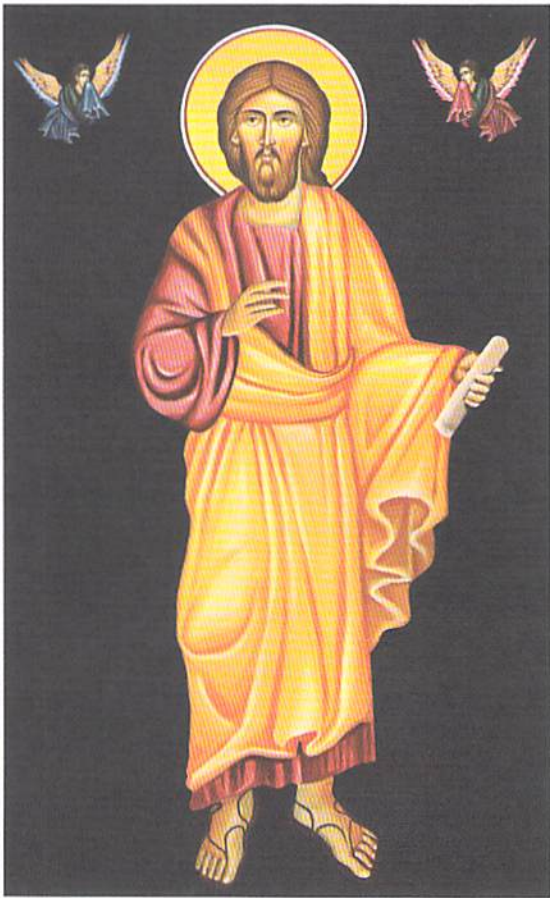


## HE IS A COUNSELOR



**P**rophets throughout the ages have foreseen many things. The ancient Prophet Isaiah announced the birth of Jesus centuries before the actual event. As written in Isaiah 9:6, he also revealed the many NAMES our Lord would be referred to as: The Prince of Peace, Everlasting Father, The Mighty God and also as Counselor. Today, we explore the many ways Christ qualifies as our BEST COUNSELOR.

To begin, Christ became AVAILABLE. This speaks to His wisdom. We all find it worthless when knowledge is either not available or not applicable to real life. Our Lord came down from Heaven in the shape of a man. Jesus walked amongst us,

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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

**July 11, 2021**  
**Volume 57: Number 28**  
**Schedule of Services and Activities**  
**Week of July 18, 2021**  
**Celebrating our 94<sup>th</sup> year of Service to the Lord**

**Sunday, July 11 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 2**

**8:30 AM – Confessions**

**9:15 AM – Hours**

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

**Coffee Hour**

**Monday, June 12 – Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul**

**8:00 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful**

**Tuesday, June 13 – Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles**

**7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy**

**6:30 PM – Parish Board Meeting (In Person and Zoom)**

**Thursday, June 15**

**10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy (Holy Trinity, Whaleyville, MD)**

**6:00 PM – Akathist (St.Nicholas, Dover, DE)**

**Saturday, July 17**

**10:00 AM – Ordination Liturgy of Deacon Mykola Zomchak to the Priesthood (SBB, NJ)**

**Sunday, July 18 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 3 – Patronal Feastday**

**8:30 AM – Confessions**

**9:15 AM – Greeting the Metropolitan**

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

**Blessing of Patron's Past**

**Patronal Picnic**

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## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Matins: Mark 16:9-20; Liturgy: Romans 5:1-10; Matthew 6:22-33; Great Vespers: 1) 1 Peter 1:3-9; 2) 1 Peter 1:13-19; 3) 1 Peter 2:11-24.**

**Monday - Feast of Saints Peter & Paul – Matins: John 21:15-25; Liturgy: 2 Corinthians 11:21-32; 12:1-9; Matthew 16:13-19. Day: Romans 9:18-33; Matthew 11:2-15**

**Tuesday - Synaxis of the 12 Apostles – 1 Corinthians 4:9-16; Mark 3:13-19; Day: Romans 10:11-11:2; Matthew 11:16-20**

**Wednesday – Romans 11:2-12; Matthew 11:20-26**

**Thursday – Romans 11:23-24; Matthew 11:27-30**

**Friday – Romans 11:25-36; Matthew 12:1-8**

**Saturday – Romans 6:11-17; Matthew 8:14-23**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Matins: Luke 24:1-12, Liturgy: Romans 6:18-23; Matthew 8:5-13**

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### **3rd Sunday After Pentecost**

Today's Gospel illustrates the loving concern God has for His creation. As you listen to it, you can close your eyes and almost feel Christ take your hand and tell you there is nothing to worry about. Nothing happens without His knowledge.

Jesus was probably sitting in a field with His apostles, trying to get them to understand that if God is first in your life, there is nothing else to worry about. He looked around, pointed out the tall grass, the wild flowers, the birds in the air, and asked: "Are not you of much more value than they?" Jesus tells us that there is much more to life than food, clothing, and material things. Of course, be concerned with life! But don't worry yourself sick about how you are going to pay the bills this week and still have enough money left for grocery shopping. Don't worry about where the money is going to come for school clothes in September. "Your Heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the Kingdom of God and His justice." He explained: "...and all these things will be given you besides."

This calls for confidence and trust in God. This does not mean that we can be idle, and do nothing, and expect God to provide us with everything we need and want. God doesn't directly feed birds nor nurture wild flowers. He does provide for them indirectly. He does not give it to them directly and immediately.

We are by nature different from the birds and flowers. We have talents, energies, and capabilities which they lack. It is natural for us to work and live by our work. But we must remember God's ways are not our ways. He brings good out of everything for our sake. The mistake we make is to think that what we need, when we need it and what is best for

us. God also uses people as His instruments to help one another. We are His hands, His feet, His mouth, and His presence of love among people. We should strive to be good helpers. Have faith, confidence, and trust in God. "Seek first the Kingdom of God....and all these other things shall be given you besides."

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### **3rd Sunday After Pentecost**

Our family of five voted - and the vote was four to one. I lost. The issue was whether or not we would get a pet. Since I had grown up an apartment boy, the only pet I ever had was some cockroaches. But I went along with the vote, and we started down Pet Avenue with the purchase of a gerbil. And I really took a liking to him. But there's something a little strange about those furry little guys. If you could interview a gerbil about, like, what he was anticipating for today's activities, he might say, "The same as yesterday and the day before that." If you asked, "Well, what's that?" he would answer, "The wheel." And so Gerbil climbs on his wheel and starts running. Come back later, he's still running on the wheel. I guess they don't realize what's happening: lots and lots of activity - and absolutely no progress.

Well, I want to have a word with you today about "A Gerbil On A Wheel." My friend Mark has a successful business, a great family, and he's actively involved in a good church. But the other day, in a heart-to-heart conversation we were having, Mark summed up this deep restlessness in his heart. He said, "I'm sick and tired of the status quo." He's not alone.

I know more and more people who are tired of the "gerbil wheel" of status quo living. It's not that the wheel is bad - it just isn't satisfying. It feels too much like a life that is full of activity, but in terms of doing something really eternal, not really going anywhere. This feeling of restlessness about the wheel you're spinning on may be leading you to the same conclusion my friend has reached. Even though there's nothing really wrong in my life, I really want more from it than just more of the same.

Okay, the reason for the restlessness may be traceable to the reality that God shows us in Ecclesiastes 3:11. He says, "He has set eternity in their hearts." You've got this "hankering," as they say down South, for something that will give your life some eternal significance. You want more than a "gerbil wheel" of doing your job, making some money, maintaining your Christian activities, meeting your responsibilities. It's all good stuff, but again not enough to satisfy a heart that's restless for something more eternal.

The first step off the "gerbil wheel" of status quo living may be in our word for today from the Word of God - Matthew 6:32-33. Speaking of the pursuit of earth-stuff, Jesus says,

"The pagans run after such things, and your Heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given you as well."

As followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, we were not created to just spend our life building and maintaining an earth-kingdom. We are eternal beings created to make an eternal difference. The restlessness of our heart is ultimately to make a greater difference with the rest of our lives than we've ever made before.

If the status quo isn't enough for you anymore, ask God for a mission that will affect people's eternity, for a life that's committed to building His Kingdom; carrying out His agenda. Nothing matters more to Jesus than the mission for which He came to earth. In His words, "to seek and to save that which was lost." (Luke 19:10)

My friend Mark, who told me of his discontentment with the status quo, said he wants the rest of his life to really be about sharing Christ, getting out the life-saving Gospel of Jesus, and taking people to heaven. He told me he wants his business profits to be about that, his relationships with the people in his world, his influence, the use of more and more of his time. See, that kind of passion to make the maximum possible difference with everything you've got with the rest of the time you have is the beginning of the great adventure your heart has been hungry for.

More of the same running on the same old gerbil wheel will never be enough for a heart that's made for the eternal. Be all about Jesus' Kingdom, and your life will count more than you could have ever dreamed.

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### **THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34**

**Do not worry about tomorrow.**

**Commentary: Attributed to St. Macarius of Egypt**

Wishing to lead his disciples to perfect faith, the Lord said in the gospel: Whoever is unbelieving in a small matter will be unbelieving also when it comes to something important; and whoever believes in a small matter will believe also when it comes to something important. What are the small matters, and what the important ones?

The small matters are things offered by this world, which the Lord has promised to provide for those who believe in him—things such as food, clothing, and whatever else is necessary for the body's well-being, health, and the like. About these he commanded us

not to have the slightest anxiety but confidently to trust him, for he will supply all the needs of those who make him their refuge. On the other hand, the important matters are the gifts pertaining to the eternal and incorruptible world, which he has promised to provide for those who believe in him, and who are ceaselessly concerned about these things and ask him for them as he commanded.

The Lord said: Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be yours as well. Thus each person is to be tested by these trivial and transitory things to see whether he or she believes that God will supply them. We are to have no anxiety about such things, but are to be concerned solely with the eternal blessings to come. It will then be obvious that one believes in the incorruptible things and really does seek the eternal blessings, if one preserves a strong faith concerning the things we have spoken of.

All who submit to the word of truth should test and examine themselves, or else be tested and examined by spiritual counselors, as to the way they live out their belief and surrender themselves to God. Are they really living by God's word, or only by an imaginary belief based on a false notion of righteousness and faith?

It is regarding his faith in small matters, that is to day, in temporal matters, that each person is examined and tested. Hear how this is done. Do you say you believe that you have been deemed worthy of the kingdom of heaven, that you have been born from above as a child of God, that you are a co-heir with Christ, and that you will reign with him for ever, rejoicing like God in light brilliant beyond description throughout the untold ages of eternity? No doubt you will answer, "Yes, that is the very reason why I left the world and gave myself to the Lord."

Examine yourself, then, to see whether worldly cares may still have a hold on you; whether you are very preoccupied with feeding clothing your body, and with your other pursuits and your recreation, as though your own power kept you alive, and you were obliged to make provision for yourself, when you have been commanded to have no anxiety whatever concerning yourself. If you believe that you will receive everlasting, eternal, abiding, and bounteous blessings, how much more should you not believe that God will provide you with these transitory, earthly benefits, which he has given even to impious people and to beasts and birds?

You who have become a stranger to the world ought to possess a faith, an outlook, and a manner of life which has about it something unusual, something different from that of all worldly people. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

(Homily 48, 1-6: PG 34, 807-811)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY** - is expressed to the following: Charles Kaszytski, Jr., 7/13 & Victor Fomin, 7/16. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

**HIS EMINENCE, +METROPOLITAN ANTONY** – will be visiting our Parish to bless our newly installed, Patron's Path, on Sunday, July 18 following the 9:30 AM Archpastoral Liturgy. Parishioners from St. Nicholas and Holy Trinity Parishes will be joining us for the celebration. Please plan to attend and come early as we shall be greeting the Metropolitan at 9:15 and I shall need ALL of our youth to help with the greeting. A picnic "cookout" will follow the blessing.

**HELP NEEDED FOR THE PICNIC COOKOUT** – We are in need for salads (potato, pasta, etc.) and desserts for the event. Please see Kathy Duncan so she can coordinate and we do not wind up with too much of one thing and not enough of others. Thanks!!

**SPECIAL THANKS: WORK PARTY** – Special thanks to Chairperson, Mark Andreas and all who came out to help!

**MOVIE NIGHT** – Friday, July 23 – **An Interview with God** at 7:00 PM. I'll spring for the popcorn!!

**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.



## **MEETINGS**

**PARISH BOARD MEETING** – Tuesday, July 13, 2021 @ 6:30 PM.

**UOL MEETING** – Sunday, September 12 during coffee hour

## **READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

July 11 - John Plachuta

July 18 - Andrew Duncan

July 25 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

August 1 - Linda Hnatow

August 8 - Jean Roeth

## **TENTATIVE CALENDER OF EVENTS**

Sunday, July 18 – Metropolitan Antony: Blessing of the Patron's Path

Friday, July 23 at 7PM – **MOVIE NIGHT**

Saturday, August 7 – UOL Flea Market

Friday, August 20 – Cooking for Emmanuel Dining Room (UOL)

Monday, September 13 – Bible Study Resumes

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

Sunday, September 19 – Religious Education Begins

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, December 12 – UOL Cookie Sale

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

If you are not vaccinated, 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!!** 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.

**UKRAINIAN HISTORY AND EDUCATION CENTER** – is sponsoring an online kid's wood inlay workshop on July 18<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 -3:00 pm. Registration and the purchase of the materials can be found on the web site: <https://www.ukrhcc.org/>

**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!

**AUTONOMY LOST AND REGAINED – The Ukrainian Orthodox Metropolia of Kyiv, 1633-2019** (<https://www.ukrhec.org/exhibits>) – Check out the newest exhibit at our Ukrainian History and Education Center.

**UOL FLEA MARKET** – is scheduled for Saturday, August 7. Please start gathering up your treasures to be donated. Please do not bring them to the Church before Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. The following dates and times will be the drop off schedule: Monday, Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6-8PM; Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> from 6-8PM; and Thursday, August 5 from 6-8PM. If you are donating clothing, they must be gently worn and washed. More on the drop off dates later. We would also need donations of finger desserts (cookies, brownies, etc.).

### **GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

July 11 - Nancy Tur, Zina Twardus

July 18 - John and Sandy Cramer

July 25 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik & Alexander Smith

August 1 - David and Eve Lazaration

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

Week of July 12 - John Plachuta and David Lazaration

Week of July 19 - Mark & Laura Andreas

Week of July 26 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of August 2 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

Week of August 9 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of August 16 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

### **TRUSTEES MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

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

July 11 – Ann Duncan and Victor Kaliakin

July 18 – Ann Duncan and Victor Kaliakin

July 25 – Lorraine Neff and Thomas Bringle

August 1 – Lorraine Neff and Thomas Bringle

August 8 – Linda Hnatow and Ann Duncan

August 15 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL – Metropolitan Antony, Archbishop Daniel, 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, 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 Golovniou, 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, & James Zook.**



experiencing exactly what you and I go through on a daily basis. He was accessible to all: rich and poor, children and adults, and especially to sinners in need of His help.

Christ came to us with ANSWERS. During his childhood, He sat in the temple in the midst of Church teachers. As stated in Luke 2:46, Jesus both listened and answered questions. After cleansing the temple of money-changers (John 2:18-19), He was asked by His critics, "What sign do you show us . . ." He answered "Destroy this temple and in 3 days I will raise it up", foreshadowing His death and resurrection. Christ answered questions on the promise of Heaven (John 14:1-6) and the perils of Hell (Luke 16:19-31).

Our Counselor came with ASSURANCES, especially for the hopeless sinner. Jesus brought a message of love, as witnessed by many; among them the Samaritan woman, the tax-collector Zacchaeus and finally the dying thief on the cross. He brought a message of hope to those who had no hope.



How refreshing it is to celebrate our Saviour today. His answers are relevant to every need of every age. Bring your burdens to Him. Christ, the Counselor, will guide you through them all.