

THE BODY OF OUR LORD
AT THE
DIVINE LITURGY



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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 5, 2020
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Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of July 5 - 12, 2020
Celebrating our 93rd year of Service to the Lord

ALL SERVICES ARE LIVE STREAMED
ON FACEBOOK & WEBPAGE

Sunday, July 5 – 4th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 3

8:30 – 9:00 AM - Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Outdoor Coffee Hour

Wednesday, July 8

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Departed

+Estelle Hlywiak (10 Yr. An.), +Basil Hlywiak, +Anthony Serednicki, +Paul Hambiski, + Father Paul Hrynshyn – Nancy Hlywiak & Jean Roeth

Sunday, July 12 – 5th Sunday after Pentecost – Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul - Tone 4

8:30 – 9:00 AM - Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Outdoor Coffee Hour

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

Monday – Romans 12:4-5,15-21; Matthew 12:9-13

Tuesday – Nativity of St. John the Baptist – Matins: Luke 1:24-25,57-68, 76.80; Romans 13:12-14:4; Luke 1:1-25,57-68,76,80 Day: Romans 14:9-18; Matthew 12:14-16, 22-30

Wednesday – Romans 15:7-16; Matthew 12:38-45

Thursday – Romans 15:17-29; Matthew 12:46-13:3

Friday – Romans 16:1-16; Matthew 13:4-9

Saturday – Romans 8:14-21; Matthew 9:9-13

5th Sunday after Pentecost – Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul – Matins: Luke 24:12-35; Liturgy: Romans 10:1-10; Matthew 8:28-9:1; Sts. Peter and Paul: 2 Corinthians 11:21-12:9; Matthew 16:13-19

4th Sunday After Pentecost

Jesus gave a great compliment in today's Gospel. He said, "I have not found so great a faith in all Israel." Where would you look for such a person? For those of you who served in the military, could you imagine finding such a person in the armed forces? But that is exactly where Christ found this man of great faith.

This soldier in today's Gospel was a Roman centurion. This means that he was in charge of 100 soldiers in the pagan Roman army. This man of some social prominence had a servant whom he cared about deeply. That is why he went to Christ.

This centurion gives us examples of three virtues in action - not just in theory - but in action.

First of all the centurion was a man of great compassion. Remember at the time of Our Lord the Romans practiced slavery and had a reputation for being cruel to slaves. In this culture a centurion could have easily let a servant die and buy another. After all they were ONLY property. However, he was concerned about his servant. This shows compassion.

One of the greatest tragedies of our times is that many people who bear the name of "Christian" rarely feel or show compassion. People become so wrapped up in themselves and in their own concerns that they don't even take notice of others. They don't take time for other people. There are so many lonely people, even members of this church, who are shut-ins at home, in nursing homes, VA centers and many of them will die before their time not because of their afflictions but from loneliness and the feeling that nobody cares. As I visit these people on the monthly sacramental visitation calls it is so sad when they tell me, "Thank you Father for coming. I haven't seen or heard from anyone except you." Of course the classic bible illustration of this is the parable of the Good Samaritan.

The second virtue we find in the centurion is his great faith. This was the virtue Jesus noticed up front. He said, "Speak only the word and my servant shall be healed." The centurion was not even Jewish. He probably worshipped all the pagan Roman gods. He most probably didn't know anything about Jewish faith and the longing for the Messiah and Savior. He probably didn't believe in only one God. Also he was a man of social standing so for him to go to Jesus, this poor itinerant preacher of no social standing, was a tremendous act of faith.

The third virtue is one of humility. This is not a popular virtue in our day at all. In our "me first" generation pride, stubbornness and selfishness are high on the list. Pride involves putting other things before God, his Church and others. Many people operate like this: "I'll

go to church ONLY if it fits my schedule; OR only if I don't have a ball game, a trip or something "MORE" important. Last week we heard the Gospel, "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness." Our commitment to Christ and His Church cannot be a hobby or a pastime. The virtue of humility involves doing God's will even when I feel like it or something else looks more exciting to do.

We can learn so many things from this centurion and this Gospel. Here is a sobering question as a fitting close to this message.

Ask yourself this. If I were put in front of Christ today or encountered Him like the centurion did, what would He say? "I have never found such faith in all of Israel or America." What would He say about me?

The Cost of Freedom

On July 3, 1776, the day before the signing of the Declaration of Independence, George Washington wrote a letter to his wife, anticipating the hardships which would soon occur. Here in part are his words, "In a few days, you will see a Declaration setting forth the causes which have impelled us to this mighty revolution and the reasons which will justify it in the sight of God. I am fully aware of the toil and blood and treasure what it will cost to maintain this declaration and support and defend these states; yes, through all the gloom, I can see the rays of ravishing light and glory."

Brett Blair, June, 2001.

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!

4th Sunday After Pentecost

The healing of the centurion's servant is one of nine miracles described by Matthew following the Sermon on the Mount. These miracles show Jesus' power over sickness, evil and death, and his authority over the laws Of nature. He is revealed as the Messiah of deed, just as his teachings show him as the Messiah of word.

The centurion's faith rested on his understanding of who Jesus was. He must have heard Of him, possibly even watched him and listened to him, and he concluded that Jesus was a man with great authority. It cannot have been Jesus' station in life, his background, accent or wealth that struck the centurion. No, he was impressed with the personal greatness of Jesus, signified by the title "Lord" (Matthew 8:5). We can gain an insight into what it means to have faith from this centurion. He took steps based on what he knew about Jesus, approaching him humbly and expectantly. He had decided that Jesus had the will and the power to help him, and he was not disappointed.

The centurion's faith was pivotal: it astonished Jesus and opened the way for a miracle. Jesus said: "Let it be done for you according to your faith" (Matthew 8:13), indicating the importance of the man's faith. Faith draws down the power of God. The same is true for us today: If we have faith, we will see God work great things in our lives and in the lives of our families. We do not need great knowledge; we need only to act on what we do know about Jesus. The centurion could not have known in his time what we now know, following Jesus' death and resurrection. But he had the courage to approach Jesus and ask for the help he needed. Faith grows in this way; each step taken bears fruit in greater knowledge of the Lord. The centurion had an even deeper knowledge of Jesus after the miracle! As we base our decisions on what we know about Jesus, we will experience him working. Test the goodness of God and we will find the words of the prophet fulfilled in our own lives: "He took up our infirmities and carried our diseases" (Isaiah 53:4).

"Lord Jesus, show us how to grow in faith in order to see your loving intervention in our lives, in our families, and in the church."

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.



Saint
John
the
Baptist

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, 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.

RULES FOR ATTENDING ALL SERVICES

* Masks **MUST** be worn during the service – if you do not have one, a mask will be provided. There will be a special section for those who have breathing problems and cannot wear a mask **up front**. * The collection basket will be placed where you can drop off your offering. Collections will not be taken. * The doors of the Church will remain open so no one needs to touch them. * **PLEASE:** It is crucial for the safety and health of all participants that if you have a fever of over 100°, or have any symptoms **PLEASE STAY HOME!!** We have a thermal scanning thermometers for the Parishes. If anyone comes with a fever over 100°, you will be asked to go home. * For everyone's safety, names and 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. That includes us as priests. * Bulletins will continue to be sent by email and by mail. Copies will be available in the Church for those who do not receive them. Bulletins are also uploaded on the Parish Website by the Thursday or Friday prior to the Sunday Service. * The bathroom by the Elevator will be used. The Parish Hall bathrooms can be used in an emergency. This will allow us to sanitize in between each use. The person using the bathroom will be reminded to use a Clorox wipe to sanitize any surfaces which they have touched. * Anyone who is 65 or older and who has any health condition should stay home. The Hierarchs are recommending and not making this mandatory at this time. We shall continue to live stream all services until the pandemic is over. *** **HOLY COMMUNION** – It is imperative that you understand that **YOU**

CANNOT GET DISEASE FROM HOLY COMMUNION!!! This is the Body and Blood of Christ. Father and the Altar Boys (or whoever will be holding the Communion Cloth) will be wearing a mask. The Communion Cloth is not to be touched. **PLEASE** – when you come to Communion, tilt your head back slightly and open your mouth widely, Father will drop Communion in your mouth. Please wait until you see Father remove the spoon before you close your mouth. * All of our faithful who have not confessed during the Great Fast or afterwards are required to go to Holy Confession prior to receiving the Eucharist. * After the Liturgy, each person **MUST** sanitize the area in which he/she is using. Sanitizing wipes can be found at the entrance of the Church and at the back of the Church. Hand sanitizer will be placed also at the entrance of the Church and on the tetrapod. * We shall have one person who is gloved who will operate the elevator.

*** 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: Barry Pinkowicz , 7/5; Michelle Czernik, 7/6 & Ryan Pinkowicz, 7/10. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

TRUSTEES MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

July 5 - Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

July 12 – Thomas Bringle and Linda Hnatow

July 19 – Thomas Bringle and Linda Hnatow

July 26 – Ann Duncan and Victor Kaliakin

SOMETHING TO DO – during this stay at home time: gather your treasures for the UOL Flea Market which is still scheduled for Saturday, August 1st!!!!

MINISTRIES OF THE PARISH – I would like to start publishing again the schedules for the ministries of the Parish (Readers, Trustees and Cleaning of the Church). Please notify me during this week if you would volunteer to become a member of any of the ministries or if you do not feel comfortable at this time to continue in the ministry of the Church. A new schedule will be printed in next week's Bulletin.

GRADUATE SUNDAY

I'M ALIVE AND LIVING IN A WORLD OF GREAT POSSIBILITIES

None of us can say exactly what the future holds for us. But as we move forward with God as our guide, we can be certain that the future will be full of phenomenal experiences for all of us. And although the future is uncertain, perhaps we can begin to influence the possibilities that abound by establishing a permanent bond of harmony and love in the world around us. Like a seed planted in the ground, this unbridled sense of peace and harmony will soon grow and spread on its own, from person to person, from city to city, until the whole world is infused with good will. Yes, the future holds great things for us, and together we can look forward to it with an expectation of unlimited peace and harmony. "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible" (Mark 10:27)

COLLEGE GRADUATION

Maria Kaliakin – graduated from the University of Delaware with a double major cognitive science and psychology.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR GRADUATES!!!!!!

PARISH BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, July 14 @ 6:30 PM (Zoom Meeting)

READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

July 5 - Linda Hnatow

July 12 - Jean Roeth

July 19 - John Plachuta

July 26 - Irene Maskaly

August 2 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

August 9 – Andrew Duncan

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of July 6 - John Plachuta and David Lazaration

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

Week of July 20 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

Week of July 27 - Mark & Laura Andreas

Week of August 3 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL – Metropolitan Antony, Archimandrite Raphael, Father Vasili Andrejuk, Father Paul Bigelow, Father John Bohush, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Mark Leisure, Father Andrew Molewski, Father John Nakonechney, Father James Norton, Father Victor Wronskyj, Father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Deacon Adrian, Pani Dobrodyka Lisa Weremedic, Mykola, Brennan, Deborah, Charles, Galina, Dolores, Julian, Madison, 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, George Burns, 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, Rose Eldridge, Thomas Fagan, James Garrett, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovnirov, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Rick Hastings, Celeste Heiser, Dolores Helms, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Anthony Hnatow, 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, Barbara Kirylic, Wendy Klinedinst, Judith Kocinski, 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, 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, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Anthony Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry Pinkowicz, Bernice Pinkowicz, Ryan Pinkowicz, Valentina Plachuta, Maria Plumpton, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Roman, Alla Rudawsky, John Ruczhak, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, Maria Russak, Anthony Saldutti, Dana Sargent, Doris Scully, Joella Seale, Clay Seman, Larissa Serth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Emily Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Rich Steinman, Joseph Stevens, Noel Strobino, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczyszyn, Tatiana Swec, 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.

BREAD THAT FEEDS BODY AND SOUL

Bread has been called "the staff of life." Throughout the world, people in every land sustain bodily life by partaking of various forms of bread. From ancient times to this day, recipes have been handed down by generations for this necessary food.

But Jesus also spoke of the "Bread of Life." This is spiritual food that nourishes the soul and spirit of man. After feeding the five thousand with five loaves of bread and two fish (food for the body), Jesus warned the people to "labor not for food that perishes, but for the food which endures unto everlasting life." He then specified that Food, saying: "I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE."

Christ gave Bread at the Mystical



Supper, and He gives it today at every Divine Liturgy. The altar bread of the Liturgy is called "Prosfora," meaning offering. Early Christians brought the bread as their offering at services. Today the priest prepares it, with a stamp on the top, a cross and letters "IC XC NI KA" – meaning Jesus Christ the Victor.

Blessed bread is used in various other ways. The bread "antidoron" is given in many churches to the faithful at the close of the Liturgy. Also, loaves are blessed on feastdays and then partaken by the faithful. Again, in many parishes an "Artos" bread is blessed on Pascha, and then distributed on the Sunday of St. Thomas. Bread was likewise used in a number of rituals of the Old Testament.