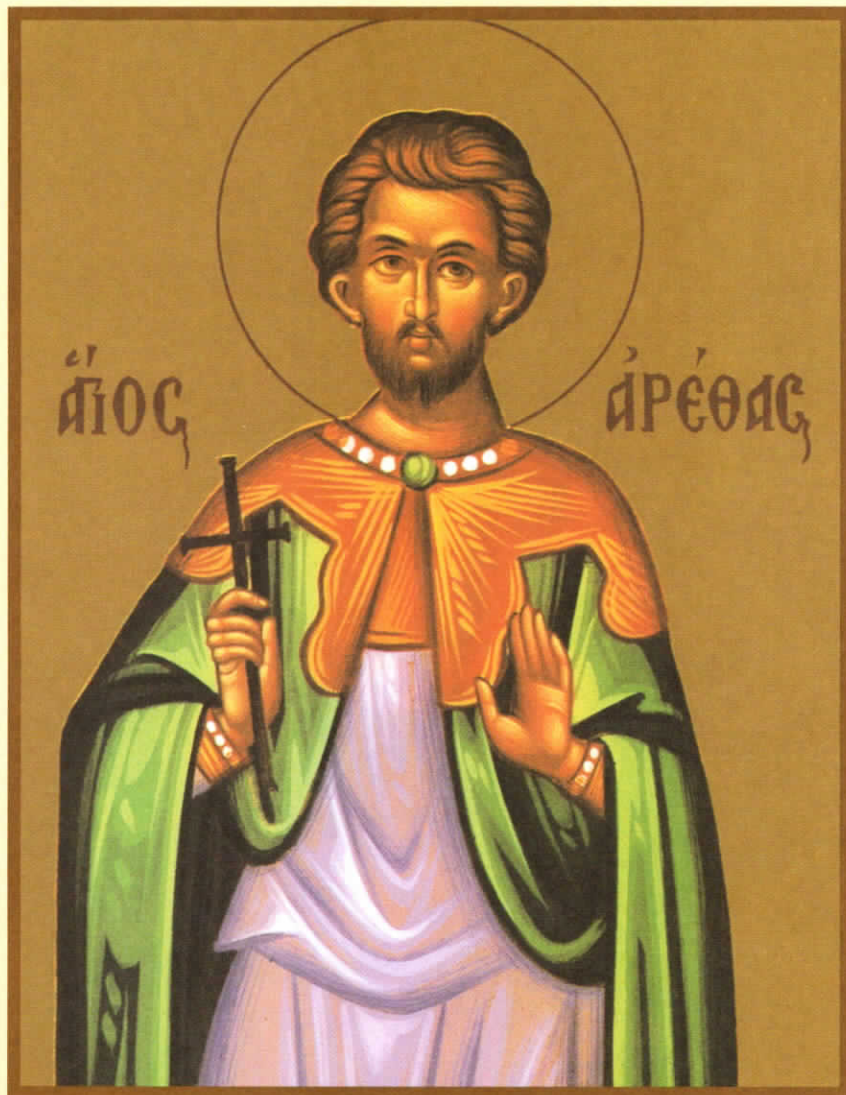


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HOLY MYSTERIES

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 6, 2022
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Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of November 6 - 13, 2022
Celebrating our 95th year of Service to the Lord

Sunday, November 6 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 3

8:30 AM - Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Panakhyda: +Patricia Crystal

Coffee Hour

Monday, November 7

6:30 PM – Akathist to Our Lady, Curer of Cancer

7:00 PM – Bible Study

Wednesday, November 9

6:30 PM – Parish Board Meeting (In Person and Zoom)

Thursday, November 10

7:00 PM – Boy Scouts

Saturday, November 12

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

Sunday, November 13 – 21st Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 4

8:30 AM - Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

SCRIPTURAL READINGS

21st Sunday after Pentecost – Matins: John 21:1-14; Liturgy: Galatians 2:16-20; Luke 16:19-31

Monday – Colossians 2:13-20; Luke 10:22-24

Tuesday – ST. Demetrius – Matins: Matthew 10:16-22; Liturgy: 2 Timothy 2:1-10; John 15:17-16:2; Day: Colossians 2:20-3:3; Luke 11:1-10

Wednesday – Colossians 3:17-4:1; Luke 11:9-13

Thursday – Colossians 4:2-9; Luke 11:14-23

Friday – Colossians 4:10-18; Luke 11:23-26

Saturday – 2 Corinthians 5:1-10; Luke 8:16-21

22nd Sunday after Pentecost – Matins: John 21:15-25; Liturgy: Galatians 6:11-18; Luke 8:26-39

THOUGHTS ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

In today's Gospel (Luke 16:19-31), Christ tells us the parable of the rich man and Lazarus. They are strangers to each other. The rich man lives in abundance and luxury. He has almost too much of a good thing. The poor man lives in destitution carried to an extreme. They live only a few feet away from each other but the rich man never noticed Lazarus. He cared only for himself, his fancy clothes and his parties. He wasted his time and the gifts of God.

Both the rich man and Lazarus die. Lazarus is carried "to the bosom of Abraham". He receives peace in abundance. He lives in intimacy with God. The rich man, however, falls prey to torments and the torture of burning flames. He is so thirsty that a moistened fingertip on his lips would be infinitely comforting.

In the sight of God, the soul is more valuable than the whole universe with all its riches, wealth and beauty. "What does it profit a man if he gains the whole world, but loses his soul?" These are the words of God given to us by Christ; the words of God who created this world and Who truly knows the worth of all created things. Above all these He places the value of the soul.

Our life on earth is filled with many options. But Jesus tells us what is really at stake when we make the wrong choice. Often we choose riches of this life over the the treasures of the hereafter. We exchange eternal happiness for the fires of hell. We blemish and deface the greatest possession that we have – our soul. What have you been doing for your soul? We care for our bodies daily and the body in time will rot in the grave. We see to its daily needs and at the slightest sign of sickness, we rush to the doctor to seek his advice and the necessary medications.

The priest in the Holy Mystery of Confession is the doctor of the soul. Through the mercy of Christ, the sick soul is returned to health. And it is this transformation that will enable us to live in intimacy with the Lord as Lazarus does. Why should we seek anything else?

ST. DEMETRIUS

Monday, November 8th, we celebrate the Feast of St. Demetrius. He was a native of the city of Thessalonica. He was an outstanding orator and public speaker. Shortly after the year 300 the Emperor came to Thessalonica to attend the gladiatorial games in the city.

The Emperor was enraged to learn that Demetrius, a soldier in the imperial army, was preaching Christianity so successfully that hundreds of army personnel and civilians were converted to the Faith. The Emperor ordered his immediate arrest and he was put in prison. The Emperor brought to the games his favorite gladiator, Lyaeus, who stood over seven feet tall and was the greatest fighter in the arena. No one dared to challenge him in combat.

While Demetrius was in prison, he was visited regularly by his good friend Nestor. Nestor told him about the giant gladiator, and Demetrius decided to show the Emperor the power of the Christian Faith. Demetrius told his young friend Nestor to challenge this giant gladiator to combat in the arena. Demetrius told Nestor that God would protect him through Christian prayers and that he would win in battle. The word was soon spread throughout the city that Demetrius' prayers would help Nestor defeat the giant gladiator.

The Emperor was amazed by such a ridiculous claim and was very anxious to witness the slaughter of Nestor. But Nestor defeated the giant within a matter of minutes. The Emperor was so angered that he ordered the immediate death of Demetrius and Nestor.

"The world found you a great protector in dangers * O Warrior, who conquered the pagans. * Therefore, as you trampled the pride of Lyaeus * and made Nestor courageous in battle, * likewise, O Saint Demetrius, pray Christ our God to grant us mercy. (Tropar of St. Demetrius)

VETERAN'S DAY THOUGHTS

BY Thomas Curtis Clark

They have not fought in vain, our dead
Who sleep among the poppies red;
Their please, attested with their blood
By all the world is understood.
They fought for peace, as now do we;
Their conflict was for liberty,
For freedom from the blight of war –
And is that still worth fighting for?
We strive no longer men in arms;
We fight not, stirred by war's alarms:
We vow to seal our broken past
With fellowship and friendships fast.
By those who face the battling years
Let earth forget her warlike fears,
That Freedom, idol out our sires,
May pledge to all her sacred fires.

A Prayer for Veterans Day

O, God of love and mercy, we ask for blessings on 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 pray, 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.

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

Very Rev. Gerald Ozlanski	Army
Wasył Bernhard	Marines
John Cramer	Army
Alexander Czernik	Marines
Kenneth Dalaski	Air Force
Donald Hrynyshyn	Army
Ivan Otamas	Special Forces
John Plachuta	Army
Valeria Podoguts	Navy
Michael C. Synczyszyn	Marines



NOBODY'S FRIEND

My name is Gossip. I have no respect for justice. I maim without killing. I break hearts and ruin lives. I am cunning and malicious and gather strength with age. The more I am quoted, the more I am believed. My victims are helpless. They cannot protect themselves against me because I have no name and no face. To track me down is impossible. The harder you try, the more elusive I become. I am nobody's friend. Once I tarnish a reputation, it is never the same. I topple governments and wreck marriages. I ruin careers and cause sleepless nights, heartaches and indigestion. I make innocent people cry on pillows. Even my name hisses. I am called Gossip. I make headlines and headaches. Before you repeat a story, ask yourself: Is it true? Is it harmless? Is it necessary? If it isn't, don't repeat it.

IMPORTANCE OF GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

When God created humans, He created them in His own image and according to His own likeness, with intelligence and a free will. With these gifted faculties humans are to follow God's plans and, with His help, to reach heaven.

Dives, the rich man in today's parable, was living an essentially selfish and worldly life. God had given him his powers and his possessions to be used for the glory of God and to serve his brothers. But he was expending them entirely upon himself or rather upon his present personal enjoyment. His spirit was radically and utterly selfish; his principles essentially worldly. It was nothing to him that outside his gates was a world of poverty, of which poor Lazarus was only one painful example. It was nothing for him that there were treasures of a better kind than those of unlimited wealth, that there was an inheritance to be gained in the unseen world, for the neglect of which he would pay a price.

It is no sin to be rich, but it is a sin to be rich and not to care about others, not to be aware or concerned and especially not to come to the aid of those in need. The rich man thought that his wealth was his own, to do with as he pleased. What was sad is that it never occurred to him that everything belonged to God. He incurred his punishment for not using his wealth for the relief of those whose suffering touched the Divine Heart of God and to whom he should have been a minister of God's mercy and love.

This parable of the Lord teaches us very valuable lessons:

- ❖ the uncertainty and the brief duration of earthly blessings
- ❖ the responsibility of wealthy individuals not only for what they do, but also for what they do not do with their wealth
- ❖ the supremacy of the law and plan of God as a guide to eternal life
- ❖ and critical for mankind, that after this life is done, another world remains, one of holiness and happiness or another world of sin and misery.

There is a price to pay to ignore God and His plan of salvation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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 may not occur.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES – are expressed to Nancy Bahr and her family on the falling asleep in the Lord of her sister, Patricia Crystal, this past week. A Funeral Service will be at McCrery Funeral Home on Kirkwood Highway on Thursday. Let us pray, asking God to place the soul of Hos newly departed servant, +Patricia, in the abode of the Saints, where there is no pain, sorrow nor mourning but only life everlasting. Let us also pray for the family, that God may give them His strength in this, their hour of need.

READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

November 6 – Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

November 13 - Jean Roeth

November 20 – John Plachuta

November 27 – Andrew Duncan

December 4 - Linda Hnatow

December 11 - Thomas Sulpizi

GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

November 6 - John and Sandy Cramer

November 13 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik

November 20 - David and Eve Lazaration

November 27 - Zina Twardus

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 Ukrainiaan (yes it is misspelled and we've tried to correct it). Try it and help our Parish Family benefit from your shopping experience!

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of November 7 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of November 14 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

Week of November 21 - Mark & Laura Andreas

Week of November 27 - John Plachuta and David Lazaration

Week of December 4 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of December 11 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

TENTATIVE CALENDER OF EVENTS

Tuesday, November 22 – Community Thanksgiving Service (Sts. Peter & Paul)

Friday, December 9 – Boy Scout Lock-in

Sunday, December 18 – UOL Cookie Sale

MEETINGS

PARISH BOARD – Wednesday, November 9 @ 6:30 PM

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

November 6 – Linda Hnatow and Matthew Andreas

November 13 – Linda Hnatow and Matthew Andreas

November 20 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

November 27 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

December 4 – Ann Duncan and Linda Hnatow

December 11 – Ann Duncan and Linda Hnatow

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.

BAZAAR NEWS

SPECIAL THANKS – are offered to Kathy Duncan, Chairperson, and everyone who worked so hard to make this year's Bazaar such a huge success! More in next week's Bulletin.

PATRON'S PATH – We will be taking orders for replacement bricks that will be engraved and placed in the Path. Just as before, each brick can have the clip art of a three bar Cross or it can be plain. The donation for the bricks is: 4" x 8" engraved brick is \$150 – with the clip art \$175; 8" x 8" engraved brick is \$200 - with the clip art \$225; 12"x 12" engraved brick is \$250 – with the clip art \$275. If you didn't get the chance to be a part of the Patron's Path before, take the opportunity now and tell your family members as well. Please see Father Stephen if you would like to place an order. Orders will be taken until November 27.



REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL – Metropolitan Antony, Archimandrite Raphael, Father Vasili Andrejuk, Father George Bazylevsky, Father Vasyl Dovhan, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Andrew Molewski, Father John Nakonechney, Father James Norton, Father Mark Odell, 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, Stephanie 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, Christine Cain, Mark Cello, Mildred (Myrophora) Christo, Erik Colazo, Patricia Crystal, Alex Czernik, Sharon Dalaski, Stephen Dalecki, David Dalldorf, Peter DiVirgilio, James Dudrick, Kathleen Dugan, Margaret Durell, Mary Eagleton, Rose Eldridge, Thomas Fagan, Archantula Fanjoy, Pam Ferguson, 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, Karen Livick, Charles Lontor, Genevieve Luchejko, Alla Lysenko, Jeremy Madea, Andrew Makolynyk, Jean Marano, Frederick McCarthy, Beth McKirachan, Fred McKirachan, Stephen McNulty, Victor Melnychenko, Ronald Michel, Mary Ann Michalcewicz, Michelle Michalcewiz, Lisa Miller, Matthew Miller, Mary Elizabeth Moran, Barry Morris, Elsie Moroz, Linda Muldoon, Karen Needham, Julie Neff, Lorraine Neff, Ann Nester, Laurie Newman, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Anthony Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry Pinkowicz, Bernice Pinkowicz, Janylyn Pinkowicz, Ryan Pinkowicz, Valentina Plachuta, 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, 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, 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, Stephen Wienkowitz, Laura Worley, Jack Ziegler & James Zook.

MARTYRED IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

S AINT ARETHAS was part of one of the largest “mass murders” of Christians in early Church History. In the 6th century, Arethas was the governor of the Christian city of Negran in Arabia. King Dunaan, a Jew, ruled Arabia at the time. Having a fierce hatred for Christians, Dunaan issued an edict that all Christians in his kingdom be put to death. He personally brought a large army to the walls of Negran, but instead of attacking the city, the devious king resorted to trickery. He announced that his intention was not to force the inhabitants to give up their faith; he only wanted to collect a monetary tribute from them. Against the urging of Arethas, they opened the gates of the city to the army. The next day, the king built an enormous fire and executed all of the town’s clergy. Arethas and his government officials were cast into prison, while the king attempted to convince the townspeople to renounce Christ. They steadfastly refused, maintaining that “Jesus is God the Word, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, Who was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary to bring salvation to mankind. We will die for Him, for to do so will bring us life.”

The king ordered the death of all of Negran’s people - young and old alike. It is said that some 4,300 suffered martyrdom for their refusal to obey Dunaan’s command. When the Byzantine Emperor Justin heard of this, he wrote to his friend, Emperor Elesbaan of Ethiopia, urging him to avenge this brutal crime. Elesbaan did so, attacking Arabia and killing Dunaan and his army. Negran was rebuilt again as a Christian city, with a church dedicated to the memory of Arethas.