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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 7, 2021
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Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of November 7 - 14, 2021
Celebrating our 94th year of Service to the Lord

Sunday, November 7 - 20th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 3

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Baptismal Liturgy for Leda Nicole Otamas

Remembering Our Veterans

Pankhyda: +Alexandra (2 Yrs), Alexey (1 Yr.), +Victor (3 Yrs), +Valentyna (2 Yrs.) +Tobias - Tatianna Tischtschenko

Coffee Hour

3:00 PM – Boy Scout Committee Meeting

Monday, November 8 – St. Demetrius

7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

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

7:00 PM – Bible Study

Wednesday, November 10

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

Thursday, November 11 – Veteran’s Day

8:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

7:00 PM – Boy Scouts

Saturday, November 13 – 90th Anniversary of St. Mary Parish in Chester, PA

10:00 AM – Archpastoral Divine Liturgy

Sunday, November 14 – 21st Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 4

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

SCRIPTURE READINGS

20th Sunday after Pentecost – Matins: John 20:19-31; Liturgy: Galatians 1:11-19; Luke 16:19-31

Monday – St. Demetrius – Matins: Matthew 10:10-22; Liturgy: 2 Timothy 2:1-10; John 15:17-16:2; Day: Philippians 4:10-23; Luke 10:22-24

Tuesday – Colossians 1:1-2, 7-11; Luke 11:1-10

Wednesday – Colossians 1:18-23; Luke 11:9-13

Thursday – Colossians 1:24-29; Luke 11:14-23

Friday – Colossians 2:1-7; Luke 11:23-26

Saturday – 2 Corinthians 3:12-18; Luke 8:16-21

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

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 and 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 expanding 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 love 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.

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	Army
Donald Hrynyshyn	Army
Michael Moroz	Army
Ivan Otamas	Special Forces
John Plachuta	Army
Valeria Podoguts	Navy
Michael C. Synczyszyn	Marines

Happy Veteran's Day

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-combatative 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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY - is expressed to the following: Cassidy Duncan, 11/4 & George Humeniuk, 11/12. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

RULES FOR ATENDING SERVICES BY OUR SYNOD OF BISHOPS: Those who have **not been vaccinated** must voluntarily wear masks at liturgy or other parish family events. Those who **have been vaccinated** but have been part of any gathering of people – indoors or outdoors – which includes individuals whose vaccination status is unknown to them should voluntarily wear masks during liturgy or other parish family events.

ADOPT A CHILD: MINISTRY OF CARING – Our goal is to adopt 20 children. We need your help of donations of either \$100 gift cards from Walmart or a cash donation which we will use to purchase the gift cards. Linda Hnatow is the chairperson for this project. All donations are due on November 14.

UOL BOOK SALE – will take place on Saturday, November 20 from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Light refreshments may be purchased. Books will be sold from many traditions for pennies on the dollar. Please come and enjoy.

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.

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.

MEETINGS

PARISH BOARD MEETING – Wednesday, November 10 @ 6:45 PM

GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

November 7 - John and Sandy Cramer

November 14 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik & Alexander Smith

November 21 - David and Eve Lazaration

November 28 - Nancy Tur, Zina Twardus

WE NEED DONATIONS – of Coke Products, bottled water, paper towels & bathroom tissue.

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of November 8 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

Week of November 15 - John Plachuta and David Lazaration

Week of November 22 - Mark & Laura Andreas

Week of November 29 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

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

Week of December 13 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

November 7 – Pani Elizabeth and Linda Hnatow

November 14 – Pani Elizabeth and Linda Hnatow

November 21 – Ann Duncan and Victor Kaliakin

November 28 – Ann Duncan and Victor Kaliakin

December 5 – Lorraine Neff and Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

TENTATIVE CALENDER OF EVENTS

Sunday, November 7 – 3:00 PM - Boy Scout Committee Meeting

Saturday, November 20 – UOL Book Sale

Tuesday, November 23 – 7:00 PM Community Thanksgiving Service (Holy Rosary)

Sunday, November 28 – St. Philip's Fast Begins

Sunday, December 5 - 3:00 PM - Boy Scout Committee Meeting

Friday, December 10 – 6:00 PM – Boy Scout lock-in

Sunday, December 12 – UOL Cookie Sale

Tentative Schedule for 2022

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

Friday, January 7 – 9:30 AM – Nativity of Our Lord

Sunday, March 6 – Cheesefare Sunday – Forgiveness Sunday

Monday, March 7 – 1st Day of the Great Fast

Saturday, April 9 – Spring Bazaar

Sunday, April 24 – Paskha

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!

READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

November 7 – Linda Hnatow
November 14 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick
November 21 - Jean Roeth
November 28 – John Plachuta
December 5 - Andrew Duncan

PYROHY SCHEDULES FOR 2021 - 2022

PYROHY ORDERS

November 29 & 30
December 6 & 7

PICK UP

December 17
December 17

2022

January 10 & 11
February 7 & 8
February 28 & March 1

January 21
February 18
March 11

We will be Making pyrohy:

Friday, November 19
Friday, December 10
Saturday, January 15, 2022
Saturday, February 12
Saturday, March 5
Saturday, March 26
Saturday, April 2



PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL – Archimandrite Raphael, Father Vasili Andrejuk, Father George Bazylevsky, Father John Bohush, Father Vasyl Dovhan, Father George Hnatko, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Andrew Molewski, Father John Nakonechney, Father James Norton, Father Victor Wronskyj, Father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Matushka Andrejuk, Pani Dobrodyka Lillian Hnatko, Pani Dobrodyka Lisa Weremedic, Alicia, Nerry, Mykola, Brennan, Deborah, Galina, Dolores, Julian, Madison, Matt, Michele, Mykola, Rita, Ryan, Randy Allen, 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, 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, Kathleen Dugan, Larry Dugan, Margaret Durell, Mary Eagleton, Rose Eldridge, Thomas Fagan, James Garrett, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovniou, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Rick Hastings, Celeste Heiser, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Anthony Hnatow, Michael Hnatow, Daniel Holoviak, Jennifer Huertes, Caroline Humphrey, Richard Humphrey, Sally Hutnick, Joette Jago, Stephen Johnson, Linda Josepinson, Elizabeth Kaliakin, Rosalie Ann Kane, Sandra Kasch, Charles Kaszytski, Julia Kaszytski, Diane Keyser, 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, Lorraine Neff, Ann Nester, Laurie Newman, Ivan Otamas, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Anthony Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry Pinkowicz, Bernice Pinkowicz, Janylyn 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, John Ruczhak, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, Isaac Schmidt, 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, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, Lydia Thomas, Brysen Tomei, Dominic Tomei, Mark Tomei, Violet Tomei, Aria Tonner, Mariel Trimble, 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, Sophia Zomcahk & James Zook.

THE HOLY MARTYR SEBASTIANA

In the early Church, many women distinguished themselves by bravely refusing to renounce their belief in Christ despite the threat of persecution, torture and death. One such person was the Holy Martyr Sebastiana. Sebastiana was a follower of St. Paul, receiving her Christian training from this famous Apostle to the Gentiles. Several years after Paul's own martyrdom, another period of persecution against Christians was unleashed by the Emperor Dometian. Sebastiana was arrested and brought before the governor in the city of Marcianopolis to answer for her "crime" of professing her faith in Jesus Christ.

Given the opportunity to forsake her Savior, Sebastiana remained steadfast in her convictions. She was subjected to barbaric tortures -- she was even thrown into a red-hot oven. Miraculously, she was unharmed! Sebastiana was then taken to the city of Heraklea, where additional punishment was ordered. Amazingly, nothing seemed to harm her. Finally, Sebastiana suffered martyrdom by beheading. Pompian, the governor of that region, ordered her body to be tossed into the sea. According to a tradition of the Church, her earthly remains were recovered by angels, who took her sacred body to the island of Rhodes for burial.

The Holy Martyr Sebastiana is a shining example for all of us. We, too, must be willing to sacrifice everything - even our very lives - for our beloved Lord, Jesus Christ.