God won't ask what kind of car you drove, but will ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.

God won't ask the square footage of your house, but will ask how many people you welcomed into your home.

God won't ask about the fancy clothes you had in your closet, but will ask how many of those clothes helped the needy.

God won't ask about your social status, but will ask what kind of class you

displayed.

God won't ask how many material possessions you had, but will ask if they dictated your life.

God won't ask what your highest salary was, but will ask if you compromised your character to obtain that salary.

God won't ask how much overtime you worked, but will ask if you worked overtime for your family and loved ones.

God won't ask how many promotions you received, but will ask how you promoted others.

God won't ask what your job title was, but will ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.

God won't ask what you did to help yourself, but will ask what you did to help others.

God won't ask what you did to protect your rights, but will ask what you did to protect the rights of others.

God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived, but will ask how you treated your neighbors.

God won't ask about the color of your skin, but will ask about the content of your character.

God won't ask how many times your deeds matched your words, but will ask how many times they didn't.

God won't ask how many friends you had, but will ask how many people to whom you were a true friend.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY** - is expressed to the following: Kristina Iwaskiw, 9/6 .  
May God grant her a very happy birthday and keep her for many, happy and blessed years!

**PARISH BOARD MEETING** – Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM (Zoom Meeting)

**UOL DUES** – are due by September 20th. Our UOL Chapter provides many services to our Parish Family including helping us pay down the mortgage and taking on the apostolate of keeping the Protopresbyter Paul Hrynshyn Memorial Library. Annual dues are \$20.00 per person. Please see Nancy Hlywiak and become a member of the UOL today.

### **TRUSTEES MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

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

September 6 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff  
September 13 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff  
September 20 – Thomas Bringle and Linda Hnatow  
September 27 – Thomas Bringle and Linda Hnatow  
October 4 – Ann Duncan and Victor Kaliakin  
October 11 - Ann Duncan and Victor Kaliakin  
October 18 – Lorraine Neff and Thomas Bringle

### **READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

September 6 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick  
September 13 - Andrew Duncan  
September 20 - Linda Hnatow  
September 27 - Jean Roeth  
October 4 - John Plachuta

**ELECTRONIC DONATIONS (CREDIT CARDS) ACCEPTED** – for those who are interested, we can accept donations to the Church through credit cards. See Michael Tilson or Lorraine Neff for details.

### **CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

Week of September 7 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson  
Week of September 14 - John Plachuta and David Lazaration  
Week of September 21 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus  
Week of September 28 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly  
Week of October 5 - Mark & Laura Andreas

**PYROHY** – Everyone has been asking about our pyrohy project. For September we shall try something new. Masks must be worn. Be aware of the schedule:

Thursday, September 17 – 7AM – peeling the potatoes

Making all of the balls (cheese, potatoes & sauerkraut)

3PM – making the sauerkraut pyrohy

Friday, September 18 – 7AM – making the cheese and potato pyrohy

All the pyrohy will be frozen

Monday & Tuesday, September 21& 22 – 9AM - 11AM - taking orders for the frozen pyrohy – we shall sell what we have

Wednesday, September 23 – freezer bagging the pyrohy and packing the orders

Friday from 12 – 3PM pick-up (10 orders per half hour)

If you have any questions, please see Kathy Duncan or Father Stephen

### **RULES FOR ATTENDING ALL SERVICES: \***

Masks **MUST** be worn during the service – if you do not have one, a mask will be provided. \* **PLEASE:** It is crucial for the safety and health of all participants that if you have a fever of over 100°, or have any symptoms **PLEASE STAY HOME!!** For everyone's safety, contact information will be taken at every service so that if someone who attends develops the virus, all attendees will be notified and then would quarantine themselves for 14 days. stream all services until the pandemic is over.

**HOLY COMMUNION** – It is imperative that you understand that **YOU CANNOT GET DISEASE FROM HOLY COMMUNION!!!** This is the Body and Blood of Christ. The Communion Cloth is not to be touched. **PLEASE – listen to the instructions. \***

After the Liturgy, each person **MUST** sanitize the area in which he/she is using. \* **AFTER HAVING PARTICIPATED IN THE DIVINE SERVICES AND YOU BECOME SYMPTOMATIC – YOU MUST NOTIFY FATHER STEPHEN AT ONCE SO THAT ALL WHO PARTICIPATED COULD QUARENTINE THEMSELVES!!**

\* If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to **CALL ME (302) 798-4455**. I will be happy to assist you in any way that I can.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL – Metropolitan Antony, Archimandrite Raphael, Father Vasili Andrejuk, Father Paul Bigelow, Father John Bohush, Father Vasyl Dovhan, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Mark Leisure, Father Andrew Molewski, Father John Nakonechney, Father James Norton, Father Victor Wronskyj, Father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Pani Dobrodyka Lisa Weremedic, Alicia, Nerry, Mykola, Brennan, Deborah, Charles, Galina, Dolores, Julian, Madison, Michele, Mykola, Rita, Ryan, Randy Allen, Paul Andreas, Carolyn Angelo, Colby Atkinson, Shannon Austin, Stephania Bacha, Joyce Belles, Neil Belles, Ethel Bernhard, Yaroslav Bilinsky, Maria Borowenski Betty Bosland, Becky Bosley, Angie Brengle, Paul Brengle, Patricia Bringle, Richard Bringle, Thomas Bringle, John Brick, Fedir Bukacz, George Burns, Christine Cain, Mark Cello, Betty Charney, Mildred (Myrophora) Christo, Erik Colazo, Patricia Crystal, Alex Czernik, Sharon Dalaski, Stephen Dalecki, David Dalldorf, Peter DiVirgilio, John Dmytryk, James Dudrick, Rose Eldridge, Thomas Fagan, James Garrett, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovnirov, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Rick Hastings, Celeste Heiser, Dolores Helms, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Anthony Hnатов, Daniel Holoviak, Caroline Humphrey, Richard Humphrey, Sally Hutnick, Joette Jago, Stephen Johnson, Linda Josepinson, Rosalie Ann Kane, Sandra Kasch, Thomas Kasprzak, Charles Kaszytski, Julia Kaszytski, Diane Keyser, Barbara Kirylic, Wendy Klinedinst, Judith Kocinski, Ludmyla Krawchenko, Mykola Krawchenko, Emma Krasnopera, Volodymyr Krasnopera, Sue Kreisa-Christian, Marlene Kuhar, Karen Livick, Charles Lontor, Alla Lysenko, Andrew Makolynyk, Jean Marano, Paul Markow, Frederick McCarthy, Ronãld Michel, Lisa Miller, Matthew Miller, Mary Elizabeth Moran, Barry Morris, Elsie Moroz, Michael Moroz, Linda Muldoon, Karen Needham, Julie Neff, Ann Nester, Laurie Newman, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Anthony Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry Pinkowicz, Bernice Pinkowicz, Ryan Pinkowicz, Valentina Plachuta, Maria Plumpton, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Roman, Alla Rudawsky, John Ruczhak, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, Maria Russak, Anthony Saldutti, Dana Sargent, Doris Scully, Joella Seale, Clay Seman, Larissa Serth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Emily Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Rich Steinman, Joseph Stevens, Noel Strobino, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczyszyn, Tatiana Swec, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, Lydia Thomas, Brysen Tomei, Dominic Tomei, Mark Tomei, Violet Tomei, Aria Tonner, Mariel Trimble, Anna Tur, Richard Twardus, Martha Vignali, Jack Vognetz, Margaret Vognetz, Marilyn Wagner, Olena Wasylevska, James Watts, Chris Way, Leah Way, Barbara Weeks, Peter Weremedic, Stephen Wienkowitz, Laura Worley, & James Zook.**

## A PROPHET OF PRIMARY IMPORTANCE

**A** large number of those who believe in God are not completely familiar with both the OLD and NEW TESTAMENTS. We have all heard of the more popular Prophets such as Moses, Elias, Daniel and David. Emerging from the pages of the OLD TESTAMENT, today we focus on PROPHET SAMUEL.

This wise man was an instrument of God who lived eleven hundred years before Christ. He was the last Judge of the Israelites and anointed their first two Kings. He was born to the barren woman Hannah. This gift from above was named Samuel, meaning "Heard by God." Being the fruit of Hannah's prayers, she dedicated him to God when he was around three years old.

Samuel grew up in a pious environment, eventually being chosen as protector of the Israelites. He judged them with holiness and righteousness. He displayed leadership by counseling both kings and military leaders. Samuel realized the need for a central leader of his people whose tribal disunity was impairing their service to God. Many ascribe to him the authorship of the Books of Judges and Ruth, and of the first 24 Chapters of the First Book of Kings.

Through Prophets, God has instructed and prepared us for future Incarnation and ultimately universal salvation. Our Faith was established by wise and educated people who interpreted the Holy Scriptures accurately and who enlightened us with inspired teachings. Let their words serve as our light and foundation, guiding us thru our earthly journey.