

Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church Bulletin

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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

March 26, 2023
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Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of March 26 – April 2, 2023
Celebrating our 96th year of Service to the Lord

Sunday, March 26 – 4th Sunday of the Fast – St. John of the Ladder – Scout Sunday -
Tone 8

8:30 AM - Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

4:00 PM –Vespers – St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
8210 West Chester Pike, Upper Darby, PA

Monday, March 27 –

7:00 AM - Matins

8:00 AM – baking bread

Tuesday, March 28

10:00 AM – frying cabbage

Wednesday, March 29

10:00 AM – Frying sauerkraut

6:00 PM – Community Lenten Service – St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church

Thursday, March 30

10:00 AM – Akathist to the Passion (Holy Trinity – Whaleyville, MD)

10:00 AM – Making holubtsi

6:00 PM – Presanctified Liturgy (St. Nicholas – Dover, DE)

7:00 PM – Boy Scouts

Friday, March 31

7:00 AM - Matins

8:00 AM – Soups

10:00 AM – Setup

2:00 – 5:00 PM – Bake table donations

6:00 PM – Presanctified Liturgy

Saturday, April 1

8:00 AM – Preparation

10:00 AM – 3PM – Spring Bazaar

Sunday, April 2 – 5th Sunday of the Fast – St. Mary of Egypt – Tone 1

8:30 AM - Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Panakhyda: +Nadezhda (12 Yrs.) & +Fedor (56 Yrs) Matunow – Larisa and
John Serth

Panakhyda: +Mary Berbick (4 Yrs.) – Joyce and Neil Belles
Coffee Hour

4:00 PM –Vespers – St. Michael Orthodox Church

2300 West Huntington Drive, Wilmington, DE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Fourth Sunday of the Fast – St. John of the Ladder – Matins: John 20:11-18; Liturgy: Hebrews 6:13-20; Mark 9:17-31; **St. John of the Ladder:** Ephesians 5:9-19; Matthew 4:25-5:12

Monday - Genesis 13:12-18; Proverbs 14:27-15:4; Isaiah 37:33-38.

Tuesday - Genesis 15:1-15; Proverbs 15:7-19; Isaiah 40:18-31

Wednesday - Genesis 17:1-9; Proverbs 15:20-16:9; Isaiah 41:4-14.

Thursday - Genesis 18:20-33; Proverbs 16:17-17:17; Isaiah 42:5-16

Friday - Genesis 22:1-18; Proverbs 17:17-18:5; Isaiah 45:11-17

Saturday - Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 8:27-31; God-Bearer - Hebrews 9:1-7; Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

5th Sunday of the Fast - Matins John 20:11-18; Liturgy: Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 10:32-45; **St. Mary of Egypt:** Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 7:36-50.

ARE WE CLIMBING THE LADDER OF PERFECTION?

On the 4th Sunday of Lent, the Church always honors the memory of St. John of the Ladder (Climacus) who was born about the year 525 and died in the in the year 606. He was a great teacher of religion. At the age of 16 he climbed up Mt. Sinai to offer himself to God as a living sacrifice. He lived 40 years in the service of god practicing self-mortification, abiding in the desolate wasteness of Sinai, praying, meditating and perfecting a method of sanctification.

He received his name from the well-known book of spiritual exercises which he wrote. The book was called **THE LADDER OF PERFECTION**, and contained 30

chapters for attaining the 30 steps of religious perfection. It was designed as a means for Christians to climb spiritually, as up a ladder, from earth to heaven. In setting before us the example of such persons as St. John, the Church calls upon us to "Seek first the Kingdom of God" and then all that is necessary for our life will be granted unto us.

The Church, during Holy Lent, expects that we depart from the vanities of this world and seek in silence and contemplation the glory of Christ and eternity. It is so difficult for us to do so in this day of great activity and distraction. There is always the radio, television, automobile and telephone. There are so many claims to our attention and our time.

But Lent **MUST** be different. We **MUST** attempt to follow in the footsteps of the warriors of God.

THE GOSPEL FOR TODAY

Suffering and glory are intertwined in Mark's Gospel. Jesus has just warned his disciples that he will lead them to the Cross; now, in a moment of glory on the mountaintop, he reveals the victory on the other side of that cross. Moses and Elijah appear with him to confirm that this Jesus is indeed the culmination of God's plan, the one toward whom both the law and the prophets had pointed.

Even after witnessing the Transfiguration, the three disciples do not fully understand what Jesus says to them or even how to respond to what they have seen (verses 6 and 10). Returning to the other disciples and the crowd that has gathered around them, Jesus meets even more evidence of unbelief and misunderstanding. The disciples have proved unable to exorcise a possessed boy. They are apparently confused and frustrated, the scribes have seized the opportunity to start another argument, and the poor man who brought his son for healing is ready to give up.

If Jesus had waited to be born until all humanity, or even his chosen disciples, were able to reach perfect understanding and faith in him, the world would still be awaiting its Savior. But as the conclusion of the story makes clear, Jesus is not bound by our imperfect response. "I do believe," cries the father, "Help my lack of belief." That is enough for Jesus.

For reflection: Is my faith weak or uncertain at times? Have I experienced moments of total assurance and confidence in God followed by intense doubts and questioning? How does today's reading speak to me?

Prayer starter: Lord, I wish I could always stay on the "mountaintops" where I experience your presence and feel spiritually on fire. But I need you most in my valleys of doubt and unbelief. Be with me there.



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT by Kosmas Damianides

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

How much it must grieve a father or a mother to see his or her child suffering without reason. To undergo pain and confusion -- for what? Where is God in our plight -- we may often ask ourselves. Where is God in all this pain and confusion?

Today we arrive at the fourth week of Lent. In today's Gospel reading we heard of a father who was on his last hope. His son was possessed by a certain spirit from childhood, which was causing his son pain and confusion. Not even Jesus' disciples could cure the boy. He brought his son to Jesus, who upon hearing of the father's plight became exceedingly upset at the whole crowd and expressed these strong and direct words "Oh you faithless generation, how much longer must I be with you? How much longer must I put up with you." The Child was immediately brought close to Jesus and the spirit convulsed him instantly. As we know the child was eventually healed. But at what price one may ask? The father accepted and confessed his unbelief and beseeched God with tears to make his faith complete? This is the price, the fulfillment of our faith --- paid by Christ himself yet we must pray and beseech Him as well.

It is perhaps important to stress here that this miracle account nowhere refers to the spirit by any title such as demon, or devil. It is perhaps because this spirit is in reference to the spirit of this world, the enemy of Christ. It is the spirit of this generation well rooted in society, it is passed on to our children like a virus. Brethren remember these words well --- it is the spirit of this generation which throws our youth about like the child with the spirit we heard earlier today. It smashes them to the ground, it throws them into the fire to be burnt, it throws them into the water to be drowned --- today its drugs, alcohol, gambling, anything to distort the image and likeness of God, within them.

This spirit has a very old history going way back to primordial Man, Adam and Eve. It is firmly established and can not come out by anything --- except, as our Lord instructed Moses, as our Lord instructed his disciples, as our Lord instructs us today, by beseeching God through prayer and fasting.

"Why could we not cast it out", his disciples asked their master in shame. We also must ask why can't we cast this spirit out from our lives and our children's lives?

Brethren, because as our Lord tells us "This kind can come out by nothing except prayer and fasting". This is the key to contrite repentance. this twofold formula which treads on the head of this serpent of old and yields our first step towards heaven --- contrite repentance.

It is no coincidence then that the first and second steps of Saint John's 30 chapter book "**THE LADDER - (OF DIVINE ASCENT)**" are concerned with the renunciation of this life, this world we live in and detachment from all it's pleasures. We honour Saint John of the Ladder today as a great Saint of our church who reminds us that going to heaven is not as easy as getting into an elevator and pressing a button. On the contrary, it is a long and hazardous climb which is impossible to scale fully unless we beseech God for assistance. May God grant us all fullness of faith, peace and joy on our climb to heaven --- Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY - is expressed to Ian Kaliakin, 3/26; Melanie Walsh, 03/29 & Michael Synczyszyn, 4/1. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

DONATIONS FOR FLOWERS FOR PASCHA

We shall be taking donations to help pay for the flowers that we ordered to decorate the Tomb for Good Friday and the Church for Pascha. You can donate in memory of a loved one or for the health of a loved one(s). If you are interested, donation per flower is \$15. Please fill out a form and give them to Linda Hnatow. Thanks.

EASTER EGG HUNT - will take place for our youth on Sunday, April 9th after the Divine Liturgy. Please register with either Pani Elizabeth or Olena Smith. Thanks.

GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 26 - Sandy Cramer

April 2 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik

April 9 - David and Eve Lazaration

April 16 - Zina Twardus and Nancy Tur

DONATIONS (CREDIT CARDS) ACCEPTED – for those who are interested, we can accept donations to the Church through credit cards. See Mark Andreas 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 vents can be avoided.

BAZAAR NEWS

BAKE TABLE NEWS – Kathy Chalfont has volunteered to Chair the Bake Table. There will be a sign up sheet downstairs if you would like to help.

CALLING ALL BAKERS – We need your help to fill the Bake Table. Please plan to make your extraordinary confections!!! Thank you!!

DONATIONS NEEDED – of cases of water, Coke products, and paper towels.

BAZAAR WORK SCHEDULE

Monday, March 27 – 8:00 AM – baking braed

Tuesday, March 28 – 10:00 AM – frying cabbage

Wednesday, March 29 – 10:00 AM – Frying sauerkraut

Thursday, March 30 – 10:00 AM – Making holubtsi

Friday, March 31 – 8:00 AM – Soups

10:00 AM – Setup

2:00 – 5:00 PM – Bake table donations

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

March 26 – Linda Hnatow and Matthew Andreas

April 2 – Linda Hnatow and Mathew Andreas

April 9 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

April 16 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

April 23 – John Plachuta and Linda Hnatow

April 30 – John Plachuta and Linda Hnatow

TENTATIVE CALENDER OF EVENTS

March 26 – Scout Sunday

Saturday, April 1 – Spring Bazaar

Sunday, April 16 – Paskha

Sunday, April 23 – St. Thomas Sunday – Cemetery Visitations

Sunday, May 7 – 2:00 – 4:00 PM – Eagle Scout Ceremony

Saturday, May 13 – 2:00 – 4:00 PM – Eagle Scout Ceremony

Sunday, May 14 – Mother's Day Dinner

Sunday, June 18 – Father's Day Dinner

Sunday, July 9 – Patronal Feast Day

Saturday, August 5 – UOL Flea Market

Saturday, October 7 – UOL Sponsored Retreat

Saturday, November 4 – Fall Bazaar

Tuesday, November 21 – Community Thanksgiving Service – Holly Oak Calvary
Methodist Church 7PM

Sunday, December 10 – UOL Cookie Sale

MEETINGS

PARISH BOARD – Monday, April 18 @ 6:30 PM

READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 26 - John Plachuta

April 2 – Andrew Duncan

April 9 - Linda Hnatow

April 16 - Thomas Sulpizi

April 23 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

April 30 - Jean Roeth

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of March 27 - Mark & Laura Andreas

Week of April 3 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of April 10 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

Week of April 17 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of April 24 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

Week of April 30 – John Plachuta and David Lazaration

ORTHODOX CLERGY BROTHERHOOD LENTEN MISSION SCHEDULE

All Services Begin at 4:00 PM

March 26 – St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
8210 West Chester Pike, Upper Darby, PA

April 2 – St. Michael Orthodox Church
2231 Huntington Drive, Wilmington, DE

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesdays, 6:00 PM – Lenten Meal to Follow

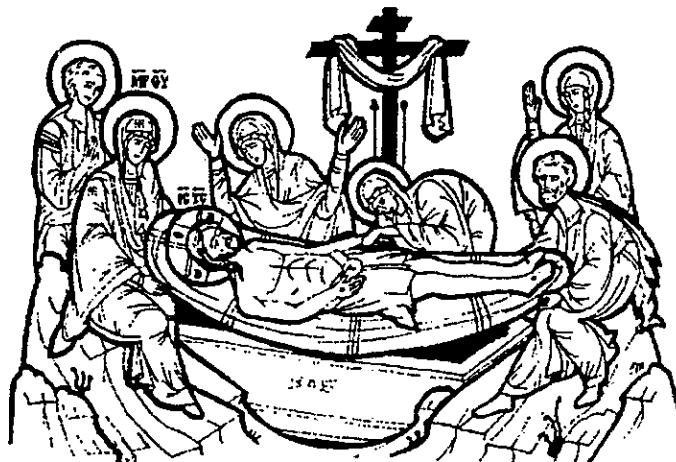
Wednesday, March 29 – St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church

PASKA ORDER FORM – ORDER BY APRIL 2

_____ Small Round (\$8) _____ Large Round (\$10) _____ Butter Lamb (\$5)

Name _____

**Please give to Father Stephen or Kathy Duncan with payment
Paskas will be ready for pickup on Palm Sunday, April 9**



REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL – Metropolitan Antony, Archimandrite Raphael, Father Vasili Andrejuk, Father George Bazylevsky, father Constantine Christo, Father Vasyl Dovhan, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Andrew Molewski, Father John Nakonechney, Father James Norton, Father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Matushka Andrejuk, Matushka Laura Odell, 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, Irene Billon, Maria Borowenski Betty Bosland, Becky Bosley, Angie Brengle, Paul Brengle, Patricia Bringle, Richard Bringle, Thomas Bringle, John Brick, Fedir Bukacz, Christine Cain, Mark Cello, Mildred (Myrophora) Christo, Erik Colazo, 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 Golovnirov, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Richard Haslam, Rick Hastings, Celeste Heiser, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Alicia Hlywak, John Hlywak, John Hnatow, Michael Hnatow, Daniel Holoviak, Jennifer Huertes, Sally Hutnick, Joette Jago, Stephen Johnson, Linda Josepinson, Rosalie Ann Kane, Michael Kapelus, Charles Kaszytski, Julia Kaszytski, Walter Katolik, Diane Keyser, Wendy Klinedinst, Judith Kocinski, Lorissa Kozakova, Ludmyla Krawchenko, Mykola Krawchenko, Volodymyr Krasnopera, Sue Kreisa-Christian, Marlene Kuhar, Ron Lazaration, Karen Livick, Charles Lontor, Alla Lysenko, Jeremy Madea, Andrew Makolynyk, Jean Marano, Frederick McCarthy, Beth McKirachan, 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, Lorraine Neff, Ann Nester, Laurie Newman, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Anthony Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry Pinkowicz, Bernice Pinkowicz, Ryan Pinkowicz, Daphne Pantelopulos, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Roman, Jeff Rozwadowski, John Ruczhak, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, Isaac Schmidt, Joella Seale, Clay Seman, John Serth, 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, Michael Synczyszyn, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, Alexandra Sparco, 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, Peter Weremedic, Laura Worley, Jack Ziegler & James Zook.



CARRYING THE BODY OF CHRIST



Throughout the Gospels, there are a number of times the Body of our Lord was held by others. During His Presentation in the Temple, the baby Jesus was held by Simeon. For many years, Simeon had awaited the coming of the Messiah.

Christ was carried by animals both during his Flight from Egypt and His Entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. It is interesting to note that the first was to SAVE Him from death and the latter was to DELIVER Him to His death.

Following His arrest and condemnation, Jesus was bodily abused and crucified by the civil authorities. He was treated like a common criminal.

Upon His death, Christ's earthly body was entrusted to the wealthy Joseph of Arimathea. Misunderstanding that our Lord's Kingdom did not belong to this world, Joseph kindly gave up his burial spot. But Jesus was not destined to remain dead. He could not be contained in a tomb!

The reverent Myrrh-Bearing Women thought they knew the correct way to take care of the Lord's Body. They came to honor it with anointing, on that early morning. We all know that the tomb was empty.

But the lesson we learn from all these people is that Jesus Christ's Body was not only to be HELD but to be CARRIED FORTH for the salvation of the world. The message of our spiritual rescue from sin and death is all according to God's plan. May we give our possessions towards the use of God, like Joseph of Arimathea did. May we accept a change of plans like the Myrrh-Bearing women were asked to do. Above all, may we willingly receive God into our lives each day.

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