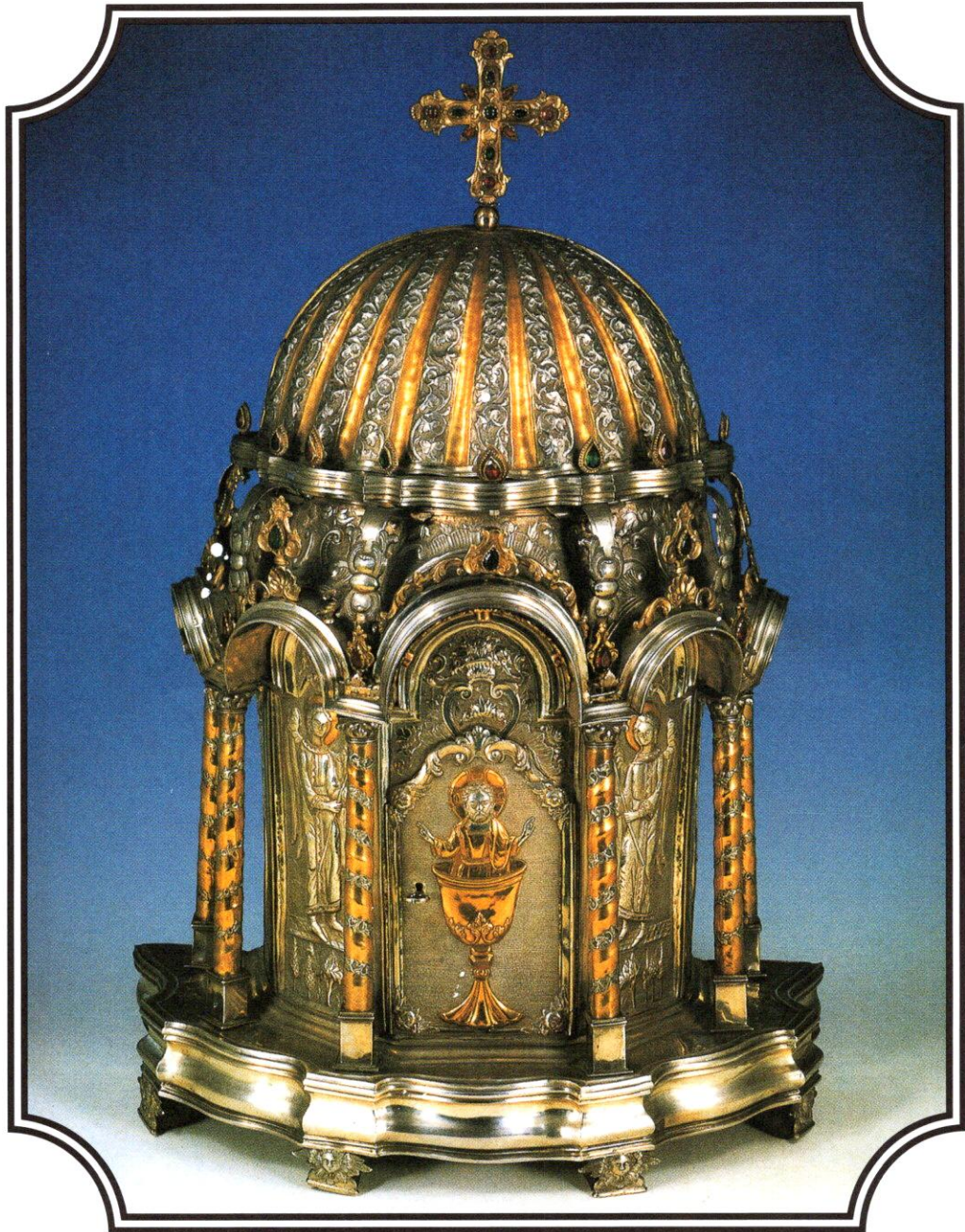


*“He who comes to God must believe that He is,  
and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”* Heb. 11:6



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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

**June 29, 2025**  
**Volume 61: Number 26**  
**Schedule of Services and Activities**  
**Week of June 29 – July 6, 2025**  
**Celebrating our 98<sup>th</sup> year of Service to the Lord**

Sunday, June 29 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 2

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:10 AM – Prayers before Holy Communion

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

Tuesday, July 1

7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy Repose of the Souls of +Mark, +Myroslav and +Oksanna

Wednesday, July 2 – The Holy Apostle Jude

8:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Saturday, July 5

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

Sunday, July 6 – 4th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 3

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:10 AM – Prayers before Holy Communion

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – 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 – The Apostle Jude – Jude 1:1-10; John 14:21-24; Day: Romans 11:2-12; Matthew 11:20-26

Thursday – Romans 11:13-24; 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 – Matins: Luke 24:1-12; Liturgy: Romans 6:18-23; Matthew 8:5-13

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## **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.

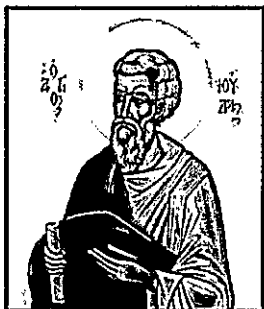
Jesus was probably sitting in a field with His apostles, trying to get them to understand that if God is first in your life, there is nothing else to worry about. He looked around, pointed out the tall grass, the wild flowers, the birds in the air, and asked: "Are not you of much more value than they?" 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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## **Holy Apostle Jude Commemorated on (June 19/July 2)**

The Holy Apostle Jude, one of the twelve apostles of Christ, is descended from King David and Solomon, and was the son of Righteous Joseph the Betrothed (Sunday after the Nativity of the Lord) by his first wife.

The Holy Apostle John the Theologian writes in his Gospel, "...neither did his brethren believe in Him" (John. 7:5). St Theophylact, Archbishop of Bulgaria, explains this passage. He

says that at the beginning of the Lord Jesus Christ's earthly ministry, Joseph's sons, Jude among them, did not believe in His divine nature. Tradition says that when St Joseph returned from Egypt, he began to divide his possessions among his sons. He wanted to allot a share to Christ the Savior, born miraculously and incorruptibly from the All-Pure Virgin Mary. The brothers were opposed to this because Jesus was born of another mother. Only James, later called "The Brother of God," offered to share his portion with Him.

Jude came to believe in Christ the Savior as the awaited Messiah, and he followed Him and was chosen as one of the twelve Apostles. Mindful of his sin, the Apostle Jude considered himself unworthy to be called the Lord's brother, and in his Epistle he calls himself merely the brother of James.

The Holy Apostle Jude also had other names: the Evangelist Matthew terms him "Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddeus" (Mt. 10:3). The Holy Evangelist Mark also calls him Thaddeus (Mark 3:18), and in the Acts of the Holy Apostles he is called Barsabas (Acts 15: 22). This was customary at that time.

After the Ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ, St Jude traveled about preaching the Gospel. He propagated the faith in Christ at first in Judea, Galilee, Samaria and Idumaia, and later in the lands of Arabia, Syria and Mesopotamia. Finally, he went to the city of Edessa. Here he finished the work that was not completed by his predecessor, St Thaddeus, Apostle of the Seventy (August 21). There is a tradition that St Jude went to Persia, where he wrote his catholic Epistle in Greek. In the Epistle much profound truth was expressed in a few words. St Jude's Epistle speaks about the Holy Trinity, about the Incarnation of the Lord Jesus Christ, about the good and bad angels, and about the dread Last Judgment. The Apostle urges believers to guard themselves against fleshly impurity, to be diligent in prayer, faith and love, to convert the lost to the path of salvation, and to guard themselves from the teachings of heretics. He also says that it is not enough just to be converted to Christianity, but faith must be demonstrated by good works. He

cites the rebellious angels and men punished by God (verses 6 ff.) to support this.

The Holy Apostle Jude died as a martyr around the year 80 near Mt. Ararat in Armenia, where he was crucified and pierced by arrows.

**Troparion - Tone 1** - Divinely we praise you, O Jude, as a faithful witness \* knowing you to be the brother of Christ. \* You trampled on delusion \* and so preserved the faith. \* Today as we celebrate your holy memory \* by your intercessions we receive remission of sins.

**Kontakion - Tone 2** - You were chosen as a disciple for your firmness of mind: \* An unshakable pillar of the Church of Christ \* you proclaimed His word to the Gentiles \* telling them to believe in one Godhead. \* You were glorified by Him, receiving the grace of healing \* healing the ills of all who came to you \* O most praised Apostle Jude

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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**

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#### **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!**

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY** - is expressed to the following: Grace Duncan, 6/30; Hannah Duncan, 6/30; Patricia Bringle, 7/1; Dot Dmytryk, 7/2; Justin Houser, 7/5 & Barry Pinkowicz, 7/5. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

**METROPOLITAN JOHN SCHOLARSHIP FUND** – is sponsored by the UOL to help support our Seminarians. For the next two weeks, our UOL Coffee Hour will be dedicated to this purpose. Please be generous as it does support our future Clergy.



**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES** – are offered to the Family of +Jennie Cramer who fell asleep in the Lord this past Tuesday. May her memory be eternal. Funeral Services are scheduled for Saturday, July 19 beginning with a viewing beginning at 10:00 AM and the Funeral Service at 11:00 AM. Burial will be at Lawncroft Cemetery. Let us pray, asking God to place the soul of His newly departed Servant, +Jennie, in the abode of the Saints, where there is no pain, sorrow nor mourning but only life everlasting. May her memory be eternal. Let us also pray for the family, that God may give them His strength in this, their hour of need.

**PASKA, ORANGE CRANBERRY AND PRUNE ROLL SALE** – all of the left-over baked goods are on sale for \$5 each. Please see Kathy Duncan if you are interested.

**FEEDING THE HUNGRY** – we will be making food for the hungry on Monday, July 14 beginning at 6:00 PM. Delivery will be Tuesday morning.

**UOL FLEA MARKET** - Our UOL is sponsoring their annual Flea Market on Saturday, August 2 from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. All donations of your treasures will be graciously accepted. **Please note that all donations of clothing must be clean and only gently worn.** All donations will be accepted on the following days: **Sunday, July 27** - after the Divine Liturgy; **Tuesday, July 29** - Drop off 6:00 -8:00 PM; **Wednesday, July 30** - Drop off 6:00 -8:00 PM; **Thursday, July 31** - Drop off 6:00 -8:00 PM Also, any finger snacks like cupcakes, brownies, etc. will be graciously accepted. Please support this event!!!

#### **GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

June 29 - Sandy Cramer

July 6 - Sonya Patronik

July 13 - David and Eve Lazaration

July 20 - Zina Twardus and Nancy Tur

July 27 - Kathy and Michael Chalfont

#### **TENTATIVE CALENDER OF EVENTS - 2025**

Sunday, July 13 – Patronal Feast Day

Saturday, August 2 – UOL Flea Market

Saturday, August 23 – Boy Scout Car Wash at the Church (TTBA)

Saturday, September 6 – Wine Tasting (5 – 8 PM)

October 16-19 – 24<sup>th</sup> Regular Sobor of the UOC of USA

**MEETINGS - PARISH BOARD** – Tuesday, July 8 @ 6:30 PM

## **PYROHY SCHEDULE – Sat., July 26; Sat., August 16**

### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

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

June 29 - Sonya Patronik and John Plachuta

July 6 – Linda Hnatow and Matthew Andreas

July 13 – Linda Hnatow and Matthew Andreas

July 20 - Victor Kaliakin and Sonya Patronik

July 27 – Victor Kaliakin and Sonya Patronik

August 3 – John Plachuta and Linda Hnatow

### **READERS MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

June 29 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

July 6 - Thomas Sulpizi

July 13 - Linda Hnatow

July 20 - Jean Roeth

July 27 - Thomas Scholz

August 3 - John Plachuta

August 10 - Andrew Duncan

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

Week of June 30 - Thomas and Lynn Sulpizi

Week of July 7 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

Week of July 14 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of July 21 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

Week of July 28 - John Plachuta and David Lazaration

Week of August 4 - Mark & Laura Andreas

Week of August 11 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

**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, Archbishop Daniel, Archimandrite Raphael, Father George Bazylevsky, Father Vasyl Dovhan, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Mark Kozak, Father Andrew Molewski, Father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Father Michael Zaparyniuk, Matushka Andrejuk, Matushka Laura Odell, Matushka Lisa Weremedic, Pani Matka Oksanna Bazylevsky, Pani Matka Maryann Ozlanski, Pani Matka Annette Zaparyniuk, Randy Allen, Carolyn Angelo, Jonathan Angelo, Colby Atkinson, Shannon Austin, Joyce Belles, Joyce Bendoakas, Ethel Bernhard, Irene Billon, James Bolton, Maria Borowenski, Betty Bosland, Becky Bosley, Angie Brengle, Paul Brengle, Patricia Bringle, Richard Bringle, John Brick, Fedir Bukacz, Christine Cain, Mark Cello, Erik Colazo, Alex Czernik, Sharon Dalaski, Stephen Dalecki, David Dalldorf, Taylor Davis, Peter DiVirgilio, James Dudrick, Kathleen Dugan, Mary Eagleton, Maria Economou, Rose Eldridge, Thomas Fagan, Archantula Fanjoy, Mary Farell, James Garrett, Lisa Gee, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovnirov, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Richard Haslam, Rick Hastings, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Alicia Hlywak, John Hlywak, Daniel Holoviak, Jennifer Huertes, Joette Jago, Violet Jaskolka, Stephen Johnson, Billl Jones, Linda Josepinson, Michael Kapelus, Walter Katolik, Diane Keyser, Wendy Klinedinst, Tommy Knight, Judith Kocinski, Lorissa Kozakova, Ed Lavender, Ron Lazaration, Joan Libera, Karen Livick, Charles Lontor, Alla Lysenko, Jeremy Madea, Andrew Makolynyk, Jean Marano, Frederick McCarthy, Fred McKirachan, Stephen McNulty, Ronald Michel, Mary Ann Michalcewicz, Michelle Michalcewiz, Lisa Miller, Matthew Miller, Mary Elizabeth Moran, Barry Morris, Elsie Moroz, Karen Needham, Julie Neff, Ann Nester, Rick Orner, Sienna Ozboya, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Anthony Pantelopulos, Daphne Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Janilyn Pinkowicz, Bernice Pinkowicz, Daphne Pantelopulos, George Pantelopulos, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Patricia Redden.\Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Roman, Jeff Rozwadowski, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, Richard Scharba, Isaac Schmidt, Clay Seman, John Serth, Larissa Serth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Emily Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Alexandra Sparco, Natalia Stanford, Rich Steinman, Joseph Stevens, Noel Strobino, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczyszyn, Michael Synczyszyn, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, Lydia Thomas, Brysen Tomei, Dominic Tomei, Mark Tomei, Violet Tomei, Aria Tonner, Mariel Trimble, Martha Vignali, Jack Vognetz, Margaret Vognetz, Marilyn Wagner, Olena Wasylevska, James Watts, Chris Way, Leah Way, Barbara Weeks, Laura Worley, Jack Ziegler & James Zook

## PROPER PROTOCOL WITH GOD

**I**t's unlikely that many of us will ever be privileged to have an audience with the President of the United States, or anyone else of similar stature. If, however, we did, we would be given a **"crash course"** on what **proper protocol** would be for our encounter. Undoubtedly, we would be briefed on how we should dress, what we should say and how we should say it when meeting with the leader of our nation. Certainly we would not act as if we were in the company of a work colleague or a school classmate – our behavior would be expected to be dignified and respectful.

Every Sunday, we have a wonderful opportunity to have an **"audience"** with Someone Who carries much more **"clout"** than the President when we attend Divine Liturgy. We often overlook what a special experience this should be, and that certain things are required of us when we **"meet"** Him. When God spoke to Moses from the Burning Bush, He instructed him to **". . . take off your shoes, for you are on holy ground."** While we need not follow these words too literally, we must nonetheless, remember the sacredness and sanctity of being in the presence of the Lord. Our prayers must always be sincere; our approach to the Lord in this special way should always be with great humility and love. We must never **demand** that our prayers be answered by Him – nor should we **expect** a positive response **every time** we call upon Him to assist us.

May we **"know our place"** in our relationship with God. He is our Father; we are His children. He is the Giver of all good things, and when we come to Him with unwavering faith, we can rest assured that the Lord will certainly listen to our supplications!