

ST. JOANNICUS THE GREAT

Joannicus was born in 765 in Bithynia, Asia Minor. His parents were poor and early in life the boy became a lonely shepherd.

During the reign of Emperor Leo, Joannicus became a soldier. He was big and strong, and no doubt was sought after for the army. He fell into the heresy of the "iconoclasts" who sought to destroy the use of icons and images in the Church.

But when Constantine and Irene came into power, he returned to Orthodoxy, repenting of his sins. He now felt more devoted to God. He began a penitential course of fasting and praying. However, he did not leave the army for another six years.

After he distinguished himself during a campaign against the Bulgarians, he laid down his arms for good, left the vanities of the world, and entered a monastery. Later Joannicus retired to the side of Mt. Olympus, where he spent several years exposed to the cold of winter and the heat of summer, without a shelter. Then he entered a cave, and lived in it for



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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 15, 2020
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Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of November 15 - 22, 2020
Celebrating our 93rd year of Service to the Lord

**ALL SERVICES ARE LIVE STREAMED
ON FACEBOOK & WEBPAGE**

Sunday, November 15 – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 6

8:30 – 9:00 AM - Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

Thursday, November 19

7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Friday, November 20 – Feast of St. Michael the Archangel

6:00 PM – Vespers Liturgy for the Feast

Panakhida: +Estelle Hlywiak

Saturday, November 21 – Feast of St. Michael

10:00 AM – Preparing the food for Emmanuel Dining Room and Luncheon here Sunday

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

Sunday, November 22 – 24th Sunday after Pentecost – Saint Nektarios - Tone 7

8:30 – 9:00 AM - Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Pankaahyda: +Anthony Muroawny (4 Yr. AN.), +Mary Murowany & +Sophia

Murowany Chiari – Mark and Rose Murowany

Special Coffee Hour for the OCMC

12:00 Noon – Service for Those Who Died During the Artificial Famine in Ukraine

SCRIPTURE READINGS

23rd Sunday after Pentecost – Matins: Matthew 28:16-20; Liturgy: Ephesians 2:4-10; Luke 8:26-39

Monday – 1 Thessalonians 2:20-3:8; Luke 11:29-33

Tuesday – 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 11:34-41

Wednesday – 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12; Luke 11:42-46

Thursday – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-8; Luke 11:47-12:1

Friday – 1 Thessalonians 5:9-13, 24-28; Luke 12:2-12

Saturday – Archangel Michael – Matins: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43; Liturgy: Hebrews 2:2-10; Luke 10:16-21; Day: 2 Corinthians 11:1-6; Luke 9:1-6

24th Sunday after Pentecost – Matins: Mark 16:1-8; Liturgy: Ephesians 2:14-22; Luke 8:41-56

NOVEMBER 21 - The Sobor [Assemblage] of the Chief of the Heavenly Hosts Michael and the Other Heavenly Bodiless Powers. The Archangels: Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Selaphiel, Jehudiel, Barachiel, and Jeremiel

The Celebration of the Sobor [Assemblage] of the Leader of the Heavenly Hosts Michael, and the Other Heavenly Bodiless Hosts was established at the beginning of the IV Century at the local Laodician Council, which occurred several years before the First Ecumenical Council. The Laodician Council by its 35th Canon condemned and renounced as heretical the worship of angels as creators and rulers of the world and it affirmed their proper Orthodox veneration. A feast day was established in November -- the ninth month from March (with which month the year began in ancient times) -- in accordance with the 9 Ranks of Angels. The eighth day of the month was decreed for the intended Sobor [Assemblage] of all the Heavenly Powers -- in conjunction with the Day of the Dread Last-Judgment of God, which the holy fathers called the "Eighth Day" -- since after this age in which the seven days [of Creation] have elapsed will come the "Eighth Day" -- and then "shall come the Son of Man in His Glory and all the holy Angels together with Him" (Mt 25:31).

The Angelic Ranks are divided into three Hierarchies: highest, middle, and lowest. In the Highest Hierarchy are included the three Ranks: the Seraphim, Cherubim and Thrones. Closest of all to the Most Holy Trinity stand the six-winged **Seraphim** [Seraphimy] (Flaming, and Fiery) (Is 6:12). They blaze with love for God and impel others to it. After the Seraphim there stand before the Lord the many-eyed **Cherubim** [Cheruvimy] (Gen 3:24). Their name means: outpouring of wisdom, enlightenment, since through them -- radiating with the light of Divine-knowledge and understanding of the mysteries of God,

there is sent down wisdom and enlightenment for true Divine-knowledge. After the Cherubim, stand God-bearing through grace given them for their service, the **Thrones** [Prestoly] (Col 1:16), mysteriously and incomprehensibly upholding God. They serve the uprightness of God's justice.

The Middle Angelic Hierarchy consists of three Ranks: Dominions, Powers, and Authorities:

Dominions [Hospodstva] (Col 1:16) hold dominion over the successive ranks of Angels. They instruct the earthly authorities, established from God, to wise governance. The Dominions influence rule by miracles, they quell sinful impulses, subordinate the flesh to the spirit, and provide mastery over the will to conquer temptation.

Powers [Sily] (1 Pet 3:22) fulfill the will of God. They work the miracles and send down the grace of wonder-working and perspicacity to saints pleasing to God. The Powers give assist to people in bearing obediences, encourage them in patience, and give them spiritual strength and fortitude.

Authorities [Vlasti] (1 Pet 3:22, Col 1:16) have authority to quell the power of the devil. They repel from people demonic temptations, uphold ascetics and guard them, helping people in the struggle with evil ponderings.

In the Lowest Hierarchy are included the three Ranks: Principalities, Archangels, and Angels:

Principalities [Nachala] (Col 1:16) have command over the lower angels, instructing them in the fulfilling of Divine commands. To them are entrusted to direct the universe, and protect lands, nations and peoples. Principalities instruct people to render honor to everyone, as becomes their station. They teach those in authority to fulfill their necessary obligations, not for personal glory and gain, but out of respect for God and benefit for neighbor.

Archangels [Arkhanhely] (1 Thess 4:16) announce about the great and most holy, they reveal the mysteries of the faith, prophecy and understanding of the will of God, they intensify deep faith in people, enlightening their minds with the light of the Holy Gospel.

Angels [Anhely] (1 Pet 3:22) are closest to all to people. They proclaim the intent of God, guiding people to virtuous and holy life. They protect believers restraining them from falling, and they raise up the fallen; never do they abandon us and always they are prepared to help us, if we so desire.

All the Ranks of the Heavenly Powers have in common the name Angels -- by virtue of their service. The Lord reveals His will to the highest of the Angels, and they in turn inform the others.

From Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition are likewise known the Archangels:

- Gabriel** -- strength (power) of God, herald and servitor of Divine almightiness (Dan 8:16, Lk 1:26).
- Raphael** -- the healing of God, the curer of human infirmities (Tobit 3:16, 12:15).
- Uriel** -- the fire or light of God, enlightener (3 Ezdras 5:20).
- Selaphiel** -- the prayer of God, impelling to prayer (3 Ezdras 5:16).
- Jehudiel** -- the glorifying of God, encouraging exertion for the glory of the Lord and interceding about the reward of efforts.
- Barachiel** -- distributor of the blessing of God for good deeds, entreating the mercy of God for people.
- Jeremiel** -- the raising up to God (3 Ezdras 4:36).

On icons the Archangels are depicted in accord with the trait of their service:

- Michael** -- tramples the devil underfoot, and in his left hand holds a green date-tree branch, and in his right hand a spear with a white banner (or sometimes a fiery sword), on which is outlined a scarlet cross.
- Gabriel** -- with a branch from paradise, presented by him to the Most Holy Virgin, or with a shining lantern in his right hand and with a mirror made of jasper in his left.
- Raphael** -- holds a vessel with healing medications in his left hand, and with his right hand leads Tobias, carrying the fish [for healing -- Tobit 5-8].
- Uriel** -- in raised right hand hold a bare sword at the level of his chest, and in his lowered left hand "a fiery flame."
- Selaphiel** -- in a prayerful posture, gazing downwards, hands folded to the chest.
- Jehudiel** -- in his right hand holds a golden crown, in his left a whip of three red (or black) branches.
- Barachiel** -- on his garb are a multitude of rose blossoms.
- Jeremiel** -- holds in his hand balance-scales.

Jesus Heals a Man Possessed by Demons

To demonstrate His authority over all things, today's Gospel reading relates the story of Jesus healing a man possessed by many demons in a territory inhabited by Gentiles. He dramatically transforms the human life of a man by ordering the demons to leave him.

The man is said to be "possessed" by demons. This English term is too strong. In the original Greek verse 27 says he "had" demons and verse 36 says he was "demonized". Our understanding of demonic possession, even replacing a person's personality, is foreign to the New Testament.

The unclean spirit is actually many demons. When Jesus asks its name, the answer is "Legion". The Roman legion at this time consisted of 5,000 to 6,000 foot soldiers and so the name implies a large number of demons.

The local people are terrified by what has happened. Their fear does not lead to the praise of God but the rejection of Jesus. The healed man wants to follow Jesus as a disciple, but his vocation is to share what has happened to him with his own people.

By healing a Gentile, Jesus demonstrates that His message is not only for Israel but for the whole world, including us today. We, too, should take the healing of sin that we receive through His Resurrection, and through the reception of the Holy Mysteries and proclaim this to all with whom we have contact.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY - is expressed to the following: Earle Robinson, 11/18. May God grant him a very happy birthday and keep him for many, happy and blessed years!

SPECIAL THANKS – are offered to Kathy Duncan, President of the Sisterhood and Chairperson of the Take-Out Bazaar, and all those who helped in any way to make yesterday's celebration such a great success. A net profit of \$8,412.41.

REMEMBERING THE VICTIMS OF THE ARTIFICIAL FAMINE – A Panakhyda will be celebrated together with Protopresbyter Volodymyr Klanichka of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church in front of our Memorial on Sunday, November 22 beginning at 12 Noon. Please plan to attend.

RELIGIOUS BOOK SALE – We are going to try once again to have the Religious Book Sale on Saturday, November 28 from 10AM – 1PM. We have religious books from many traditions being sold for pennies on the dollar. They make great Christmas gifts (don't tell anyone you didn't pay full price). Please plan to attend and tell your friends.

UOL PREPARING A MEAL FOR EMMANUEL DINING HALL – On Saturday, November 21, we shall be preparing a meal for Emmanuel Dining Hall beginning at 10:00 AM (after Liturgy). More as it is available.

UOL SPECIAL LUNCHEON – Will be served on Sunday, November 22 to benefit the OCMC (Orthodox Christian Mission Center). More as it is available.

UOL CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE – will take place on Sunday, December 13 after Liturgy. **IT WILL BE BY ORDER ONLY.** Please understand the following:

Sonya Patronik will be coordinating the Bakers. **We need your help.** We need all of our bakers to make at least 60 cookies of a kind. (Please, no chocolate chip). Cookies will be dropped off at the Parish Hall between 9:00 – 9:30 AM on Saturday, December 12.

Linda Hnatow will be coordinating the orders. The donation is \$13 for one pound and \$25 for a two pound box. You know how delicious they are. Tell your friends.

PYROHY ORDERS FOR CHRISTMAS – We shall be taking orders for pyrohy on Monday, November 30 & Tuesday, December 1 from 9-11AM. Pick up will be on Friday, December 18. We will be making pyrohy to fill the orders on Saturday, December 5 and Friday, December 11. All pyrohy will be frozen and vacuum packed.

PYROHY PRICES HAVE CHANGED – Due to the rising costs of our supplies, our pyrohy prices have changed: Potato - \$10 Doz.; Sauerkraut \$10 Doz.: Cheese \$13 Doz. Holubtsi \$18 half dozen; \$35 dozen; Kovbassa \$13 a ring.

ELECTRONIC 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.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE – due to Covid, will be celebrated on Tuesday, November 24 with a live stream service at 7:00 PM from Ascension Episcopal Church. Rev. Dr. Ketlen Solak, Pastor and Father John Gayton of Holy Rosary and myself at this time will be participating. More as it is available.

TRUSTEES MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

November 15 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

November 22 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

November 29 – Thomas Bringle and Linda Hnatow

December 6 – Thomas Bringle and Linda Hnatow

December 13 – Ann Duncan and Victor Kaliakin

December 20 – Ann Duncan and Victor Kaliakin

MEETINGS

SISTERHOOD BOARD MEETING – Thursday, November 19 @ 6:00 PM

PARISH BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, December 8 @ 6:30 PM (Zoom Meeting)

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!

“PATRONS PATH”: A Tribute to the Faithful Founders, Families, Stewards and Supporters of this Holy Temple and All Who Worship Here. - Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church is a very special place for many of us. For nearly 93 years, our Parish has served as a spiritual home for generations of Ukrainians, Ukrainian-Americans and Orthodox Christians from around the world. Many of you may have been baptized, married, attended liturgy or simply enjoyed the Bazaars and monthly pyrohy sales, THANK YOU for being part of what makes Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church a unique family gathering place. You now have the opportunity to leave a lasting imprint on our beloved church home. Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church has created, PATRONS PATH, a lasting remembrance to all who have generously built, supported and sustained our little Parish in Wilmington, Delaware over the years. This tribute will be placed in front of the Holodomor Memorial and surrounding area to be admired and added to for generations. The funds generated from the sale of pavers will be used to offset operational and capital improvement costs. These pavers may be imprinted with special messages, dates, names or combination of such. A special presentation may be seen on our Facebook page (SS. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church) and Website (www.sspeterandpauluoc.org). Please look at the website for the Patron's Path: <http://polarengraving.com/saintspeterandpaulukrainianorthodoxchurch> It is our hope that you join us and be part of this new foundation on which to build for ages to come.

READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

November 15 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick
November 22 - Andrew Duncan
November 29 - Linda Hnatow
December 6 - Jean Roeth
November 13 - John Plachuta

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of November 16 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson
Week of November 23 - John Plachuta and David Lazaration
Week of November 30 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus
Week of December 7 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly
Week of December 13 - Mark & Laura Andreas

ADOPTING CHILDREN FOR THE NATIVITY – DONATIONS - Special thanks are offered to Linda Hnatow and all those who donated to this noble cause. A total of \$1425.00 was collected which enabled us to purchase 19 cards which in turn provided gifts for 19 youth. The Ministry of Caring staff (who also run the Emmanuel Dining Room) send their sincerest gratitude for helping in this endeavor. Thank you.

PYROHY SCHEDULE

ORDERS TAKEN

November 30 & December 1

January 11& 12

PICK UP

Friday, December 18

Friday, January 22

In order to fill the orders, we will be making pyrohy on the following dates:

Saturday, December 5

Friday, December 11

Friday, January 16

RULES FOR ATTENDING ALL SERVICES: *

Masks **MUST** be worn during the service – if you do not have one, a mask will be provided. * **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!!** For everyone's safety, 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. We shall continue to 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. The Communion Cloth is not to be touched. **PLEASE – listen to the instructions.** *

After the Liturgy, each person **MUST** sanitize the area in which he/she is using. * **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.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL – Metropolitan
Antony, Archimandrite Raphael, Father Vasili Andrejuk, Father Paul Bigelow, Father John Bohush, Father Vasyl Dovhan, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Mark Leisure, Father Andrew Molewski, Father John Nakonechney, Father James Norton, Father Victor Wronskyj, Father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Pani Dobrodyka Lisa Weremedic, Alicia, Nerry, Mykola, Brennan, Deborah, Charles, Galina, Dolores, Julian, Madison, Michele, Mykola, Rita, Ryan, Randy Allen, Paul Andreas, Carolyn Angelo, Colby Atkinson, Shannon Austin, Stephania Bacha, Joyce Belles, Neil Belles, Ethel Bernhard, Yaroslav Bilinsky, Maria Borowski 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, Lorissa Kozakova, 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, Victor Melnychenko, 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, 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, Isaac Schmidt, Doris Scully, Joella Seale, Clay Seman, Larissa Serth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Emily Smitheman, Kimberly Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Rich Steinman, Joseph Stevens, Noel Strobino, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczyszyn, Tatiana Szewc, 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.

many years, partaking only of bread and water, as part of his penitential discipline.

After another twelve years of his life, Joannicus entered the monastery of Eristae, and took the monastic habit. He was blessed with the gift of prophecy, and many miracles are related of him. His prudence and moderation were of great value in guiding Methodios, the Patriarch of Constantinople, in dealing with the iconoclasts. The holy monk advised the patriarch to treat the iconoclastic clergy as erring brothers, and not to reject those who returned to Orthodoxy.

In 846 Patriarch Methodios, hearing that Joannicus was dying, went to see the old monk, asking him for a final blessing and prayer. The two had a lengthy talk about the faith. Joannicus foretold that the patriarch himself would shortly follow him into eternity. After a final prayer and a farewell kiss, they separated.

Joannicus returned to his cell to prepare for his impending death. Three days later, he fell asleep in the Lord. Eight months later, Methodios died in Christ, thus fulfilling the prophetic words of the saint.

Even after he died, miracles were wrought by the saintly Joannicus. His fame and veneration spread throughout the Church. St. Joannicus is termed "the Great" for the remarkable measure of austerity and sanctity of his faith. The brilliance of his life continues to shine until today.