



➤ ➤ BUILDING A LIFE ➤ ➤

Christ was known for telling parables. He used ordinary illustrations to clearly explain many eternal truths. Today we examine the time He showed that building a LIFE is something like building a HOUSE. You can either build it on a ROCK or on SAND.

The Lord said: "He who hears My teachings and does them is like a wise man who built his house upon a ROCK. The rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon the house; but it did not fall, for it was founded upon a ROCK." The Lord then said: "And everyone who hears these sayings of mine and does them not, shall be likened to a foolish man, who built his house upon SAND. The rains descended, the floods came and the winds blew and beat upon the house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."

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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

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

Sunday, July 3 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 2

8:30 AM - Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

Thursday, July 7 – Nativity of John the Baptist

7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Friday, July 8

8:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Panakhya: +Estelle Hlywiak (12 Yrs.)

Saturday, July 9

2:30 PM – Eagle Scout Ceremony

Sunday, July 10 – 4th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 3

8:30 AM - Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Panakhya: +Josephine Kapelus (3 Yrs.) & +Bruce Hoffman (10Yrs) – Andrea Hoffman

Coffee Hour

SCRIPTURAL READINGS

3rd Sunday after Pentecost – Matins: Mark 16:9-20; Liturgy: Romans 5:1-10; Matthew 6:22-33

Monday – Romans 9:18-33; Matthew 11:2-15

Tuesday – Romans 10:11-11:2; Matthew 11:16-20

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

Thursday – Nativity of St. John the Baptist – Matins: Luke: 1:24-25, 57-68, 76, 80; Liturgy: Romans 13:12-14:4; Luke 1:1-25, 57-68, 76, 80; Day: Romans 11:13-24; Matthew 11:27-30

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

Saturday – Romans 7:11-17; Matthew 8:14-23

4th Sunday after Pentecost – Matins: Luke 24:1-12; Liturgy: Romans 6:18-23; Matthew 8:5-13

Gospel Meditation

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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Historical Background to the Declaration of Independence

Background: On July 4, 1776, the Second Continental Congress, meeting in Philadelphia in the Pennsylvania State House (now Independence Hall), approved the Declaration of Independence. Its purpose was to set forth the principles upon which the Congress had acted two days earlier when it voted in favor of Richard Henry Lee's motion to declare the freedom and independence of the 13 American colonies from England. The Declaration was designed to influence public opinion and gain support both among the new states and abroad -- especially in France, from which the new "United States" sought military assistance.

Although Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Roger Sherman and Robert R. Livingston comprised the committee charged with drafting the Declaration, the task fell to Jefferson, regarded as the strongest and most eloquent writer. The document is mainly his work, although the committee and Congress as a whole made a total of 86 changes to Jefferson's draft.

As a scholar well-versed in the ideas and ideals of the French and English Enlightenments, Jefferson found his greatest inspiration in the language and arguments of English philosopher John Locke, who had justified England's "Glorious Revolution" of 1688 on the basis of man's "natural rights." Locke's theory held that government was a contract between the governed and those governing, who derived their power solely from the consent of the governed and whose purpose it was to protect every man's inherent right to property, life and liberty. Jefferson's theory of "natural law" differed in that it substituted the inalienable right of "the pursuit of happiness" for "property," emphasizing that happiness is the product of civic virtue and public duty. The concept of the "pursuit of happiness" originated in the Common Sense School of Scottish philosophy, of which Lord Kames was the best-known proponent.

Jefferson emphasized the contractual justification for independence, arguing that when the tyrannical government of King George III of England repeatedly violated "natural law," the colonists had not only the right but the duty to revolt.

The assembled Continental Congress deleted a few passages of the draft, and amended others, but outright rejected only two sections: 1) a derogatory reference to the English people; 2) a passionate denunciation of the slave trade. The latter section was left out, as Jefferson reported, to accede to the wishes of South Carolina and Georgia, who wanted to continue the importation of slaves. The rest of the draft was accepted on July 4, and 56 members of Congress began their formal signing of the document on August 2, 1776.

From the Library of Congress

July 4th

Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence?

- ❖ Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died.
- ❖ Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons serving in the Revolutionary Army; another had two sons captured.
- ❖ Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War.

They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor. What kind of men were they?

- ❖ Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners; men of means, well educated. But they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.
- ❖ Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags.
- ❖ Thomas McKeam was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward.
- ❖ Vandals or soldiers looted the properties of Dillery, Hall, Clymer, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton.
- ❖ At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson Jr, noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. He quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt.
- ❖ Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months.

- ❖ John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his gristmill were laid to waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished. A few weeks later he died from exhaustion and a broken heart.
- ❖ Norris and Livingston suffered similar fates. Such were the stories and sacrifices of the American Revolution. These were not wild-eyed, rabble-rousing ruffians. They were soft-spoken men of means and education. They had security, but they valued liberty more. Standing tall, straight, and unwavering, they pledged: "For the support of this declaration, with firm reliance on the protection of the divine providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

They gave you and me a free and independent America. The history books never told you a lot about what happened in the Revolutionary War. We didn't fight just the British. We were British subjects at that time and we fought our own government! Some of us take these liberties so much for granted, but we shouldn't. So take a few minutes while enjoying your 4th of July holiday and silently; thank these patriots. It's not much to ask for the price they paid.

Remember: Freedom is never free!

THE GREATEST AND LAST OF THE PROPHETS

Through the words of the Prophet Malachi, God foretold that before the Messiah would come, a Forerunner would be sent to His people, preparing them for the arrival of the Savior. He would truly be the voice, crying in the wilderness of whom the Prophet Isaiah would also speak centuries before his birth.

This messenger of God is better known to us as Saint John the Baptist. His Nativity, which our Holy Orthodox Church celebrates on July 7th is documented in the first chapter of the Gospel of Saint Luke. A pious, but childless couple, the priest Zacharias and his wife Elizabeth were chosen by God to be the parents of the

Forerunner. While serving in the Temple in Jerusalem one day, Zacharias was visited by the Archangel Gabriel who announced to him what was about to occur. When the elderly priest questioned the Archangel, he was punished by losing his ability to speak!

True to God's promise, Elizabeth soon conceived. Eight days after their child was born, Zacharias and Elizabeth hosted a gathering of their friends and relatives for the purpose of naming their son. While the popular opinion was to name the infant after his father,

Saint
John
the
Baptist



Zacharias wrote these words on a tablet: "His name shall be John". After this, his speech was immediately restored. Zacharias boldly proclaimed that his son..."will be called the Prophet of the Most High, for he will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways" (Luke 1:76). From the day of his birth, John, which means "the grace of God" was destined to play a major role in the story of mankind's salvation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY - is expressed to the following: Barry Pinkowicz ,7/5; & Michelle Czernik, 7/6. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

SPECIAL COLLECTION – You will notice a basket on the tetrapod for a special collection to help defray the cost of a replacement sign at the front of our Church. We need your help as the open shell is very unappealing. Thanks for your support!

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.

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of July 4 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of July 11 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

Week of July 18 - Mark & Laura Andreas

Week of July 25 - John Plachuta and David Lazaration

Week of August 1 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of August 8 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

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

July 3 - Andrew Duncan

July 10 - Linda Hnatow

July 17 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

July 24 - Jean Roeth

July 31 - John Plachuta

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.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST MISSION – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – We will be making sandwiches on Monday, July 4th beginning at 10AM. If you are interested in helping, see Linda Hnatow.

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!

WE NEED YOUR HELP – We have 2 dates in the summer which we would like to make pyrohy – Saturdays July 23 and August 13. 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.

GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

July 3 - David and Eve Lazaration

July 10 - Zina Twardus

July 17 - John and Sandy Cramer

July 24 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

July 3 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

July 10 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

July 17 – Ann Duncan and Linda Hnatow

July 24 – Ann Duncan and Linda Hnatow

July 31 – Matthew Andreas and Victor Kaliakin

August 7 – Matthew Andreas and Victor Kaliakin

August 14 – Lorraine Neff and Ann Duncan

TENTATIVE CALENDER OF EVENTS

Saturday, July 9 – Eagle Scout Program – Church and Hall

Sunday, July 17 – Patronal Dinner

Saturday, August 6 – UOL Flea Market

Saturday, August 6 – Boy Scout Car Wash – Silverside and Foulk Roads 9AM – 2PM

Sunday, August 7 – Eagle Scout Program – Church and Hall

Sunday, August 14 – Dormition Fast Begins

October 12 – 15 – UOC Sobor

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

UOL FLEA MARKET – is scheduled for Saturday, August 6 from 9AM – 1PM. Please start gathering up your treasures to be donated. Please do not bring them to the Church before Sunday, July 31st. The following dates and times will be the drop off schedule: Sunday, July 31st after Divine Liturgy; Tuesday, August 2 from 6-8PM; Wednesday, August 3rd from 6-8PM; and Thursday, August 4 from 6-8PM. If you are donating clothing, they must be gently worn and washed. We would also need donations of finger desserts (cookies, brownies, etc.). Thank you for your support.

MEETINGS

PARISH BOARD – Tuesday, July 12 @ 6:30 PM

UOL – Sunday, July 10 after Liturgy

PATRON’S PATH – I have been asked if anyone can add bricks in memory of loved ones or as a family to the Patron’s Path. The answer is “yes”. 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 as follows: 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.

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 Golovnioy, 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, Victor Melnychenko, Ronald Michel, Michelle Michalcewiz, 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, 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, Jack Ziegler & James Zook.

We realize that Jesus was not speaking about the construction business even though He had learned the carpentry trade. Jesus was TEACHING. He was not telling people how to build houses but how to build their lives.

In the land where Jesus lived, there were two general kinds of places to build a house. One of these places were in the wide, dry river beds. Maybe, only once in a generation, would the streams be dangerous as they rushed along. There on the SAND it was easy to build and convenient to live. On the other hand, to build upon ROCK was difficult. It meant excavation, grading, carrying materials up the hill. Even living there was harder. But it was the best place to build, because when the storms came, it would be safe.

Every person is building his or her life. The thoughts we think, what we learn, the words we speak, the things we do or leave un-done, our loves and hates everything we do contributes to the building of our lives. What kind of foundation should we have for life? Building our lives on Christ's teachings and principles is building on ROCK. This may not be easy, but it is the best.

On the other hand, it is easy to say, "it really doesn't matter" anymore in our society. Everybody gets away with what he can; everybody steals, everybody drinks, everybody sins. But that's building a life on SAND. We must remember that testing will come. Testing comes to all a crisis of some sort, a death to a loved one, sickness, a loss of a job, an injustice there are as many different storms in life as there are in Nature.

Whether we will be able to stand under the assaults of these storms depends upon the foundation of our lives. Our faith and trust in Christ will hold us firm, like a house built on ROCK. Where are YOU building your house?