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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 29, 2020
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Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of November 29 – December 6, 2020
Celebrating our 93rd year of Service to the Lord

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

Sunday, November 29 - 25th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 8

8:30 – 9:00 AM - Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

Monday, November 30

9:00 – 11:00 AM – Taking pyrohy orders

Tuesday, December 1

9:00 – 11:00 AM – Taking pyrohy orders

Thursday, December 3

7:00 AM – Peeling potatoes

Friday, December 4 – Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple

8:00 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful – I will be here for Liturgy

Saturday, December 5

7:00 AM – Making pyrohy

Sunday, December 6 - 26th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 1

8:30 – 9:00 AM - Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

SCRIPTURE READINGS

25th Sunday after Pentecost – Matins: Mark 16:9-20; Liturgy: Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 10:25-37; Apostle Matthew 1 Corinthians 4:9-16; Matthew 9:9-13

Monday - 1 Timothy 1:1-7; Luke 14:12-15

Tuesday - 1 Timothy 1:8-14; Luke 14:25-35

Wednesday - 1 Timothy 1:18-20,2:8-15; Luke 15:1-10

Thursday - 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Luke 16:1-9

Friday – Entrance of the Mother of God in the Temple: Matins: Luke 1:39-44, 56; Liturgy: Hebrews 9:1-7; Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28; Day:1 Timothy 4:4-8, 16; Luke 16:15-18; 17:-4

Saturday - Galatians 3:8-12; Luke 9:57-62

26th Sunday after Pentecost - Matins: Luke 24:1-12; Liturgy: Ephesians 5:8-19; Luke 12:16-21

Epistle of the Permanent Conference of Ukrainian Orthodox Bishops Beyond the Borders of Ukraine for the Nativity Fast

To the Beloved Clergy and Faithful of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church beyond the Borders of Ukraine and on her native soil

Glory to Jesus Christ!

By the grace of God, our Mother Orthodox Church, will begin the forty day Nativity Fast on November 28. We are nearing the end of 2020, which is a difficult and alarming time for humanity due to the coronavirus pandemic. In a short period of time the life of the human race has been changed. Everything that people considered reliable and stable in their lives is no longer certain. Many people are afraid for their lives and are confused. No one knows what can happen to them and their loved ones at any given time, not even within this week. We Orthodox Christians know that we all walk below God and not a hair falls from our head without His will. The Lord allows this pandemic to test mankind in the 21st century, but He has not forsaken us. He never left us in the past, He does not leave us now, and He will not leave us in the future. In these anxious, long and dark nights of the forty day Nativity Fast of 2020, when there are so few hours of brightness, we know that the Star of Bethlehem will soon shine on all of us, showing us the way to the Newborn Christ so that we can worship Him and walk with Him following the way that He illuminates for us and leads us. This road is narrow and thorny. This is the road of the Cross. This is the road on which we will often fall under our cross, but the Lord will help us to get up and continue. Our Mother Church gives us the Holy Sacraments through which we receive strength so that we do not break, do not lose hope, do not lose faith, do not cease to love God and our neighbor. In this way the Lord leads us through all dangers

and obstacles so that we may follow Him all our lives until we reach the Kingdom of Heaven.

The Holy Prophet Moses fasted for 40 days before receiving the tablets of God's commandments; the holy Prophet Elijah fasted for 40 days before receiving revelation from God; our Lord Jesus Christ Himself fasted in the wilderness for 40 days before beginning His earthly mission. So let us, weak and sinful people, also prepare for the coming of our Lord and Savior with 40 days of fasting before He comes down to earth. As the holy fathers say, fasting and prayer are the two wings that lift us up to the Lord, Not only should we pray more and do more works of charity, but we must also use our bodies to show that man does not live by bread alone. By consuming Lenten food and by limiting our reliance on food, we strengthen our will to fight and resist the passions of our soul. Because of this, the Holy Church recognizes fasting as a struggle with the passion, not as a struggle with the flesh.

Unfortunately, we do not always observe the Nativity Fast as seriously as we observe the Great Lent before Holy Pascha. We fail to prepare ourselves properly for the Nativity. St. John Chrysostom calls the Nativity of our Lord "the mother of all feasts, because if there was no Nativity, there would be no Resurrection." One saint said that you will be forgiven for what you can't help to avoid, but you will be condemned for everything that you can avoid but choose not to. The Lord also blesses good intentions, and even more, He blesses good efforts and good deeds, So may the All-Merciful Lord help us to observe the fast properly because we are weak and sinful people. The Lord says: "Without Me, you can do nothing." (John 15:5) So let us ask the Lord not to leave us without His great graces and bounties during the Nativity Fast, but to strengthen us spiritually and physically (especially in this difficult year, 2020) so that we may worthily celebrate the mother of all feasts – the Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

With Archpastorla Blessings,
+Yurij,
Metropolitan, UOC of Canada

+Antony,
Metropolitan UOC of the USA
and Diaspora

+Jeremiah,
Archbishop, UO Diocese of Brazil
and Church South America

+Daniel,
Archbishop, UOC of the USA
and Western Europe

+Ilarion,
Bishop, UOC of Canada

+Andriy,
Bishop, UOC of Canada

ENTRANCE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD INTO THE TEMPLE



In the Icon of the Presentation of the Mother of God into the Temple, Mary is shown as a young girl being escorted to the Temple by her parents, Joachim and Anna. Mary is also seen being accompanied by the holy virgins carrying candles. The High Priest is greeting the Holy family at the entrance of the Temple.

The Feast of the Presentation of the Mother of God into the Temple praises and glorifies God for His plan of salvation. God prepares for Himself a holy dwelling place. The Tropar of the Feast calls us to cry out to the Ever-Virgin Mary, “Rejoice, and fulfillment of the Creator’s plan!”

The Church never tires of praising the Mother of God for her role in our salvation. She is called the “Heavenly Tabernacle” and the “Living Tabernacle of God”, she is given these titles because from her the Word of God has taken flesh and dwelt among us. She is the living tabernacle of the Incarnate Word and through her; God has taken on our human nature and elevated us to become sharers in the divine nature (2nd Peter 1:4). God Who is beyond our reach and beyond our grasp comes to dwell among us. This is God’s plan and in the Virgin Mary this plan of salvation was achieved.

Through the Mother of God, God comes to us. He chooses her to become the living tabernacle of the Most High God and through the Mother of God we have received God’s salvation. The Feast calls us to join in this praise in saying: “May the lips of the faithful endlessly sing out joy to the Mother of God the greeting of the Angel: “O pure Virgin, you are truly above all creatures!” (Irmos)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Note: Father Stephen is on vacation from November 30 – December 7. In case of an emergency, please call Father Gus Christo at (302) 479-5672 or Father Gerald Ozlanski at (302) 798-7935. There will be Liturgy on Dec. 4th

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY - is expressed to the following: Kylie Rose Pabian, 12/1; Michael Tilson, 12/3 & Elizabeth Kaliakin, 12/4. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

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.

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.

MEETINGS

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

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE – Special thanks are offered to Rev. Dr. Ketlen Solak, Pastor of the church of the Ascension Episcopal Church for hosting and Father John Gayton of Holy Rosary for participating in the virtual service. Next year the Service will be at Holy Rosary Catholic Church.

TRUSTEES MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

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

December 27 – Lorraine Neff and Thomas Bringle

2021 – January 3 – Lorraine Neff and Thomas Bringle

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!

CHRISTMAS AT THE SEMINARY – ON LINE ONLY – Saturday, December 19 beginning at 5:00 PM. Support the Seminary by purchasing the items below and shipping them directly to the Seminary by December 16th. **Wish List: Gifts Cards** (Amazon, Costco, Home Depot, Restaurant Depot, Shop Rite, Target: [Target registry: tgt.gifts/SaintSophiaSeminary] Visa, Walmart); **Cleaning Products:** floor cleaner, bathroom cleaner, multipurpose cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, disinfecting spray & wipes, wood polish and cleaner, Swiffer duster refills, dishwasher detergent, dishwashing liquid, kitchen sponges. **Laundry Products:** HE laundry detergent and/or pods, Clorox. **Household Products:** paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, garbage bags – all sizes, Ziploc bags, hand soap. **Office Products:** dry erase markers, batteries, staples, tape, multi-subject spiral bound notebooks. More info, call (732)356-0090 – email: fr.v.pasakas@uocusa.net, Mail gifts to: St. Sophia Seminary, 1950 Easton Avenue, Somerset, NJ 08873.

REMEMBERING THE VICTIMS OF THE ARTIFICIAL FAMINE – We would like to thank Father Volodymyr Klanichka and the Parishioners of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church for joining us last Sunday to pray for those who lost their lives during the Artificial Famine in Ukraine.

UOL SPECIAL LUNCHEON – Special thanks to our UOL for sponsoring the luncheon last Sunday to benefit the Orthodox Christian Mission Center. A donation of \$300.00 will be made because of your generosity.

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS FOR THE CONSISTORY! - We are very pleased to announce a unique and special opportunity for the youth of our church. His Eminence Archbishop Daniel invites all youth to create and submit handmade ornaments for a special Christmas tree at the Consistory Offices. Ornaments should be handmade by the youth themselves and appropriate for display in the rotunda of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA. His Eminence will PERSONALLY hang the ornaments on the tree in thanks to our youth for their contributions. All ornaments should be sent directly to His Eminence Archbishop Daniel by DECEMBER 18, 2020 Sent to: Vladyka Daniel, PO Box 495, South Bound Brook, NJ 08880

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.

“PATRONS PATH”: A Tribute to the Faithful Founders, Families, Stewards and Supporters of this Holy Temple and All Who Worship Here. - 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 29 - Linda Hnatow
December 6 - Jean Roeth
December 13 - John Plachuta
December 20 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick
December 27 - Andrew Duncan

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of December 7 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly
Week of December 14 - Mark & Laura Andreas
Week of December 21 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson
Week of December 28 - John Plachuta and David Lazaration
Week of January 3 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

PYROHY SCHEDULE

ORDERS TAKEN

November 30 & December 1
January 11 & 12
February 15 & 16
March 8 & 9

PICK UP

Friday, December 18
Friday, January 22
Friday, February 26
Friday, March 26

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

Saturday, December 5
Friday, December 11
Saturday, January 16
Friday, February 19
Friday, March 12

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 Borowenski 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, 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 Swzec, 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.

THE CALL OF CHRIST TO SAINT MATTHEW

Today we examine the transformation of Matthew, from a despised public official to evangelist. It is explained to us by an ancient Church Father:

"We have heard in the Gospel reading that Jesus felt compassion for Matthew as he sat at the tax collector's place, intent upon temporal concerns, and suddenly called him. He made a just man of a publican, a disciple of a tax-collector. As he progressively increased in grace, Jesus promoted him from the ordinary group of disciples to the rank of an apostle, and not only committed to him the ministry of preaching, but also that of writing a Gospel. Doubtlessly the reason why heavenly providence arranged for this to happen was so that neither the enormity of one's wicked deeds nor their great number should dissuade ANYONE from hoping for pardon, since one could look at this man Matthew, who had been freed from such bonds of the world and made heavenly in order to become an evangelist.

He saw him not so much by virtue of corporeal vision as by inner compassion. Jesus saw the man, and felt compassion for him because he was devoted only to human concerns and he was not yet worthy of an angelic name.

But Matthew arose and followed our Lord. We should not marvel that a publican, upon first hearing the Lord's voice ordering him, left the earthly gains that he cared about. Disregarding his property, he attached himself to the band of followers of one whom he perceived to have no riches. For the Lord Himself, Who outwardly called him by a word, taught him inwardly with an invisible impulse. Thus, Matthew received the incorruptible treasures of Heaven."