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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

August 21, 2022
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Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of August 21 - 28, 2022
Celebrating our 95th year of Service to the Lord

Sunday, August 21 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 1

8:30 AM - Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

Wednesday, August 24 – Saint Susanna

7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy – Veneration of the Relics

10:00 AM – ~~DRIVE FOR FREEDOM - LIBERTY BELL - PHILADELPHIA~~
~~SEE ANNOUNCEMENT~~

~~Thursday, August 25~~

~~10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy (Holy Trinity, Whaleyville, MD) – Blessing of Flowers~~

Saturday, August 27

4:00 PM – Deanery Meeting (Assumption, North Hampton, PA)

7:00 PM – Vespers/Procession with the Shroud – Matins for Dormition (Bless Flowers)

Sunday, August 28 – 11th Sunday after Pentecost – Dormition – Tone 2

8:30 AM - Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy for the Faithful – Bless Flowers

Coffee Hour

Virgin Martyr Susanna, and those with her, at Rome

Commemorated on August 11/24

The Holy Martyr Susanna the Virgin was the daughter of Presbyter Gavinius and a niece of the Holy Bishop Caius of Rome (283-296). She was raised in strict Christian piety and in her youthful years dedicated herself to God. The family of the saint was related to the emperor Diocletian (284-305), who heard reports of her virtue and beauty.

Having decided to give Saint Susanna in marriage to his co-emperor Maximian (305-311), Diocletian sent his own kinsman, the dignitary Claudius, to the priest Gavinius, and then his own brother Maximus. Both of them, together with the wife of Claudius Prepedigna and her sons Alexander and Cythius, accepted Baptism after conversation with the pious

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family. Having learned that the entire family of his relatives had been converted to Christianity, Diocletian sent them into exile.

Soon they burned the martyrs at Ostia, not far from Rome, and threw the ashes into the sea. They took the holy virgin Susanna to the palace, and the empress tried to persuade her to submit. But the empress, secretly a Christian, supported the martyr in her intention to preserve her virginity for the sake of the Lord. She explained to the emperor about the virgin's unwillingness to enter into marriage with a pagan. Diocletian gave permission to his co-ruler to defile the holy virgin, but an angel defended her.

Macedonius began to urge the martyr to offer sacrifice to the idols. "I offer myself in sacrifice to my Lord," she answered. Then Macedonius cut off the martyr's head. The empress secretly buried the body of the saint. The room where the murder occurred was consecrated into a church by the holy Bishop Caius. Soon the father of Saint Susanna, Presbyter Gavinius, accepted a martyr's end, as did Saint Caius in the year 296.

Troparion — Tone 4 - Your lamb Susanna, * calls out to You, O Jesus, in a loud voice: * "I love You, my Bridegroom, * and in seeking You, I endure suffering. * In baptism I was crucified so that I might reign in You, * and I died so that I might live with You. * Accept me as a pure sacrifice, * for I have offered myself in love." * Through her prayers save our souls, since You are merciful.

SCRIPTURAL READINGS

10th Sunday after Pentecost – Matins: John 21:1-14; Liturgy 1 Corinthians 4:9-16; Matthew 17:14-23

Monday – 2 Corinthians 2:3-15; Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday – 2 Corinthians 2:14-3:3; Matthew 23:23-28

Wednesday – 2 Corinthians 3:4-11; Matthew 23:29-39

Thursday – 2 Corinthians 4:1-6; Matthew 24:13-28

Friday – 2 Corinthians 4:13-18; Matthew 24:27-33, 42-51

Saturday – 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Matthew 19:3-12; Vespers: Genesis 28:10-17; Ezekiel 43:27-44:1-4; Proverbs 9:1-11.

11th Sunday after Pentecost – 1 Corinthians 9:2-12; Matthew 18:23-35; Dormition - Matins: Luke 1:39-49; 56 Liturgy: Philippians 2:5-19; Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

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Statement of the Council of Bishops of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and Diaspora at the Celebration of 31st Anniversary of Ukraine's Independence - 24 August, 2022

Beloved in the Lord, brothers and sisters – the faithful of our Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and Diaspora as well as all people of good will: we cordially congratulate all Ukrainian-Americans, all citizens of Ukraine, the friends and supporters of our ancestral homeland country on this August 24, 2022 - the 31st anniversary of Independence of Ukraine - one of the most important dates defining our identity!

May God bless Ukraine with peace!

From the very beginning, we would like to particularly congratulate the young men and women who fearlessly serve the people and nation of Ukraine during the time of historic aggression of Russian Federation against Ukraine.

Ukraine – is a spot on the map of our planet - where the world is facing a true challenge to peace and where we are able to prove that we all together, all of Ukraine, together with the civilized world, fight for the world's security and independence.

The price that our ancestral homeland Ukraine has paid for independence and freedom is immense and obliges each of us to never forget our heroes, who sacrificed their lives. We prayerfully commit the souls of our warriors fallen for freedom, independence and integrity of the homeland into the loving embrace of the Savior, crucified on the cross by the sins of humanity.

The historical restoration of our statehood took the vast efforts of many generations and the maintenance of the achieved statehood also requires hard work and devotion. We all need to further enhance the values of our Ukrainian heritage and to undertake the peaceful, consistent and result-oriented policy to address the challenges and ensure the irreversible spiritual, economic and political development of the country, which generations of our people desire and pray for.

It obliges us all – the society, Church and civil government and the entire Diaspora, all envisioning Ukraine in Europe to jointly keep striving to achieve the goal that unites us – to become the full-fledged member of a democratic and freedom-loving world.

As hierarchs of the Church, we believe that everyone will demonstrate wisdom and put the peace-loving national interest above all. We call upon the leaders of Russian Federation, both spiritual and political to immediately cease the hostilities and war actions against Ukraine. De-occupation is of particular importance not only for Ukraine but for the peace

and stability of the world.

We call upon the people of Ukraine – all within her borders and all who for decades or just days live beyond those borders – to remain strong in their faith. Call to mind how even after the most incomprehensible and genocidal afflictions – like the Holodomor – Ukraine has risen from the ashes like the mythological Phoenix and became stronger and more determined to follow the road to a self-sustaining independence. Now is the time to fall down on our knees to seek God’s further protection and guidance.

Beloved in the Lord, let’s all take every possible step to make Ukraine a stable, peaceful, and successful country. It is what our children expect of us – peace and constant dependence on God this is the potential they see in Ukraine in the 21st century.

Today, we would like to thank everyone again who believes in Ukraine and who stands by our side on this path. We are overwhelmed by so many individuals and organizations throughout the world – ordinary citizens of many countries, church congregations of all faiths, in particular, who have offered almost unbelievable sums of money, medical devices, medicines, ambulances and so much more to aide our brothers and sisters so horribly attacked and once again oppressed. They have provided a lifeline for the people of Ukraine during this military aggression.

Embracing the Divine-given gift of freedom with awe and thanksgiving with you our spiritual children here in the United States of America and Diapsora, and with those in Ukraine, we beseech the Father of lights and every perfect gift, the Son of righteousness and the Spirit of truth to descend upon us, embrace us, guiding and perfecting our every deed. “The Father is our Hope, the Son is our Refuge and the Holy Spirit is our Protection” throughout all our existence.

+Antony, Metropolitan

+Daniel, Archbishop

THE ORTHODOX FAITH: DOCTRINE

-By Father Thomas Hopko

CHURCH ART

The Orthodox Church has a rich tradition of iconography as well as other church arts: music, architecture, sculpture, needlework, poetry, etc. This artistic tradition is based on the Orthodox Christian doctrine of human creativity rooted in God's love for man and the world in creation.

Because man is created in the image and likeness of God, and because God so loved man and the world as to create, save and glorify them by His own coming in Christ and the Holy Spirit, the artistic expressions of man and the blessings and inspirations of God merge into a holy artistic creativity which truly expresses the deepest truths of the Christian vision of God, man, and nature.

The icon is Orthodoxy's highest artistic achievement. It is a gospel proclamation, a doctrinal teaching and a spiritual inspiration in colors and lines.

The traditional Orthodox icon is not a holy picture. It is not a pictorial portrayal of some Christian saint or event in a "photocopy" way. It is, on the contrary, the expression of the eternal and divine reality, significance, and purpose of the given person or event depicted. In the gracious freedom of the divine inspiration, the icon depicts its subject as at the same time both human and yet "full of God," earthly and yet heavenly, physical and yet spiritual, "bearing the cross" and yet full of grace, light, peace and joy.

In this way the icon expresses a deeper "realism" than that which would be shown in the simple reproduction of the physical externals of the historic person or happening. Thus, in their own unique way the various types of Orthodox icons, through their form and style and manner of depiction as well as through their actual contents and use in the Church, are an inexhaustible source of revelation of the Orthodox doctrine and faith.

Musical expression may be added to the icon as a source of discovering the Orthodox Christian worldview. Here, however, there is greater difficulty because of the loss in recent years of the liturgical and spiritual meaning of music in the Church. Just as the theological meaning of the traditional Orthodox icon is being rediscovered, so is the traditional doctrinal significance of Orthodox music. The process in the latter case, however, is much slower, much more difficult, and much less evident to the average person.

The traditional Orthodox architecture also expresses the doctrine of the Church, particularly in its emphasis on "God with us" and the complete communion of men and the world with God in Christ. The use of domed ceilings, the shape and layout of the buildings, the placing of the icons, the use of vestments, etc., all express the teachings of the Church. The traditional Orthodox church architecture and art work are expressions of the Orthodox Christian doctrines of creation, salvation and eternal life.

It is a very important spiritual exercise for Christians to study the holy icons and the hymns of the Church's liturgy. One can learn much about God and His gracious actions

among men by a careful and prayerful contemplation of the artistic expressions of Church doctrine and life (see Worship).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY - is expressed to Mark Andreas, 8/24; George Iwaskiw, 8/27 & Evelyn Synczyszyn, 8/27. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

FATHER STEPHEN – will be on vacation from August 28 (after Liturgy) – September 6. In case of an emergency, please call Father Gus (302) 479-5672 or Father Jerry Ozlanski (302) 798-7935.

DRIVE FOR FREEDOM – will be in Philadelphia at the Liberty Bell at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, August 24th to keep the war in Ukraine at the forefront of the media. This group is a fundraising group and any monies collected will go to the UOC of USA Ukraine Relief Fund. Did you know – When Ukraine became independent in 1918, the new government came to Philadelphia at Independence Hall to write their new constitution as their “Declaration of Independence”? His Eminence, Metropolitan Antony will be one of the Speakers. Father Stephen will be attending. If anyone wants to go, please call him for a ride.

UOL RETREAT – is scheduled for Saturday, October 1 beginning with a continental breakfast and registration at 9AM. Very Rev. Robert Holet, our Dean, will be giving the retreat on the topic: **“Stewardship: It’s More Than Show Me the Money”** talking about the Spirituality of Stewardship and its meaning in the life of Orthodox Christians.

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.

READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

August 21 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

August 28 - Jean Roeth

September 4 - John Plachuta

September 11 - Andrew Duncan

September 18 - Linda Hnatow

GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

August 21 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik

August 28 - David and Eve Lazaration

September 4 - Zina Twardus

September 11 - John and Sandy Cramer

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of August 22 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

Week of August 29 - Mark & Laura Andreas

Week of September 5 - John Plachuta and David Lazaration

Week of September 12 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of September 19 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

Week of September 26 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

MEETINGS

PARISH BOARD – Wednesday, September 14 @ 6:30 PM

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

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 Ukrainiaan (yes it is misspelled and we've tried to correct it). Try it and help our Parish Family benefit from your shopping experience!

WE NEED YOUR HELP – We will have one sale in September where we will take orders on Monday and Tuesday, September 12 & 13 and we will make pyrohy on Saturday September 17 and pickup will be Friday, September 23.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

August 21 – Lorraine Neff and Ann Duncan

August 28 – Linda Hnatow and Matthew Andreas

September 4 – Linda Hnatow and Matthew Andreas

September 11 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

September 18 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

September 25 – Ann Duncan and Linda Hnatow

TENTATIVE CALENDER OF EVENTS

October 12 – 15 – UOC Sobor

October 1 – UOL Retreat (See Announcement)

Saturday, October 22 - Boy Scout Car Wash – Silverside and Foulk Roads 9AM – 2PM

Saturday, November 5 – Fall Bazaar

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

Sunday, December 18 – UOL Cookie Sale

NOTE OF THANKS – I would like to thank all the faithful of our Parish Family for your prayers, get well cards, fruit basket and best wishes as I underwent my surgery last week and have begun my time of recuperation. May God reward your kindness a hundred fold!

Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

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. Orders will be taken until September 25.

31ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF UKRAINE – will be celebrated at St. Andrew Orthodox Memorial Church, South Bound Brook, NJ beginning with a 10:00 AM Archpastoral Liturgy and the Blessing of Flowers. At 12 Noon a Prayer for Ukraine will be celebrated and the opening of a Memorial Exhibit. All are invited to attend.

ST. SOPHIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY – will celebrate the opening of the 2022-2023 school year on Saturday, September 10 with an Archpastoral Divine Liturgy beginning at 10:00 AM in the Seminary Chapel. Pavlo Vysotskyj will be ordained to the Diaconate at this Liturgy. There will be a live video broadcast. All are invited to attend.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL – Metropolitan
Antony, 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, Maria, Matt, Michele, Mykola, Penelope, Rita, Ryan, Randy Allen,
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, Christine Cain, Mark Cello, Betty Charney, Mildred
(Myrophora) Christo, Erik Colazo, Patricia Crystal, Alex Czernik, Sharon Dalaski,
Stephen Dalecki, David Dalldorf, Peter DiVirgilio, James Dudrick, Kathleen Dugan,
Margaret Durell, Mary Eagleton, Rose Eldridge, Thomas Fagan, Archantula Fanjoy, James
Garrett, Lisa Gee, 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, Frederick McCarthy, Beth McKirachan, Fred McKirachan,
Victor Melnychenko, Ronald Michel, Mary Ann Michalcewicz, Michelle Michalcewicz,
Lisa Miller, Matthew Miller, Mary Elizabeth Moran, Barry Morris, Elsie Moroz, Linda
Muldoon, Karen Needham, Julie Neff, Lorraine Neff, Ann Nester, Laurie Newman, 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, Jeff Rozwadowski, 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, Martha
Vignali, Jack Vognetz, Margaret Vognetz, Marilyn Wagner, Olena Wasylevska, James
Watts, Chris Way, Leah Way, Barbara Weeks, Peter Weremedic, Stephen Wienkowitz,
Laura Worley, Jack Ziegler & James Zook.

A SYMBOL WITH SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE

Living as we do in a country where we have always been free to practice our faith openly, it is sometimes difficult for us to relate to the conditions that existed for the members of the early Church. The pagan rulers of the ancient Roman empire were relentless in their attempt to destroy Christianity. Anyone bold enough to profess their belief in Jesus Christ faced certain torture, humiliation and death. The initial chapters of Church History are filled with stories of the brave people who made the supreme sacrifice of their lives for Christ.

Since their survival was largely dependent upon secrecy, the early Christians began to identify themselves with a **SIMPLE MARKING** which enabled fellow Christians to recognize one another, yet did nothing to arouse the suspicions of the Roman authorities. This symbol was the **FISH**. A fish traced in the ground may have indicated a place where other Christians were to meet for worship. Drawing a fish in the dust while conversing with strangers would quickly show if one were in the company of "friend or foe."

Why did the 2nd century Christians select a fish as their symbol? When the great theological truth - Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Saviour - was written in it's original Greek form, they noticed that the first initials formed the word "ichthus." This happens to be the Greek word for fish! It not only showed who the early Christians were, but more importantly, what they believed. A simple drawing had been transformed into something full of spiritual significance.