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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

April 3, 2022
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Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of April 3 - 10, 2022
Celebrating our 95th year of Service to the Lord

Sunday, April 3 – 4th Sunday of the Great Fast – St. John Climacus – Tone 8

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour – UOL Soup Sale

4:00 PM – Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood Vespers – Descent of the Holy Spirit Parish – Philadelphia, PA

Monday, April 4

7:00 AM – Lenten Matins

10:00 AM – Frying Sauerkraut

Tuesday, April 5

10:00 AM – Frying Cabbage

Wednesday, April 6

7:00 AM – Lenten Matins

8:00 AM – Making Soup

6:00 PM – Presanctified Liturgy

Thursday, April 7 – Feast of the Annunciation

8:00 AM – Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

6:00 PM – Divine Liturgy (St. Nicholas – Dover, DE)

Friday, April 8

10:00 AM – Feast of the Annunciation – Holy Trinity, Whaleyville, MD

Saturday, April 9

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Take Out Spring Bazaar

Sunday, April 10 – 5th Sunday of the Great Fast – Mary of Egypt – Tone 1

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour – UOL Soup Sale

4:00 PM – Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood Vespers – Holy Assumption Parish
Philadelphia, PA

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Fourth Sunday of the Fast – St. John of the Ladder – Matins: John 20:11-18; Liturgy: Hebrews 6:13-20; Mark 9:17-31; St. John of the Ladder: Ephesians 5:9-19; Matthew 4:25-5:12

Monday - Genesis 13:12-18; Proverbs 14:27-15:4; Isaiah 37:33-38.

Tuesday - Genesis 15:1-15; Proverbs 15:7-19; Isaiah 40:18-31

Wednesday - Genesis 17:1-9; Proverbs 15:20-16:9; Isaiah 41:4-14.

Thursday - Feast of the Annunciation: Matins: Luke 1:39-46; 56. Vespers/Liturgy: Genesis 28:10-17; Ezechiel 43:27-44:4; Exodus 3:1-8; Hebrews 2:11-18; Luke 1:24-38. Genesis 18:20-33; Proverbs 16:17-17:17; Isaiah 42:5-16

Friday - Genesis 22:1-18; Proverbs 17:17-18:5; Isaiah 45:11-17

Saturday - Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 8:27-31; God-Bearer - Hebrews 9:1-7; Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

5th Sunday of the Fast - Matins John 20:11-18; Liturgy: Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 10:32-45; **St. Mary of Egypt**: Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 7:36-50.

ARE WE CLIMBING THE LADDER OF PERFECTION?

On the 4th Sunday of Lent, the Church always honors the memory of St. John of the Ladder (Climacus) who was born about the year 525 and died in the in the year 606. He was a great teacher of religion. At the age of 16 he climbed up Mt. Sinai to offer himself to God as a living sacrifice. He lived 40 years in the service of god practicing self-mortification, abiding in the desolate wasteness of Sinai, praying, meditating and perfecting a method of sanctification.

He received his name from the well-known book of spiritual exercises which he wrote. The book was called **THE LADDER OF PERFECTION**, and contained 30 chapters for attaining the 30 steps of religious perfection. It was designed as a means for Christians to climb spiritually, as up a ladder, from earth to heaven.

In setting before us the example of such persons as St. John, the Church calls upon us to "Seek first the Kingdom of God" and then all that is necessary for our life will be granted unto us.

The Church, during Holy Lent, expects that we depart from the vanities of this world and seek in silence and contemplation the glory of Christ and eternity. It is so difficult for us to do so in this day of great activity and distraction. There is always the radio, television, automobile and telephone. There are so many claims to our attention and our time.

But Lent **MUST** be different. We **MUST** attempt to follow in the footsteps of the warriors of God.

THE GOSPEL FOR TODAY

Suffering and glory are intertwined in Mark's Gospel. Jesus has just warned his disciples that he will lead them to the Cross; now, in a moment of glory on the mountaintop, he reveals the victory on the other side of that cross. Moses and Elijah appear with him to confirm that this Jesus is indeed the culmination of God's plan, the one toward whom both the law and the prophets had pointed.

Even after witnessing the Transfiguration, the three disciples do not fully understand what Jesus says to them or even how to respond to what they have seen (verses 6 and 10). Returning to the other disciples and the crowd that has gathered around them, Jesus meets even more evidence of unbelief and misunderstanding. The disciples have proved unable to exorcise a possessed boy. They are apparently confused and frustrated, the scribes have seized the opportunity to start another argument, and the poor man who brought his son for healing is ready to give up.

If Jesus had waited to be born until all humanity, or even his chosen disciples, were able to reach perfect understanding and faith in him, the world would still be awaiting its Savior. But as the conclusion of the story makes clear, Jesus is not bound by our imperfect response. "I do believe," cries the father, "Help my lack of belief." That is enough for Jesus.

For reflection: Is my faith weak or uncertain at times? Have I experienced moments of total assurance and confidence in God followed by intense doubts and questioning? How does today's reading speak to me?

Prayer starter: Lord, I wish I could always stay on the "mountaintops" where I experience your presence and feel spiritually on fire. But I need you most in my valleys of doubt and unbelief. Be with me there.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY - is expressed to the following: Oleksandr Krynitsky, 4/4 & Dawn Daniels, 4/7. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

SPECIAL THANKS – words could not express my sincerest thanks to Sandy Cramer, Chairperson, and all who helped with loading the truck this past Friday. I am working on an article with pictures of the event. May God reward you all a hundred fold!

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of April 4 – Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of April 11 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

Week of April 18 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

Week of April 25 - Mark & Laura Andreas

Week of May 2 – John Plachuta and David Lazaration

Week of May 9 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

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.

READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

April 3 - Jean Roeth

April 10 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

April 17 - John Plachuta

April 24 - Andrew Duncan

May 1 - Linda Hnatow

GETTING READY FOR THE TAKE-OUT BAZAAR – WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO!!! Please come and help:

Monday, April 4 – Frying Sauerkraut

Tuesday, April 5 – frying cabbage

Wednesday, April 6 – Making soups

Friday, April 8 – Packing

Saturday, April 9 – Spring Take-out Bazaar – Need help at the serving table

Need help for cleanup

FUND RAISER FOR UKRAINE – The Claymont Fire Company together with our Parish will host the event at the ACME on Marsh Road on Saturday, May 7, 2022 from 9AM – 3PM. We need volunteers to help collect the money. Please see Father Stephen.

TENTATIVE CALENDER OF EVENTS

Saturday, April 9 – Spring Bazaar

Sunday, April 24 – Paskha

Sunday, May 1 – St. Thomas Sunday – Cemeteries

Sunday, May 8 – Mother's Day

Sunday, June 19 – Father's Day

Sunday, June 19 – Graduate Sunday

Sunday, July 17 – Patronal Dinner

Saturday, August 6 – UOL Flea Market

Sunday, August 14 – Dormition Fast Begins

Saturday, September 24 – 50th Anniversary of Troop #70 (Tentative)

October 12 – 15 – UOC Sobor

Saturday, November 5 – Fall Bazaar

Tuesday, November 22 – Community Thanksgiving Service (Sts. Peter & Paul)

Sunday, December 18 – UOL Cookie Sale

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 may not occur.

IOCC RELIEF KITS – Our UOL is collecting items for the International Orthodox Christian Charities to provide relief in disaster areas. Beginning today, you can either donate a complete kit or any of the items so that we can make a kit. The items are: A one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure and fill it with the following items: One cotton hand towel measuring approximately 15" x 28" to 16" x 32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or microfiber); One cotton washcloth (no microfiber); One wide-tooth comb removed from the package; One fingernail or toenail clipper removed from the package; One bath-size bar of soap in the wrapper; One toothbrush in the package; Ten standard size Band-Aids. The IOCC has boots on the ground in any natural disaster any where in the world. Please help us to complete these kits to help them help others. Thank you.

RULES FOR ATENDING SERVICES BY OUR SYNOD OF BISHOPS: Those who have **not been vaccinated** must voluntarily wear masks at liturgy or other parish family events. Those who **have been vaccinated** but have been part of any gathering of people – indoors or outdoors – which includes individuals whose vaccination status is unknown to them should voluntarily wear masks during liturgy or other parish family events.

DO YOU SHOP ON AMAZON? – Did you know that if you would get on Smile Amazon and choose our Parish as your beneficiary that Amazon would donate a percentage of your purchase to us? Search on Orthodox Wilmington and choose SS Peter & Paul Ukrainian (yes it is misspelled and we've tried to correct it). Try it and help our Parish Family benefit from your shopping experience!

WHEAT FIELDS OF UKRAINE – by artist Andrew Duncan is on display in the vestibule of the Church. The prints which are 11 X 14 will be available for a donation of \$50.00 which will be donated to the Humanitarian Relief Fund for Ukraine. There is a rich symbolism involved with the print: the gold and the blue is obvious, the red is for the blood of the soldiers defending Ukraine, three clouds in the sky represent the Holy Trinity, white is for hope, the wheat is hard and prickly representing the hardness of the people after eight days of war, green is for the broken peace, black and dark brown is for the cheap oil to Europe which mixes with the blood. There is also a suggestion of a heart in the clouds. You can see Andy after Church or get onto his web site: andrewduncanartist.com to order prints. Thanks for your support.

GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

April 3 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik

April 10 - David and Eve Lazaration

April 17 - Zina Twardus

April 24 - John and Sandy Cramer

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

April 3 – Lorraine Neff and Ann Duncan

April 10 – Linda Hnatow and Matthew Andreas

April 17 - Linda Hnatow and Matthew Andreas

April 24 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

May 1 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

May 8 – Ann Duncan and Linda Hnatow

May 15 – Ann Duncan and Linda Hnatow

ORTHODOX CLERGY BROTHERHOOD LENTEN SERVICES 4:00 PM

April 3 – Descent of the Holy Spirit Parish – 723 N. Bodine St., Philadelphia, PA

April 10 – Holy Assumption Parish 2101 South 28th St., Philadelphia, PA

PASKA ORDER FORM – ORDER BY April 10

_____ **Small Round (\$8)** _____ **Large Round (\$10)** _____ **Butter Lamb (\$3)**

Name _____

**Please give to Father Stephen or Kathy Duncan with payment
Paskas will be ready for pickup on Palm Sunday, April 17**

OUR HOLY WEEK AND PASKA SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 17 – Palm Sunday, The Entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem

8:30 AM - Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour – Easter Egg Hunt

5:00 PM – Lenten Vespers

Holy and Great Monday – April 18 - Sts. Peter and Paul

7:00 AM – Matins

6:00 PM – Presanctified Liturgy

Holy and Great Tuesday – April 19 - Sts. Peter and Paul

7:00 AM – Matins

6:00 PM – Presanctified Liturgy

Holy and Great Wednesday – April 20

Sts. Peter and Paul

7:00 AM – Matins

8:00 AM – Presanctified Liturgy

St. Nicholas – Dover, DE

2:00 PM – Anointing of the Sick

Sts. Peter and Paul

7:00 PM – Anointing of the Sick

Holy and Great Thursday – April 21

7:00 AM – Matins

7:30 AM – Vespers/Liturgy of St. Basil

6:00 PM – 12 Gospels

Holy and Great Friday – April 22

Saints Peter and Paul

8:00 AM – Royal Hours

Holy Trinity – Whaleyville, MD

1:00 PM – Vespers/Shroud

St. Nicholas – Dover, DE

4:00 PM – Vespers/Shroud

Sts. Peter and Paul

7:00 PM – Vespers/Shroud

9:00 PM – Jerusalem Matins

Holy & Great Saturday – April 23

Saints Peter and Paul

8:00 AM – Vesper/Liturgy St. Basil

Holy Trinity - Whaleyville

4:00 PM – Service at the Tomb - Resurrection Matins

Divine Liturgy – Bless Baskets

Sts. Peter and Paul

11:00 PM – Service at the Tomb

Resurrection Matins

Sunday, April 24

Resurrection of Our Lord

12 Midnite – Divine Liturgy

Bless Baskets – Coffee Hour

St. Nicholas

8:00 AM – Resurrection Matins

Divine Liturgy – Bless Baskets

Saints Peter and Paul

10:00 AM Pro Liturgy – Communion

Bless Baskets – Coffee Hour

5:00 PM – Agape Matins

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL – Archimandrite Raphael, Father Vasili Andrejuk, Father George Bazylevsky, Father Vasyl Dovhan, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Andrew Molewski, Father John Nakonechney, Father James Norton, Father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Matushka Andrejuk, Matushka Lisa Weremedic, Alicia, Nerry, Mykola, Brennan, Deborah, Galina, Dolores, Julian, Madison, Matt, Michele, Mykola, Rita, Ryan, Randy Allen, Carolyn Angelo, Colby Atkinson, Shannon Austin, Stephania Bacha, Joyce Belles, Neil Belles, Ethel Bernhard, Yaroslav Bilinsky, Maria Borowski Betty Bosland, Becky Bosley, Angie Brengle, Paul Brengle, Patricia Bringle, Richard Bringle, Thomas Bringle, John Brick, Fedir Bukacz, 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, Kathleen Dugan, Larry Dugan, Margaret Durell, Mary Eagleton, Rose Eldridge, Thomas Fagan, James Garrett, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovnirov, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Richard Haslam, Rick Hastings, Celeste Heiser, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Alicia Hlywak, John Hlywak, Michael Hnatow, Daniel Holoviak, Jennifer Huertes, Caroline Humphrey, Richard Humphrey, Sally Hutnick, Joette Jago, Stephen Johnson, Linda Josepinson, Elizabeth Kaliakin, Rosalie Ann Kane, Michael Kapelus, Sandra Kasch, Charles Kaszytski, Julia Kaszytski, Diane Keyser, Wendy Klinedinst, Judith Kocinski, Lorissa Kozakova, Ludmyla Krawchenko, Mykola Krawchenko, Volodymyr Krasnopera, Sue Kreisa-Christian, Marlene Kuhar, Karen Livick, Charles Lontor, Alla Lysenko, Jeremy Madea, Andrew Makolynyk, Jean Marano, Paul Markow, Frederick McCarthy, Victor Melnychenko, Ronald Michel, Lisa Miller, Matthew Miller, Mary Elizabeth Moran, Barry Morris, Elsie Moroz, Michael Moroz, Linda Muldoon, Karen Needham, Julie Neff, Lorraine Neff, Ann Nester, Laurie Newman, Ivan Otamas, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Anthony Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry Pinkowicz, Bernice Pinkowicz, Janylyn Pinkowicz, Ryan Pinkowicz, Valentina Plachuta, Daphne Pantelopulos, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Roman, John Ruczhak, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, Isaac Schmidt, Joella Seale, Clay Seman, Larissa Serth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Emily Smitheman, Kimberly Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Natalia Stanford, Rich Steinman, Joseph Stevens, Noel Strobino, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczyszyn, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, Lydia Thomas, Brysen Tomei, Dominic Tomei, Mark Tomei, Violet Tomei, Aria Tonner, Mariel Trimble, 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 JEWEL OF LENTEN WORSHIP** ❖ ❖ ❖

Great Lent is known to be a time of increased prayer and devotion. With this in mind, our Holy Mother Church wisely prescribes a full cycle of services during this 40 day period. The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts and readings from the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete tend to play a dominant part in our Lenten worship. There is another service, however, that merits our attention: **THE AKATHIST TO THE MOTHER OF GOD.**

The word AKATHIST comes from a Greek word, which literally means "not sitting." As you may have determined, the faithful are expected to stand throughout the entire service! The Akathist Service is prescribed for the fifth Friday evening of Great Lent. The Akathist to the Mother of God was instituted as an expression of thanksgiving for her protection of the city of Constantinople on three separate occasions from enemy invasions. Its authorship is unknown, although names such as Romanos the Melodist and Patriarch Photius of Constantinople are among those mentioned as possible composers of this elaborate hymn of praise to the Theotokos.

There are two main parts to the Akathist. The songs of the first section touch upon the historical aspect of the life of Christ and His Blessed Mother, while the melodies and verses of the second are impassioned declarations of dogmatic and moral reflections. We sing of the Virgin's many virtues and qualities, which we are called upon to imitate.

The concluding hymn of the Akathist Service beautifully expresses our feelings for the Theotokos: **"O ever-praised Mother, who gave birth to the Word, holiest of the Saints, accept our present prayer and deliver us from every affliction, and from everlasting punishment. Save us who sing to you."**