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Rejoice

MARY,

full of grace,

The Lord

is with you,

Blessed are you

among Women.

Luke 1:28



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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

February 14, 2021
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Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of February 14 - 21, 2021
Celebrating our 94th year of Service to the Lord

Sunday, February 14 – Sunday of Zacchaeus - Tone 3

8:30 – 9:00 AM - Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Pankhyda: +Alla Rudawsky

Panakhya: +Maria Russak

Panakhya” +Dorothy Tyrawski (38 Yr.), Myroslava Kulp (15 Yr.),

+Stephania (10 Yr.), +John (7Yr.) Hnatow & Robert Hnatow –

Michael Tilson and Linda Hnatow

6:00 PM – Great Vespers/ Liturgy Feats of the Presentation of Our Lord

– Blessing of Candles

Monday, February 15

9:00 – 11:00 AM – Pyrohy Orders

Tuesday, February 16

9:00 – 11:00 AM – Pyrohy Orders

Thursday, February 18

7:00 AM – peeling potatoes

6:00 PM – Making potato balls

Saturday, February 20

7:00 AM – making pyrohy

Sunday, February 21 – Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee – Tone 4

8:30 – 9:00 AM - Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Baptism of Emma Elizabeth Stirbu

Coffee Hour – Parish Planning Committee

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday of Zacchaeus – Matins: Mark 16:9-20; Liturgy: 1 Timothy 4:9-15; Luke 19:1-10; Great Vespers: 1st Reading-Exodus 12:51-13:3; 10-12; 14-16; 22-29; Numbers 8:16-17; Leviticus 12:1-4; 6-8; Numbers 8:16-17. 2nd Reading – Isaiah 6:1-12; 3rd Reading Isaiah 19:1-5; 12, 16,19-21.

Monday – Presentation of Our Lord - Matins: Luke 24:36-53; Liturgy: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; Luke 15:11-32

Tuesday – 1 Peter 3:10-22; Mark 12:18-27

Wednesday - 1 Peter 4:1-11; Mark 12:28-37

Thursday – 1 Peter 4:12-5:5; Mark 12:38-44

Friday – 2 Peter 1-10; Mark 13:1-8

Saturday – 2 Timothy 2:11-19; Luke 18:2-8

Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee – Matins: Luke 24:1-12; Liturgy: 2 Timothy 3:10-15; Luke 18:10-14

LOST AND FOUND



Today is the Sunday of Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus was, as we know, one of the last to convert before Jesus ascended the Cross (The penitent thief who was crucified with Jesus was the final convert).

Zacchaeus said to himself that it was curiosity that drew him to Christ. There was something better that must have been stirring within him; possibly, Zacchaeus may have been afraid to acknowledge this within himself. The fame of Jesus as a friend of Publicans had probably reached Zacchaeus and touched him. There is no other instance where Jesus volunteered His company by inviting Himself to Zacchaeus' house. Christ never goes where He is not wanted, nor does He stay away from where He is wanted.

This voluntary association with the outcast Zacchaeus is a symbol of Christ's whole work. The desire to save Zacchaeus coupled with His willingness to be identified with sinners) which led Him into the house of the shunned Zacchaeus) led our Lord from Glory to earth and caused Him to "dwell among us".

Zacchaeus comes down from the tree as fast as he can and is happy for He has found the Savior Christ is glad for He has found a sinner whom He will make a Saint. The experience of Christ's love convinces Zacchaeus far more than any threat. The touch of love melts him as a warm hand laid upon the snow.

His so-called curiosity is changed into a higher feeling. The change shows itself in the new kind of life that he proposes to lead. It is Jesus Who chooses Zacchaeus. Jesus, the searcher of souls, knew that this particular soul was ripe and ready. And so, Jesus calls Zacchaeus down from the tree and invites Himself as a guest in his house: "I must stay at your house today". He needs only to see a soul willing to be changed. He seeks only a loving response from people when He offers to live with them

THE PRESENTATION IN THE TEMPLE



The Gospel of St. Luke speaks of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple as follows: "When the days were completed for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord just as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord', and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate of the Law of the Lord" (Luke 2:22-24).

According to the Law (Exodus 3:2) every first-born male of human or animal was sacred to God. When a woman gave birth to a son, she was considered ritually unclean for forty days; if a girl, for eight days. She could not enter the Temple or share in any religious ceremonies (Leviticus 12). At the end of that time she had to bring to the Temple a lamb for a burnt offering and a young pigeon as a sin offering. Since this was rather expensive for the poor, it was adjusted so that the two pigeons were acceptable. It was this "offering of the poor" that Mary brought.

The Gospel continues with Simeon. "This man was righteous and devout awaiting the consolation of Israel and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It was revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he should see the Messiah of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the Temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the Law in regard to him, he took Him into his arms and blessed God, saying: 'Now Master, You may let Your servant go in peace, according to Your word, for my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You prepared in sight of all the people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel.'"

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PASTOR'S CORNER

The Holy Mystery of Confession

Q. We have been talking a lot about Confession lately. My question is: are the only sins that we commit against the Ten Commandments or are there others?

The Ten Commandments are naturally a good, moral base for us to start looking at our lives realistically. But, I'm sure that you know there is a lot more to consider. How many times as a priest have I heard, "I don't go to confession, Father, because I haven't killed anyone or I haven't stolen anything"...and yet we continue in our lives to "murder" people by slander and gossip and in the same way we "steal" their good reputation by our words and actions? There is more to sin than just the letter of the law: murder and stealing. There is the real aspect that when we do not live up to the two commandments of love: loving God and loving neighbor, that we have failed by missing the mark of the way a Christian is supposed to live. That is what the Greek word "hamartia" means: "missing the mark" - that we translate as "sin".

But I think that there is a whole series of sin that we do not think about. We look at the sins that we commit - but we fail to look at the sins of omission that we commit. The sins of omission would be failing to do what we know that we are supposed to do: sins of indifference to others; sins of wasting time that could have been spent on building up our Spiritual foundations, etc.

There is actually a Service for the Holy Mystery of Confession. In it, there are some petitions that help us to examine our conscience: "You detest those who worship false gods. But there were times when we gave ourselves to self-indulgence, and to money, and to escape from responsibility.... There were times when we grieved Your Holy Spirit with Whom we were sealed for the day of redemption, when we were blind to Your wonders, when we were deaf to Your Word, when we preferred ignorance to discerning Your will.... There were times when we were discouraged by our trials and pain, disheartened by evil like people without hope, when we did not pray as we ought, when we did not trust in You as the Lord Jesus commands.... There were times when we were careless, thoughtless and indifferent, when we missed opportunities, when we squandered time... There were times when we wronged our neighbor, when we did not treat others the way we would have them treat us, when we knew the right thing to do and did not do it.... There were times when we lacked compassion and generosity, times when we were slow to understand and forgive, but quick to judge and condemn. We profess faith without practicing it.... There were times when we were angry but fell into sin, times when we nursed feelings of resentment and revenge, when we bore grudges... There were times when we said things we regret, when we told lies, when we did not control our tongues. Blessing and curse come out of the same mouth. And there were times when we broke

promises, when we failed to honor our word...There were times when we were unfair, times when we condoned injustice, times when we did not stand up for what is right....
There were times when we were selfish and small, times when we were jealous, quarrelsome and disagreeable.... There were times when we were vain and self-important, disrespectful, times when we were conceited, provocative and envious. We have sinned against You, Lord. We pray You, hear us and have mercy!

In another service there are other petitions for the examination of our consciences: If I have placed too high a priority on myself, allowed superstition to rule my life, made an idol of any person or thing...If I have thought cruelly of others, wished them harm, hated or been envious or jealous of others...If I have had immoral thoughts or desires or committed immoral acts...If I have not trusted in Christ's love for me or if I have forgotten or ignored human dignity and have not been fair in seeing the views of others...If I have not loved God with all my soul or if I have neglected the Sacraments or the Fasts and Feast days of the Church...If I have not respected the Lord, His Church or the leaders of His Church; or if I have not repented when I knew I was wrong....If I have not attended Church regularly or neglected my duties to God and if I have not prepared properly for holy Communion....If I have not reflected the image of Christ, loved my neighbor, prayed, fasted or read the Word of God or stood firm in my faith and belief in Christ, His teachings or His Church....If I have over indulged in food or drink, harmed others or their possessions, committed immoral acts, used drugs harmful to my body....If I have forgotten that the body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit or destroyed animals unnecessarily, or if I have read or watched immoral books, movies or television shows...If I have allowed outside distractions to interfere with my worship, damage my faith or the faith of my fellow man; and if I have not been a good example as a "Follower of Christ"...If I have gossiped or listened to gossip or hurt others by my silence; if I have taken things which did not belong to me or if I have loved money....If I have spread rumors, led others to sin, or participated in or approved the sins of others and if I have gambled obsessively...If I have shown disrespect for my parents by deed or thought, if I have lied or forgotten that Sunday is a day of rest and for holiness and worship...If I have not been a good spouse, honest, patient, forgiving as Christ is, understanding, kind, loving, trustworthy or a good child or parent...For all the sins which I may have committed, by thought, word or deed, known or unknown! Lord, have mercy!

We must look at ourselves realistically and not with "rose colored glasses". Let us work on our faults and our failings. Let us go to Confession to receive Christ's love and forgiveness. Let us be the Christians that we are called to be!

RULES FOR ATTENDING ALL SERVICES: *

Masks **MUST** be worn during the service – if you do not have one, a mask will be provided. * **PLEASE:** if you have a fever of over 100°, or have any symptoms: **PLEASE STAY HOME!!** 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. We shall continue to stream all services until the pandemic is over. **HOLY COMMUNION – 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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY - is expressed to the following: Jennifer Robinson, 2/19. May God grant her a very happy birthday and keep her for many, happy and blessed years!

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES – are expressed to Vera and Barbara on the falling asleep in the Lord of their cousin and our long time Parishioners, Maria Russak this past Sunday. Funeral Services were celebrated on Friday, Feb. 12. Let us pray, asking God to place the soul of His newly departed servant, +Maria, in the abode of the Saints, where there is no pain, sorrow nor mourning but only life everlasting. Let us also pray for the family that God may give them His strength in this, their hour of need.

GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 21 - Nancy Tur, Zina Twardus

February 28 - John and Sandy Cramer

March 7 - David & Eve Lazaration

March 14 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik & Alexander Smith

MEETINGS

PARISH PLANNING COMMITTEE – Sunday, February 21 after Liturgy

PARISH BOARD MEETING – Tues., March 9 @ 6:30 PM (Zoom & In- Person)

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY – Soup is available for purchase to take home.

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.

READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 21 - John Plachuta

February 28 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

March 7 - Andrew Duncan

March 14 - Linda Hnatow

March 21 - Jean Roeth

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

NEW PYROHY SCHEDULE

ORDERS TAKEN

February 15 & 16

March 1 & 2

March 8 & 9

PICK UP

Friday, February 26 – 12Noon Appt. Needed

Saturday, March 27 11AM – 3PM Appt. Needed

In order to fill the orders, we will be making pyrohy on the following dates: Saturday, February 20; Saturday March 6; If needed Saturday, March 20.

TRUSTEES MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

February 21 – Ann Duncan and Victor Kaliakin

February 28 – Ann Duncan and Victor Kaliakin

March 7 – Loraine Neff and Thomas Bringle

March 14 – Lorraine Neff and Thomas Bringle

March 21 – Linda Hnatow and Ann Duncan

March 28 – Linda Hnatow and Ann Duncan

“PATRONS PATH”: A Tribute to the Faithful Founders, Families, Stewards and Supporters of this Holy Temple and All Who Worship Here. - Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church has created, **PATRONS PATH**, a lasting remembrance to all who have generously built, supported and sustained our little Parish in Wilmington, Delaware over the years. This tribute will be placed in front of the Holodomor Memorial and surrounding area to be admired and added to for generations. The funds generated from the sale of pavers will be used to offset operational and capital improvement costs. These pavers may be imprinted with special messages, dates, names or combination of such. A special presentation may be seen on our Facebook page (SS. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church) and Website (www.sspeterandpauluoc.org). Please look at the website for the Patron’s Path:

<http://polarengraving.com/saintspeterandpaulukrainianorthodoxchurch> It is our hope that you join us and be part of this new foundation on which to build for ages to come.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL – Metropolitan Antony, Archimandrite Raphael, Father Vasili Andrejuk, Father George Bazylevsky, Father Paul Bigelow, Father John Bohush, Father Vasyl Dovhan, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Andrew Molewski, Father John Nakonechney, Father James Norton, Father Myron Oryhon, Father Victor Wronskyj, Father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Pani Matka OPksana Bazylevsky, Pani Matka Linda Oryhon, Pani Dobrodyka Lisa Weremedic, Alicia, Nerry, Mykola, Brennan, Deborah, 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, 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 Golovniov, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Rick Hastings, Celeste Heiser, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Anthony Hnатов, Michael 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, 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, Anthony Saldutti, 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, Tatiana Szwec, 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, Michael Wardigo, Olena Wasylevska, James Watts, Chris Way, Leah Way, Barbara Weeks, Peter Weremedic, Stephen Wienkowitz, Laura Worley, & James Zook.

IN PRAISE OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS

Mary, Mother of God, we salute you. Precious vessel, worthy of the whole world's reverence, you are an ever-shining light, the crown of virginity, the symbol of orthodoxy, an indestructible temple, the place that held Him whom no place can contain, mother and virgin. Because of you, the holy gospels could say: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

We salute you, for in your holy womb He, who is beyond all limitation, was confined. Because of you, the Holy Trinity is glorified and adored; the cross is called precious and is venerated throughout the world; the heavens exult; the angels and archangels make merry; demons are put to flight; the devil, that tempter, is thrust down from heaven; the fallen race of man is taken up on high; all creatures possessed by the madness of idolatry have attained knowledge of the truth; believers receive Holy Baptism; the oil of gladness is poured out; the Church is established throughout the world; pagans are brought to repentance.

What more is there to say? Because of you, the light of the only begotten Son of God has shone upon those who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death; prophets pronounced the word of God; the apostles preached salvation to the Gentiles; the dead are raised to life, and kings rule by the power of the Holy Trinity.

From a Homily delivered by
St. Cyril of Alexandria

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