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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 22, 2021
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Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of August 22 - 29, 2021
Celebrating our 94th year of Service to the Lord

Sunday, August 22 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 8

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

Saturday, August 28

6:00 PM – Great Vespers and Matins – Procession with the Shroud of the Dormition

Blessing of Flowers

Sunday, August 29 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 1

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

PLEASE WELCOME – Our newly ordained Priest, Father Mykola Zomchak. Father Mykola will be with us today as well as September 12th. May God continue to bless and keep Father Mykola for many, happy and blessed years of serving Him by serving His people.

ON VACATION – Father and Pani will be on vacation from Saturday, August 21 – Saturday, August 28. Vespers and Matins will be served on Saturday, August 28th with the Procession of the Shroud of the Mother of God at 6:00 PM Saturday the 28th. In case of emergency, please call Father Gus Christo at 302-479-5672 or Father Jerry Ozlanski at 302-798-7935.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

9th Sunday after Pentecost –Matins: John 20:19-31; Liturgy – 1 Corinthians 3:9-17; Matthew 14:22-34

Monday – 1 Corinthians 15:121-19; Matthew 21:18-22

Tuesday – 1 Corinthians 15:29-38; Matthew 21:23-27

Wednesday – 1 Corinthians 16:4-12; Matthew 21:28-32

Thursday – 2 Corinthians 1:1-7; Matthew 21:43-46

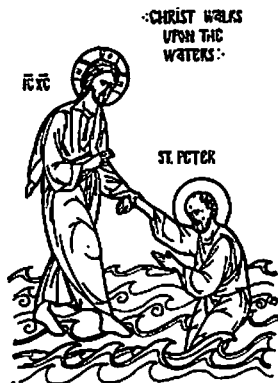
Friday – 2 Corinthians 1:12-20; Matthew 22:23-33

Saturday – Dormition of the Mother of God – Matins: Luke 1:39-49, 56; Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28 Day: Romans 15:30-33; Matthew 17:24-18:4

10th Sunday after Pentecost – Icon of the Icon Not Made by Human Hands of Christ - Matins: John 21:1-14; 1 Corinthians 4:9-16; Matthew 17:14-23; Icon Colossians 1:12-18; Luke 9:51-56; 10:22-24

THOUGHTS ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

Today's Gospel story taken from Saint Matthew 14:22-34 has a deep symbolic meaning that goes far beyond the actual details. It is a story about faith and about the closeness of Jesus to His Church, even when He seems to be far away.



The disciples in the boat represent, in a not too subtle way, the Church from which Jesus is never far even when the situation is threatening and He is invisible. Today, when a great challenge seems to be to proclaim faith in a largely faithless and yet religious world, and then to apply that faith to a way of life; Jesus often seems to be distant indeed. If it is true that God's judgment is upon us for the way in which basic beliefs of

Christian faith have been weakened and adapted to fit a pagan lifestyle, if it is true that the Church seems partially paralyzed when it come to pronouncing the Gospel truth on the question of war, then Jesus must appear to be as distant and unreal as that "ghost" the Apostles saw on the stormy lake.

The only salvation lies in Peter's plea: "*Lord, if it is really You, tell me to come to You across the water.*" And into the water he plunged. It was an act of faith coupled with an act that embodied that faith. The Christian must clearly understand that faith is professed in action, attitude and decision, not in words. Like Peter's swim, the path to faith expression is strewn with many failures, but the Lord will never fail anyone who sincerely wants to travel it. This is true not only for us as individuals, but also for the community of the Church. And we must accept this reality for ourselves in both cases. As individuals

we can experience the Lord in our hearts and turn to Him with as much courage as we can muster. For the Community of the Church it is the same; unless we as a church profess our faith in the Lord through actions, which unmistakably reveal the Gospel, then we will no more represent the Lord of Faith than does the individual person who lives without faith. It may well be that God is calling both the individual and the Community to abandon their comfortability and diluted faith in the Lord for a harsher and more real acknowledgement of Him! Perhaps when the storm gets worse!

EYES ON CHRIST

St. Paul tells us to “fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith” (Hebrews 12:1). In this way we can obtain the inner strength and energy so that difficulties and obstacles will not weaken us, delays will not depress us, discouragement will not take hope away and we will not succumb to sin and affliction.

We need to keep our sights on Jesus continually for encouragement, direction and help. With our eyes fixed on His suffering, which far exceeds any of ours, we can prevent weariness, discouragement and depression. There is an inclination in the best of us to grow weary and to weaken under trials and afflictions especially when they prove heavy and lasting.

Faith in Jesus can bring in fresh supplies of strength, comfort and courage because our Lord has assured us that if we suffer with Him, we shall also reign with Him. We must not sink into a sad and depressive frame of mind which can cause us to waver and to be discouraged under our trials. Troubles and afflictions may be the lot of the best of us. Gold is put into the furnace that it may be purified. Our trials, many and different as they may be, can be the purifying element in our spiritual growth and thus draw us closer to God.

The following example of faith penned in a prison in the former Soviet Union to a friend can serve as an inspiration to us. “I put my trust in God and firmly believe that all my trials carry His blessing, and that He will lend strength to my weakness by His merciful grace. My faith in the Lord is indestructible!” “Keep our eyes on Christ”

Are there any Tate Family Members in Your Parish?

Do you know how many members of the Tate Family belong to your Church? There is old man Dick Tate who wants to run everything, While Uncle Ro Tate tries to change everything. Their sister Agi Tate stirs up plenty of trouble with the help of her husband Iri Tate. Whenever new projects are suggested, Hesi Tate and his wife Vege Tate want to wait until next year. Then there is Aunt Imi Tate

who wants our church to be like all the others. Devas Tate provides the voice of doom while Poten Tate wants to be a big shot.

But not all the members of the family are bad. Brother Facili Tate is quite helpful in church matters. And a delightful, happy member of the family is Miss Felici Tate. Cousins Cogi Tate and Medi Tate always think things over and lend helpful, steady hands. And of course there is the black sheep of the family, Ampu Tate who has completely cut himself off from the church.

Which member of the Tate family are you?

THOUGHT THIS WAS INTERESTING

No Excuse Sunday

To encourage both the faithful and the unfaithful to attend church this year, every Sunday will be a "No Excuse Sunday" and the following will be provided:

- ❖ Cots will be placed in the vestibule for those who say, "Sunday is my only day to sleep".
- ❖ Murine will be available for those with tired eyes – from watching TV too late on Saturday night.
- ❖ There will be steel helmets for those who say, "The roof would cave in if I ever came to church".
- ❖ Blankets will be furnished for those who think the church is too cold and fans for those who say it is too hot.
- ❖ We will have hearing aids for those who say, "Father speaks too softly" and cotton for those who say, "Father is too loud."
- ❖ Score cards will be available for those who wish to list the hypocrites present.
- ❖ Some relatives will be in attendance for those who like to go visiting on Sundays.
- ❖ There will be TV dinners for those who can't go to church and cook dinner also.
- ❖ One section of the church will be devoted to trees and grass for those who like to see God in nature.
- ❖ Finally, the church will be decorated with both Christmas pointsettias and Easter lilies for those who have never seen it without them.

**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 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY - is expressed to the following Mark Andreas, 8/24; George Iwaskiw, 8/27; Evelyn Syneczyszyn, 8/27; Snizhana Boitsov, 8/28 & Marlene Kuhar, 8/28. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

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.

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.

OUTDOOR WALK IN FREEZER – is being ordered for the Parish. It will reside in the back of the Church outside the back doors of the hall. Our problem in preparing for any of our bigger sales is the space in which to store our food. The cost of the freezer complete will be about \$15K dollars. We need your help. A **SPECIAL COLLECTION** will be taken for the next few months to help us to reach this goal. Thank you.

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!

TENTATIVE CALENDER OF EVENTS

Monday, September 13 – Bible Study Resumes

Saturday, September 18 – Karaoke Night (6:00 PM)

Sunday, September 19 – Religious Education Begins

Friday, September 24 – 6:00 PM – Coptic Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, September 25 – 1:00 – 4:00 PM – Wedding from the Coptic Church

Saturday, September 25 – Dancing Under the Stars

Saturday, October 9 – UOL Retreat

Sunday, October 10 – 13 – Clergy Retreat, South Bound Brook, NJ

Saturday, October 23 – UOL Book Sale

Saturday, November 6 – Fall Bazaar

Tuesday, November 23 – Community Thanksgiving Service (Holy Rosary)

Sunday, November 28 – St. Philip's Fast Begins

Sunday, December 12 – UOL Cookie Sale

MEETINGS

PARISH BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, September 14 @ 6:30 PM

UOL MEETING – Sunday, September 19 during coffee hour

GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

August 22 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik & Alexander Smith

August 29 - David and Eve Lazaration

September 5 - Nancy Tur, Zina Twardus

September 12 - John and Sandy Cramer

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of August 23 - John Plachuta and David Lazaration

Week of August 30 - Mark & Laura Andreas

Week of September 6 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of September 13 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

Week of September 20 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of September 27 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

August 22 - Andrew Duncan

August 29 - Linda Hnatow

September 5 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

September 12 - Jean Roeth

September 19 – John Plachuta

TRUSTEES MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

August 22 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

August 29 – Thomas Bringle and Linda Hnatow

September 5 – Thomas Bringle and Linda Hnatow

September 12 – Ann Duncan and Victor Kaliakin

September 19 – Ann Duncan and Victor Kaliakin

September 26 – Lorraine Neff and Thomas Bringle

FALL PYROHY SCHEDULE – Although a decision will not be made until the end of September, with the spread of the delta virus it is looking like our Fall Bazaar will be take out only. Due to the vast ordering for our “Take Out Bazaars” and the lack of personnel to help prepare all the foods, it was decided that we shall not sell to the public in the months of September and October so that we may fill the freezer with enough food to support the event. Each session will be less than usual to prepare. The schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, September 7 – Butter and Onions

Thursday, September 8 – Peeling potatoes, making balls, pinching sauerkraut pyrohy

Friday, September 10 – Pinching potato and cheese pyrohy

Monday, September 20 - Butter and Onions

Thursday, September 23 – Peeling potatoes, making balls, pinching sauerkraut pyrohy

Friday, September 24 – Pinching potato and cheese pyrohy

Monday & Tuesday, October 4 & 5 – Taking orders for the Bazaar

Monday & Tuesday, October 11 & 12 – Taking orders for the Bazaar

Friday, October 15 – Peeling potatoes, making balls, pinching sauerkraut pyrohy

Saturday, October 16 – Pinching potato and cheese pyrohy

Monday, October 25 – 250 lbs of Butter and Onions

Saturday, October 30 – Making holubtsi

Tuesday, November 2 – Peeling potatoes

Wednesday, November 3 – Pinching potato pyrohy

(More will be added to the schedule)

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND AND CONSTANTINOPLE

This Pilgrimage will be led by Archbishop Daniel. During the course of travels, the group will visit the Tomb of Lazarus, Cana, Mt. Tabor (Lord’s Transfiguration), the River Jordan, Mount of Olives, the Upper Room, Gethsemane, the sites of the Lord’s Passion Death, and Resurrection, Divine Hierarchical Liturgy at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre an audience with Patriarch Theophilus III of Jerusalem, Hagia Sophia in Constantinople and a private audience with His All Holiness, Patriarch Bartholomew. There is limited space available. The cost of the trip is \$3,895 (double room) and includes airfare, first class hotels for 11 nights, service charges, daily buffet breakfast, 1 lunch at St. Peter’s Fish, 9 hotel dinners (standard 3 courses), restaurant dinner with wine, farewell dinner, professional English speaking tour guides, luggage handling at hotels (1 piece in and out). There are some extras. Airline baggage costs not included and others – (see brochure) for more info, 800-842-4842 mirela@selesct-intl.com, selectinternationaltours.com.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL – Metropolitan
Antony, Archimandrite Raphael, Father Vasili Andrejuk, Father John Bohush, Father
Vasyl Dovhan, Father George Hnatko, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Andrew Molewski,
Father John Nakonechney, Father James Norton, Father Victor Wronskyj, Father
Volodymyr Wronskyj, Matushka Andrejuk, Pani Dobrodyka Lillian Hnatko, Pani
Dobrodyka Lisa Weremedic, Alicia, Nerry, Mykola, Brennan, Deborah, Galina, Dolores,
Julian, Madison, Matt, Michele, Mykola, Rita, Ryan, Randy Allen, Carolyn Angelo,
ColbyTAtkinson, Shannon Austin, Stephania Bacha, Joyce Belles, Neil Belles, Ethel
Bernhard, Yaroslav Bilinsky, Maria Borowenski Betty Bosland, Becky Bosley, Angie
Brengele, Paul Brengele, 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, Mary Eagleton, Rose Eldridge,
Thomas Fagan, James Garrett, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovniiov, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray,
Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Rick Hastings, Celeste Heiser, Victoria Herrschaft,
Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Anthony Hnatow, Michael Hnatow, Daniel Holoviak,
Jennifer Huertes, Caroline Humphrey, Richard Humphrey, Sally Hutnick, Joette Jago,
Stephen Johnson, Linda Josepinson, Elizabeth Kaliakin, Rosalie Ann Kane, Sandra Kasch,
Charles Kaszytski, Julia Kaszytski, Diane Keyser, Wendy Klinedinst, Judith Kocinski,
Lorissa Kozakova, 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, Victor Melnychenko, Ronald Michel, Lisa Miller, Matthew Miller, Mary
Elizabeth Moran, Barry Morris, Elsie Moroz, Michael Moroz, Linda Muldoon, Karen
Needham, Julie 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,
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, Doris Scully, Joella Seale, Clay Seman, Larissa Serth,
Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Emily Smitheman, Kimberly Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar,
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,
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, Sophia Zomcahk & James Zook.

~ ~ THE LIFE OF ST. NIPHON ~ ~

Well travelled and highly revered are two ways we now describe **ST. NIPHON**, Patriarch of Constantinople. Let us give proper recognition to his spiritual qualities that were at times questioned during his tumultuous life.

Niphon was born in Greece in the 15th century. The hand of the Lord touched him at an early age, and while still in his teens, he decided to embrace the monastic life. He lived in a number of monasteries, ultimately making his way to Mt. Athos, where he quietly intended to spend the rest of his life.

Young Niphon discovered, however, that God had other plans for him! He was first selected to be Archbishop of Thessalonika, and when the patriarchal throne was vacant, Niphon was elected Patriarch of Constantinople. His reign was brief, lasting only 3 years. Pressured by both RELIGIOUS and POLITICAL enemies, he was forced to live in exile. Some ten years later, Niphon was reinstated as Patriarch. Once again, his enemies prevailed and in less than a year, Niphon was put out of office. This proved to be a blessing in disguise for this saintly hierarch. He returned to the monastery of Dionysiou on Mt. Athos.

Niphon has been given credit for compiling the "**Prayer of the Departing of the Soul**" used in requiem services in our Church. This blessing is read upon the death of a believer, for the forgiveness of their sins. The saint fell asleep in the Lord in 1508 A.D. at the age of 90.