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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

November 10, 2024
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Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of November 10 - 17, 2024

Sunday, November 10 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 3

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:10 AM – Prayers Preparation for Holy Communion

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Remembering Our Veterans

Coffee Hour

Monday, November 11 – Veteran’s Day

2:00 PM – Service at Holy Rosary in Honor of +Beau Biden

President Biden, our Governor and other Dignitaries

Wednesday, November 13

7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Thursday, November 14

6:00 PM – Preparing Food for the Hungry

Friday, November 15

8:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Saturday, November 16

6:00 – 9:00 PM – Karaoke Night of the 50’s & 60’s

Sunday, November 17 – 21st Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 4

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:10 AM – Prayers Preparation for Holy Communion

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

SCRIPTURE READINGS

20th Sunday – Matins: John 20:19-31; Liturgy: Galatians 1:11-19; Luke 8:26-39

Monday – Philippians 4:10-23; Luke 11:29-33

Tuesday – Colossians 1:1-2, 7-11; Luke 11:34-41

Wednesday – Colossians 1:18-23; Luke 11:42-46

Thursday – Colossians 1:24-30; Luke 11:47-12:1

Friday – Colossians 2:1-7; Luke 12:2-12

Saturday – 2 Corinthians 3:12-18; Luke 9:1-6

21st Sunday – Matins: John 21:1-14; Liturgy: Galatians 2:16-20; Luke 8:41-56

Statement of the Council of Bishops of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA on the Observance of Veterans Day

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

As we approach Veterans Day, a solemn national observance honoring the sacrifices and valor of those who have served in the armed forces of the United States, we, the Council of Bishops of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, offer our prayers for those who have served and continue to serve in the U.S. armed forces. This day holds profound meaning for us, especially as Ukrainian-Americans, as we honor not only the courageous individuals who have safeguarded this great nation, but also those of Ukrainian descent who have served and continue to serve with devotion and distinction in the United States Armed Forces.

Our Church stands at a unique intersection of American and Ukrainian heritage. This is reflected physically in the Ukrainian-American Veterans Monument at our spiritual center, a site hallowed in prayer and dedication, where the lives of our ancestors and the legacy of our veterans are uplifted and remembered. This monument stands as a testament to the spirit of both God and country, a place where the dual threads of faith and patriotism weave together, honoring those who, throughout history, have defended their homeland and upheld the sacred call to serve.

Scripture teaches us that “Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (John 15:13). To serve in the armed forces, to willingly place oneself in harm’s way for the protection of others, is an act of profound faith and courage. Our veterans have answered this call, embodying the virtues of sacrifice and service that are dear to the heart of our Orthodox faith. In honoring their dedication, we honor the enduring principle that to serve one’s country is also to serve God, fulfilling the holy charge to protect and care for His creation and His people.

On this Veterans Day, we ask that our faithful come together in prayer, lifting up those who have served and those who continue to serve. May our veterans be blessed with peace, strength, and the abiding presence of our Lord. Let us strive always to remember their sacrifices with gratitude, and to honor their legacy with lives dedicated to faith, love, and service.

May the memory of all those who have served be eternal, and may our living veterans know the blessings of health and the love of a grateful nation.

In Christ's service,

+Metropolitan Antony

+Archbishop Daniel

Let us remember in our prayers today, those men and women who served and continue to serve in our Armed Forces allowing us to live in freedom:

Saints Peter and Paul Veterans List

Wasył Bernhard – Marines; **Alexander Czernik** – Marines; **Kenneth Dalaski** – Army; **Donald Hrynyshyn**, Army; **Ivan Otamas**; - Special Forces; **John Plachuta** – Army; **Valeria Podoguts** – Navy; **Michael C. Synczyszyn** – Marines; **Barbara Szewczyk** – Army; **Walter Szewczyk** - Army

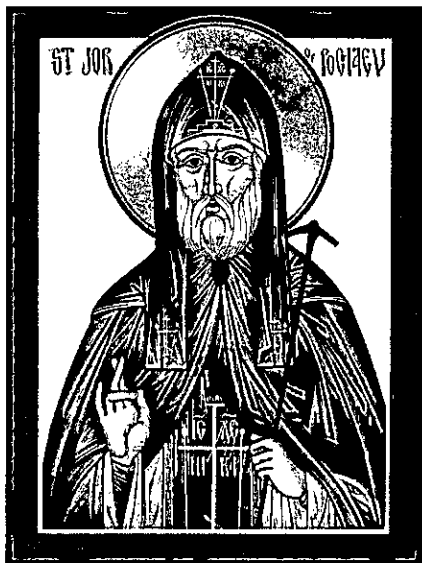
Happy Veteran's Day

A Prayer for Veterans Day

O, God of love and mercy, we ask for blessings on Wasył Bernhard, Alexander Czernik, Kenneth Dalaski, Donald Hrynyshyn, Ivan Otamas, John Plachuta, Valeria Podoguts, Michael C. Synczyszyn and all those who have served and are serving their country in the Armed Forces of the United States of America. We ask for healing for the veterans who have been wounded, in body and soul, during conflicts around the globe. We pray especially for the young men and women, in the thousands, who are coming home from Iraq and Afghanistan with injured bodies and traumatized spirits. Bring solace to them, O Lord. May we pray for them when they are unable to pray.

Have mercy on all our veterans from World War I and II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan and all other armed conflicts. Bring peace to their hearts and peace to the regions they fought in. Bless all the soldiers who served in non-combative posts. May their calling to serve continue in their lives in many positive positions. Give us all today a creative vision to see a world grown weary with fighting, with the goal of affirming the life of every single human being - in peace. For You are a Merciful and Loving God in

Holy Trinity and to You we give glory – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – unto the ages of ages. Amen.



Saint Job of Pochaiv

A beloved saint of Carpatho-Russians, Ukrainians, and Byelorussians is the Venerable Job, Abbot and Wonderworker of Pochaev. St. Job is remembered as a defender of the Orthodox Faith, an ascetic and spiritual father, miracle worker, and abbot of the great monastery of Pochaev located today in western Ukraine.

St. Job was born in 1551 with the name Ivan Zhelezo (which means “iron”) to a family of pious Orthodox Christians. At the tender age of ten, he left his parents and asked to be received into the monastery of the Transfiguration in the village of Pidhora, in the Carpathian Mountains. Two years later, at the age of 12 he was tonsured as a monk and given the name “Job”.

The monk Job proved himself worthy of the monastic tonsure by his exemplary way of life and when he reached the age of 31 he was ordained as a priest. Father Job came to be known and trusted by a local nobleman who was a defender of the Orthodox Faith, Prince Constantine Ostrogsky. After repeated requests by the prince, Father Job was transferred to the monastery of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross located on the Prince’s estate, outside the town of Dubno. Here Father Job served as the abbot of the monastery and along with caring for the spiritual growth of the brothers he devoted his time to the writing and publishing of theological books, sermons and instructions. Father Job especially devoted his writing to combat Protestant heresies which were circulating throughout the region. It was with Father Job’s blessing that Prince Constantine published the first printed version of the Slavic Bible known today by scholars as the Ostrog Bible.

During Father Job’s twenty years as the abbot of the Holy Cross Monastery, a number of Orthodox bishops and priests signed the infamous Union of Brest in which they abandoned the Orthodox Faith for union Rome creating the Greek Catholic church which was neither Roman Catholic nor Orthodox. The lands of what is today western Ukraine were at the time part of the Roman Catholic Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. The rulers of these lands desired to further control their subjects by ensuring their allegiance to their own Catholic Faith. Further, many Orthodox clergy accepted this union with Rome because as Catholic clergy they would receive economic and social benefits and a higher

standard of living. In this struggle to preserve the Orthodox Faith, Father Job lived up to his family name: Zhelezo: "iron" by his stance against those who sought to betray the Orthodox Faith. Father Job stood as an iron wall against a flood of apostasy.

To Pochaev - As Father Job's reputation and fame grew throughout the region, he increasingly sought quiet and solitude to devote to his salvation and to avoid the praise and honor of people. He knew well the warning of the Lord: Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets. (Luke 6:26) Father Job was attracted by the Monastery of Pochaev which was then in a remote wilderness; the monks lived alone in caves while working out their salvation and then joining together for the Divine Liturgy in the Church of the Dormition of the Mother of God. Father Job moved to the Pochaev Monastery around 1600 and despite his attempt and to remain unknown and unnoticed the brothers of Pochaev elected Job as their abbot.

The Pochaev Monastery had been established years earlier at a place hallowed by an appearance of the Blessed Virgin Godbearer. The Godbearer of God appeared to the monks in the shape of a column of fire and left the imprint of her foot in the rock she stood upon. From this rock flowed a stream of water with the miraculous power of healing. By the time Father Job arrived the Pochaev Monastery was also becoming well known as the home of a miraculous Icon of the Birthgiver of God now known as the "Mother of God of Pochaev". The icon was given to a local, pious Orthodox woman – Anna Goiskaya - in 1559 by Metropolitan Neophytus who brought it with him from Constantinople. After several miraculous healings associated with the icon, Goiskaya felt the icon no longer belonged in a private home but in a place where it could be venerated by all the people.

Father Job, by his example and holiness of life attracted other brothers to the monastery and he worked endlessly for their welfare and the material stability of the brotherhood. His days were given to manual labor and his nights to prayer as was described by one witness – Dositheus:

For by day he exercised himself with constant handiwork, such as the planting and grafting of trees, the tending of orchards, the building of ponds....and afterwards, at night, the favorite of God would give himself over wholly unto the Lord.

Father Job especially loved to retreat to a remote cave, away from people and distractions to pray and be alone with the Lord. Dositheus records;

And if this cave of stone had a mouth, it would be able to tell us how, sometimes for three days at a time, sometimes for an entire week, shut up there alone, nurtured only by the

tears which flowed from his pure heart, he prayed there for the good estate of the world which lies in evil.

While Father Job engaged in work and prayer he had to fight off attacks on the brotherhood by roving bands of Tartars who succeeded in plundering the monastery and beheading one of the monks. The brothers then faced attacks by the Protestant grandson of Anna Goiskaya who seized the icon of the Mother of God of Pochaev and attempted to remove the monks and steal their land.

Just as he strengthened the Orthodox people from Protestant errors while the abbot at Dubno, Father Job continued these efforts in Pochaev. The Orthodox people of the region faced pressure to join the Catholic Church through the newly established Greek Catholic Church as one by one bishops and priests succumbed to the Unia. At this time the printing press at the Pochaev Monastery was the only one in the region and Father Job used it to produce prayerbooks, sermons, and books of Orthodox teaching to strengthen the faithful against Catholic proselytizing.

His Repose - On October 21/November 3, 1651 Job received a revelation from God that in seven days he would depart from this life. And on October 28/November 10, after having served the Divine Liturgy, without any illness he peacefully fell asleep in the Lord at the age of 100. He was glorified as a saint in 1659 and his incorrupt relics are venerated to this day at the Pochaev Monastery in the stone cave in which he spent so much time in prayer. Tens of thousands of people flock to the monastery each year on October 28/November 10 – his feastday - and also on August 28 to honor the Blessed Birthgiver of God on the feast of her Dormition, to venerate the icon of the Mother of God of Pochaev and to venerate his sacred relics which continue to be a source of miracles for the faithful.

TROPAR (Tone 4) Having acquired the patience of your Forefather * and having resembled the Baptist in his abstinence * you shared the divine zeal of both * and were found worthy to receive their names. * You were a fearless preacher of the True Faith; * in this way you brought a multitude of monks to Christ. * You strengthened all people in Orthodoxy, * Job, our venerable Father, * pray that our souls may be saved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY - is expressed to George Humeniuk, 11/12. May God grant him a very happy birthday and keep him for many, happy and blessed years!

WHAT A BAZAAR!!! – A gross profit of \$36,000.00 to date has been realized with more sales since the Bazaar. Thanks to all who helped in any way!!!

MEETINGS

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

CHRISTMAS WREATHS – Our Sister Parish of St. Nicholas in Dover, DE is once again sponsoring the sale of wreaths for the Nativity. Through Mickman Brothers Wreaths. For every wreath or centerpiece purchased using the code **stnichde001** \$8 will be donated to the Parish. Orders can be made through www.holidayfundraiser.com by December 1. Questions: call Christina (302) 242-4876.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY – Our next preparing food for the hungry will be Thursday, November 14th at 6:00 PM.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

November 10 – Matthew Andreas and Victor Kaliakin

November 17 – Matthew Andreas and Victor Kaliakin

November 24 – Sonya Patronik and John Plachuta

December 1 – Sonya Patronik and John Plachuta

December 8 – Linda Hnatow and Matthew Andreas

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

TENTATIVE CALENDER OF EVENTS

Thursday, November 14 – 6 PM Preparing Food for Emmanuel Dining Hall

Tuesday, November 26 – Community Thanksgiving Service – Atonement Methodist

Thursday, November 28 – Hall Rented

Friday, December 6 – Boy Scout Lock-in

Sunday, December 15 – St. Nicholas – UOL Cookie Sale

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Monday, January 6 – 6:00 PM – Holy Supper

Tuesday, January 7 – Nativity of Our Lord

GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

November 10 - David and Eve Lazaration

November 17 - Zina Twardus and Nancy Tur

November 24 - Kathy and Michael Chalfont

December 1 - Sandy Cramer

December 8 - Sonya Patronik

We need more Greeters!! If you would like to volunteer, please see Father Stephen

READERS MINISTRY SCHEDULE

November 10 - Linda Hnatow
November 17 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick
November 24 - Jean Roeth
December 1 - Thomas Scholz
December 8 - Thomas Sulpizi
December 15 - Andrew Duncan
December 22 - John Plachuta

We need more Readers, if you would like to volunteer, please see Father Stephen



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE 2024 – will take place on Tuesday, November 26th beginning at 7:00 PM at the Atonement Methodist Church. Donations of money and nonperishable foods will be accepted. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of November 11 - Thomas and Lynn Sulpizi
Week of November 18 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus
Week of November 25 – Earle and Jennifer Robinson
Week of December 2 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly
Week of December 9 - Mark & Laura Andreas
Week of December 16 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson
Week of December 23 - John Plachuta and David Lazaration

KARAOKE 50'S AND 60'S – Saturday, November 16 from 6:00 – 9:00 PM. Relive the sounds of the Big Bopper, Ritchie Valens, Buddy Holly, Jay and the Americans, Jan and Dean, the Beach Boys, the Mommas and the Pappas and more! Bring your singing voice! Food provided.

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 can be avoided.

MINISTRY OF CARING – We will be collecting the following items for the Nativity for the Ministry of Carin g: male and female pj's, robes, slippers, bath soap and body wash, socks, craft and activity kits, play dough, finger paints, kids musical instruments and sweaters. Starting next week the Angel Tree will return and you can pick one to help with fulfilling the needs of others.

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 John Nakonechney, Father James Norton, Father Victor Wronsky, Father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Father Michael Zaparyniuk, Matushka Andrejuk, Matushka Laura Odell, Matushka Lisa Weremedic, Pani Matka Oksanna Bazylevsky, Pain Matka Maryann Ozlanski, Pani Matka Annette Zaparyniuk, Randy Allen, Carolyn Angelo, Jonathan Angelo, Jonathan Angelo, Colby Atkinson, Shannon Austin, Stephania Bacha, Joyce Belles, Neil Belles, Joyce Bendoakas, Katie Bennett and Baby, Ethel Bernhard, Irene Billon, James Bolton, Maria Borowenski, Betty Bosland, Becky Bosley, Angie Brengle, Paul Brengle, Patricia Bringle, Richard Bringle, Thomas Bringle, John Brick, Fedir Bukacz, Christine Cain, Mark Cello, Kathy Chalfont, Erik Colazo, Alex Czernik, Sharon Dalaski, Stephen Dalecki, David Dalldorf, Paula Daubert, William Dewhurst, Peter DiVirgilio, James Dudrick, Kathleen Dugan, Mary Eagleton, Maria Economou, Mary Eagleton, 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, John Hnatow, Daniel Holoviak, Jennifer Huertes, Joette Jago, Violet Jaskolka, Stephen Johnson, Billl Jones, Linda Josepinson, Michael Kapelus, Walter Katolik, Diane Keyser, Wendy Klinedinst, Judith Kocinski, Lorissa Kozakova, Ludmyla Krawchenko, Mykola Krawchenko, 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, Ann Nester, Laurie Newman, Sienna Ozboya, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Anthony Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Janilyn Pinkowicz, Bernice Pinkowicz, Daphne Pantelopulos, George Pantelopulos, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Roman, Jeff Rozwadowski, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, David Scharba, Isaac Schmidt, Joella Seale, Clay Seman, John Serth, Larissa Serth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Anna Shwak, 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, Michael Tilson, 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.

"O GOD OF DEMETRIOS, HELP ME!"

The Great Martyr Demetrios was born in the city of Thessalonica in the early years of the fourth century. Although his father was a prominent figure in the Roman army, Demetrios and his parents were secretly Christians. When his father died, Demetrios was chosen by the Emperor to replace him as military commander of Thessalonica. His orders were simple: put all Christians to death! Instead of doing so, Demetrios went about teaching others about Christ and sought to have pagan customs and traditions eliminated. His teaching zeal was so great that he is sometimes referred to as a "SECOND APOSTLE PAUL."

When the Emperor learned of the actions of Demetrios, he came to Thessalonica and had him imprisoned immediately. This was still the "era of the gladiators," so while there, the Emperor arranged a battle between his favorite warrior Lyaeos and a young Christian named Nestor. Coincidentally, Nestor had learned his faith from Demetrios! The night before he was to fight Lyaeos, Nestor visited Demetrios in prison and received his blessing, which is depicted on the cover of today's bulletin. Although Lyaeos was a Goliath-like man, Nestor was able to defeat him, causing the arena crowd to proclaim: "Great is the God of Demetrios!" This was more than the Emperor could bear. He ordered Nestor to be beheaded, and he had Demetrios run through with spears. The body of St. Demetrios was secretly buried by his followers. Years later, his relics were discovered and a magnificent church was erected over the place of his relics. For centuries now, fragrant myrrh has flowed from his crypt.

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