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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 24, 2024
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Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of November 24 – December 1, 2024

Sunday, November 24 – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 5

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:10 AM – Prayers Preparation for Holy Communion

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Pankahyda: +Ekaterina Kowalczyk

Coffee Hour

12:00 Noon – Service at the Monument – Remembering Those Who Died in the Holodomor

2:00 PM – Benefit for Ukraine – Prometheus Male Chorus – Opera DE 4 S. Poplar St., Wilmington

Monday, November 25

7:00 PM – Post Bazaar Meeting

Tuesday, November 26

10:00 AM – Funeral +John Chomizak (Dover, DE)

7:00 PM – Community Thanksgiving Service (Atonement Methodist Church)

Wednesday, November 27

12:00 Noon – Burial +Ekaterina Kowalczyk (Lombardy Cemetery)

6:00 PM – Moleben of Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 28 – THANKSGIVING DAY

8:00 AM – Liturgy of Thanksgiving

Sunday, December 1 – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 6

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:10 AM – Prayers Preparation for Holy Communion

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

SCRIPTURE READINGS

22nd Sunday – Matins John 21:15-25; Liturgy: Galatians 6:11-18; Luke 10:25-37

Monday – 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5; Luke 14:12-15

Tuesday – St. John Chrysostom – Matins: John 10:1-9; Liturgy: Hebrews 7:26-8:2; John 10:9-16 Day: 1 Thessalonians 1:6-10; Luke 14:25-35

Wednesday – Apostle Philip – Matins: John 21:15-25; 1 Corinthians 4:9-16; John 1:43-51; Day: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Luke 15:1-10

Thursday – Thanksgiving – 1 Thessalonians 2:9-14; Luke 16:1-9; Thanksgiving: Ephesians 5: 8-21; Luke 17: 12-19

Friday – Apostle Matthew – 1 Corinthians 4:9-16; Matthew 9:9-13; Day: 1 Thessalonians 2:14-19; Luke 16:15-18, 17:1-4

Saturday – 2 Corinthians 8:1-5; Luke 9:57-62

23rd Sunday – Matins: Matthew 28:16-20; Liturgy: Ephesians 2:4-10; Luke 12:16-21

St. John Chrysostom November 13/26



This greatest and most beloved of all Christian orators was born in Antioch the Great in the year 344 or 347; his pious parents were called Secundus and Anthusa. After his mother was widowed at the age of twenty, she devoted herself to bringing up John and his elder sister in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. John received his literary training under Anthragathius the philosopher, and Libanius the sophist, who was the greatest Greek scholar and rhetorician of his day. Libanius was a pagan, and when asked before his death whom he wished to have for his successor, he said, "John, had not the Christians stolen him from us." With such a training, and with such gifts as he had by nature, John had before him a brilliant career as a

rhetorician. But through the good example of his godly mother Anthusa and of the holy Bishop Meletius of Antioch (see Feb. 12), by whom he was ordained reader about the year 370, he chose instead to dedicate himself to God. From the years 374 to 381 he lived the monastic life in the hermitages that were near Antioch. His extreme asceticism undermined his health, compelling him to return to Antioch, where Saint Meletius ordained him deacon about the year 381. Saint Meletius was called to Constantinople later that year to preside over the Second Ecumenical Council, during which he fell asleep in the Lord. In 386 Bishop Flavian ordained John presbyter of the Church of Antioch. Upon his elevation to the priesthood his career as a public preacher began, and his exceptional oratorical

gifts were made manifest through his many sermons and commentaries. They are distinguished by their eloquence and the remarkable ease with which rich imagery and scriptural allusions are multiplied; by their depth of insight into the meaning of Scripture and the workings of God's providence; and, not least of all, by their earnestness and moral force, which issue from the heart of a blameless and guileless man who lived first what he preached to others. Because of his fame, he was chosen to succeed Saint Nectarius as Patriarch of Constantinople. He was taken away by stealth, to avoid the opposition of the people, and consecrated Patriarch of Constantinople on February 28, 398, by Theophilus, Patriarch of Alexandria, who was to prove his mortal enemy.

At that time the Emperor of the East was Arcadius, who had had Saint Arsenius the Great as his tutor (see May 8); Arcadius was a man of weak character, and much under the influence of his wife Eudoxia. The zealous and upright Chrysostom's unsparing censures of the lax morals in the imperial city stung the vain Eudoxia; through Theophilus' plottings and her collaboration, Saint John was banished to Pontus in 403. The people were in an uproar, and the following night an earthquake shook the city; this so frightened the Empress Eudoxia that she begged Arcadius to call Chrysostom back. While his return was triumphant, his reconciliation with the Empress did not last long. When she had a silver statue of herself erected in the forum before the Church of the Holy Wisdom (Saint Sophia) in September of 403, and had it dedicated with much unseemly revelry, Saint John thundered against her, and she could not forgive him. In June of 404 he was exiled to Cucusus, on the borders of Cilicia and Armenia. From here he exchanged letters with Pope Innocent of Rome, who sent bishops and priests to Constantinople requesting that a council be held. Saint John's enemies, dreading his return, prevailed upon the Emperor to see an insult in this, and had John taken to a more remote place of banishment called Pityus near the Caucasus. The journey was filled with bitter sufferings for the aged bishop, both because of the harshness of the elements and the cruelty of one of his 310 guards. He did not reach Pityus, but gave up his soul to the Lord near Comana in Pontus, at the chapel of the Martyr Basiliscus (see May 22), who had appeared to him shortly before, foretelling the day of his death, which came to pass on September 14, 407. His last words were "Glory be to God for all things." His holy relics were brought from Comana to Constantinople thirty-one years later by the Emperor Theodosius the Younger and Saint Pulcheria his sister, the children of Arcadius and Eudoxia, with fervent supplications that the sin of their parents against him be forgiven; this return of his holy relics is celebrated on January 27.

Saint John was surnamed Chrysostom ("Golden-mouth") because of his eloquence. He made exhaustive commentaries on the divine Scriptures and was the author of more works than any other Church Father, leaving us complete commentaries on the Book of Genesis, the Gospels of Saints Matthew and John, the Acts, and all the Epistles of Saint Paul. His extant works are 1,447 sermons and 240 epistles. Twenty-two teachers of the Church have written homilies of praise in his honour. Besides his feasts today and on January 27, he is celebrated as one of the Three Hierarchs on January 30, together with Saint Basil the Great and Saint Gregory the Theologian.

It should be noted that, because September 14 is the Exaltation of the Cross, the Saint's memory has been transferred to this day.

Tropar - Fourth Tone: The grace of your words illuminated the universe like a shining beacon. It amassed treasures of munificence in the world. It demonstrated the greatness of humility, teaching us by your own words; therefore, O Father John Chrysostom, intercede to Christ the Logos for the salvation of our souls.

Kontakion - Second Tone - You received divine grace from Heaven, and by your own lips taught all to worship the One God in Trinity. All-blessed, venerable John Chrysostom, deservedly, we praise you for you are a teacher clearly revealing things divine.

THANKSGIVING BY TOTAL DEPENDENCE

As we come to our national Thanksgiving Day, many of us will attend church. When we go to Church to give thanks to Almighty God for the great benefits that we have received at His hands, let us remember that this special celebration is unique; for it is a national expression of deep-seated gratitude by people directed to Almighty God who is Creator, Sustainer and Forgiver of all.

It is a unique celebration because it remembers no great event in history, no great character of person who contributed to society, but rather it must speak of our total dependence upon God through His creative love.

While we celebrate Thanksgiving this year, let us remember that we must do it with not simply our voices but with our hearts and with our hands. To do so means that we must open our hearts in thanksgiving and share the needs of the world and our hands outstretched all about us. Real thanksgiving expressed with our hearts and hands must have its visible expression conveyed by our willingness to serve, give and to love in a world that needs service and love more than anything else

HOW EASY TO FORGET

The story is old, but it bears repeating. Two men were walking toward each other on a street of one of our larger cities. As they neared each other, the one man recognized the other as a friend and acquaintance of a good many years. However, the other man gave no sign that he recognized the other. The first man stopped his friend, Joe, and said to him: "Joe, don't tell me you were going to pass by without even saying hello? Don't you know me?" "Oh, yes," said Joe, "I recognized you, but there was no reason for me to stop and chat with you. After all, we don't have very much in common anymore. Why don't you just keep going your way, and I'll go mine!"

"But Joe," said the first man again, "why should you feel this way? Wasn't I the one who made it possible for you to get a job after you had been fired, and didn't I loan you sufficient money for your child's operation when you were broke? Don't you remember the time I took time from my busy schedule to talk to your wife when she was about to sue you for divorce? And remember just last month when I assured your present employer that you are a capable man and should be considered for a promotion? Have you forgotten all these things? Why do you say that we have nothing in common anymore?" Looking him straight in the eye, the second man replied very tersely, "Oh yes, everything you have said is true. You did get me a job after I had been fired; you loaned me money for my child's operation; you took time to talk to Mabel, my wife, and persuade her not to divorce me and you did recommend me for the promotion I received last month. But what have you done for me recently?"

"What a thankless person," we might exclaim, that after all the consideration and concern shown, someone should take such an attitude. Yet is it not true that many a person, knowingly or unknowingly acts the same way to God? The Giver of every good and perfect gift is many times ignored because humans so easily forget and say, in effect, "What have You done for me recently?" The Psalmist says: "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits" (Psalm 103:1-2). All that we have, are, hope to be in Christ comes from Him. How do we feel? Is it easy to forget?

See you Thursday at 8AM for our Liturgy of Thanksgiving!!

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY - is expressed to Maria Kaliakin, 11/24. May God grant her a very happy birthday and keep her for many, happy and blessed years!



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!

CONGRATULATIONS AND PRAYERS – are offered to Barry and Janilyn Pinkowicz on the birth of their first grandson, Carter James Bennett. Mother Katie and Dad are doing fine. May God continue to bless Carter and his family. May He keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

MEETINGS

POST BAZAAR MEETING – Monday, November 25 @ 7:00 PM

PARISH BOARD – Monday, December 16 @ 6:30 PM (Zoom)

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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

November 24 – Sonya Patronik and John Plachuta

December 1 – Sonya Patronik and John Plachuta

December 8 – Linda Hnатов and Matthew Andreas

December 15 – Linda Hnатов and Matthew Andreas

December 22 – Victor Kaliakin and Sonya Patronik

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

Tuesday, November 26 – Community Thanksgiving Service – Atonement Methodist

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

Monday, March 3 – Great Fast Begins

Saturday, April 5 – Spring Bazaar

Sunday, April 20 – Resurrection of Our Lord

Sunday, May 11 – Mother's Day Dinner

Sunday, June 15 – Father's Day Dinner – Graduation Sunday

Sunday, July 13 – Patronal Feast Day

Saturday, August 2 – UOL Flea Market

GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

November 24 - Kathy and Michael Chalfont

December 1 - Sandy Cramer

December 8 - Sonya Patroni

December 15 - David and Eve Lazaration

December 22 - Zina Twardus and Nancy Tur

READERS MINISTRY SCHEDULE

November 24 - Jean Roeth

December 1 - Thomas Scholz

December 8 - Thomas Sulpizi

December 15 - Andrew Duncan

December 22 - John Plachuta

December 29 - Linda Hnatow

2025 - January 5 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

Week of December 30 - Thomas and Lynn Sulpizi

Week of January 6 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAKING PYROHY – We will be making pyrohy one more time this year on Saturday, December 7 to fill the orders for Christmas. We need your help! Please plan to help!

UOL COOKIE SALE – will be on Sunday, December 15th. If you are willing to bake at least 60 cookies, please see Linda Hnatow for details.

PROMETHIUS MALE CHORUS – will be performing a concert “For Ukraine” Today at 2:00 PM. General admission tickets are \$25 per person at prometheuswilmington.eventbrite.com

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. The Angel Tree is in the entrance of the Church and you can pick one to help with fulfilling the needs of others.

UKRAINIAN BANDURIST CHORUS – will sponsor A **Ukrainian Christmas** performance on Friday, December 6 from 7:00 – 9:00 PM at St. Luke the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church 2316 Fairhill Avenue in Glenside, PA. Experience a 90- minute Christmas Program featuring musicians from across North America led by Artistic Director and Conductor, Oleh Mahlay. Tickets are available at www.bandura.org/events. If you are interested, please see Father Stephen as two paid tickets may become available.



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 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 Golovniou, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Richard Haslam, Rick Hastings, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Alicia Hlywak, John Hlywak, John Hnатов, Daniel Holoviak, Jennifer Huertes, Joette Jago, Violet Jaskolka, Stephen Johnson, Bill 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, 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.

ST. NECTARIOS: A SAINT OF OUR TIMES

We all tend to think of saints as being people who lived centuries ago. The popular saint who graces the cover of this morning's Church Bulletin, however, was literally a 20th century saint -- falling asleep in the Lord in 1920! Yes, St. Nectarios can truly be called "a saint of our times."

St. Nectarios was born in Turkey in 1846. At the age of 14, he went to Constantinople to find work. Instead, it can be said that this is really where he found Christ. Nectarios quickly became known as a brilliant scholar and a well-respected theologian. He entered a monastery on the island of Chios at the age of 21, and soon after, he was ordained to the priesthood. The preaching and teaching skills that Nectarios possessed made him a likely candidate for the episcopacy. After becoming a bishop, however, St. Nectarios was victimized by the petty jealousies exhibited by his fellow clergy. Although stripped of some of his hierarchical authority and prestige, St. Nectarios continued to devote his life to serving Christ in whatever way he could. His accomplishments included serving as the dean of a theological school in Alexandria and establishing a convent and school for girls on the small island of Aegina. Scores of pilgrims would flock to Aegina, seeking the wise counsel of this saintly man. After his death, people continued to come and pray before his grave, and many miracles were reported by those who asked for the help and intercession of St. Nectarios. In 1961, he was proclaimed a saint, only 41 years after his death. Known as a "healing saint," St. Nectarios is the Patron Saint of cancer patients.

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