



St. John the Theologian

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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

October 10, 2021
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Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of October 10 - 17, 2021
Celebrating our 94th year of Service to the Lord

Sunday, October 10 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 7

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Panakhyda: Rt. Rev. Protopresbyter Paul Hrynyshyn (17 Yr. AN)

Panakhyda: +Protopresbyter Lawrence Barringer

Panakhyda: +Msgr. Joseph Rebman

Coffee Hour

Monday, October 11- Venerable Athanasius of the Kyivan Caves

7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

9:00 – 12 Noon – Bazaar Orders

7:00 PM – Bible Study

Tuesday, October 12

9:00 – 12 Noon – Bazaar Orders

Wednesday, October 13

9:00 – 12 Noon – Bazaar Orders

6:00 PM - Great Vespers

6:45 PM – Parish Board Meeting (Hall and Virtual)

Thursday, October 14 – Protection of the Mother of God

8:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

7:00 PM – Boy Scouts

Friday, October 15

7:00 PM - Peeling potatoes

1:00 PM – Pinching sauerkraut

6:00 PM – Potato Balls

Saturday, October 16

7:00 AM – Making potato and cheese pyrohy

Troop #70 Car Wash – Exxon Station corner of Silverside and Foulk Roads

Sunday, October 17 - 17th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 8

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

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.

SCRIPTURE READNGS

16th Sunday after Pentecost – Matins: Luke 24:12-35; Liturgy: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Luke 5:1-11

Monday – Ephesians 1:22-2:3; Luke 4:37-44

Tuesday – Ephesians 2: 19-3:7; Luke 5:12-16

Wednesday – Ephesians 3:8-21; Luke 5:33-39; Vespers: Exodus 15:22-27; 16:1-2; Proverbs 3:11-18; Isaiah 60:11-16.

Thursday – Protection of the Mother of God – Matins: Luke 1:39-49, 56; Liturgy: Hebrews 9:1-7; Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28; Day: Ephesians 4:14-19; Luke 6:12-19

Friday – Ephesians 4:17-25; Luke 6:17-23

Saturday – 1 Corinthians 14:20-25; Luke 5:17-26

17th Sunday after Pentecost – Matins: Luke 24:36-53; Liturgy: 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1; Luke 6:31-36

PROTECTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD: A HOMILY

Saint Demetrius of Rostov



In these last, grievous times, when our sins have multiplied, the woes that beset us have likewise increased, in accordance with the words of Saint Paul: *In perils of robbers, in perils by my own countrymen, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren.* (2 Corinthians 11) This agrees with the words of the Lord Himself : *For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there will be famines and pestilences and earthquakes in divers places.* (Matthew 24) At this time, when we suffer the attacks of aliens, civil war and plague, the

most pure and most blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of the Lord, offers us as a defense her protection, that we might be freed from every misfortune. She guards us from famine, pestilence and earthquake; she shelters us from wars and disease and she preserves us unharmed under her protection.

It was in the most glorious Church of the Mother of God which was in the district of Blachernae in the imperial city of Constantinople. During the reign of the pious Emperor Leo, that the protection of the Mother of God was made manifest. There, as the all-night Vigil was being celebrated on a Sunday, the first day of the month of October, in the presence of a multitude of people, Saint Andrew, the Fool for Christ's sake, lifted up his eyes and beheld the Heavenly Queen, the Protectress of the whole world, the most pure Virgin Birth-giver of God, standing upon the clouds praying shining like the sun and sheltering the people with her precious omophorion. Seeing this, Saint Andrew said to his disciple, the blessed Epiphanius, "Do you see, brother, the Queen and Lady of all praying for the world?"

Epiphanius replied, "I do see her, holy father, and am stricken with fear."

Just as Saint John the Theologian once saw a great sign in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun (Revelation 12), so did Saint Andrew behold the Unwedded Bride clad in purple, like unto the sun, in the heavenly Church at Blachernae. That sign which the Theologian beheld appeared when the destruction of all creation was revealed and was an image of our most compassionate Protectress. "And there were lightnings", said the Apostle, "and

voices and thundering and an earthquake and great hail. And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun.” (Revelation 11)

Why did the wonder appear when heaven and earth were greatly troubled with lightnings and thundering, voices, earthquakes and hail, and not while all the elements were yet calm? That it might be shown how our most good mediatrix hastens to our aid in the hour of evil, when we are near to perdition and shelters us from the fleeting and deceptive glitter of the vanity of this world., from the voices of pride of life and vainglory, from the thunder of the enemy’s sudden assaults, from the quaking of the passions, and from the chastisement which hails down upon us from above on account of our sins. For when we are encompassed by all these misfortunes, straightaway like a great portent appears the ready helper of the race of Christians, who guards and protects us by her unseen intercession.

Thus, celebrating the Protection of the Most Holy Virgin and Birth-giver of God, we commemorate her most glorious appearance in the Church of the Blachernae to Saints Andrew and Epiphanius. As we celebrate this feast, we thank our Protectress for the exceedingly great mercy which she has shown the race of Christians and we entreat her fervently that she have compassion and shelter us who are in need of her protection, both now and forevermore....

Tone 1 - O most pure Mother of God * you are a mighty defender for those in sorrow. * You are a ready help to those in trouble. * You are the salvation and confirmation of the world. * You are the depth of mercy, the fount of God's wisdom * and the protectress of the world. * O faithful, let us sing and praise her glorious protection, saying: * Rejoice, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you, * and through you He grants great mercy to the world.

All the leaders of the heavenly armies * form a spiritual choir and rejoice with all of us * when they see the Lady and Queen of all praised by the faithful. * The spirits of the just also rejoice * as they witness the vision of the Queen praying with outstretched arms. * She asks for peace in the world, * power and strength for our Church, * and salvation for our souls.

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St. Athanasius the Recluse of the Kiev Near Caves
Commemorated on September 28/October 11



Saint Athanasius, Hermit of the Kiev Caves, Near Caves, was a contemporary of the archimandrite Saint Polykarp (July 24) of the Kiev Caves. Saint Athanasius was grievously ill for a long time. When he died, the brethren prepared him for burial, and on the third day the Ihumen came to bury him. However, they all saw the dead man alive. He was sitting up and weeping. To all their questions he replied only: “Seek salvation, obey the Ihumen in everything, repent each hour and pray to our Lord Jesus Christ, to His All-Pure Mother and to Saints Anthony and Theodosius, to allow you to end your life here. Do not ask me anything else, for I must pray” (there is a similar story of Saint Hesychius [October 3] in **THE LADDER** of Saint John Climacus, Step 6).

After this he lived for twelve years more in solitude in a cave. During that time he spoke not a word to anyone. He wept day and night, and partook of a little bread and water only every other day. Just before his death, he assembled the brethren, and repeated his earlier words to them, and then he peacefully departed unto the Lord (in about the year 1176).

The monk Babylas, who had suffered illness and an infirmity of the legs for many years, was healed at his relics. “As I lay there,” he related told the brethren, “I cried out in pain. Suddenly, Saint Athanasius appeared to me and said, ‘Come to me, and I shall heal you.’ I wanted to ask him how and when he had returned here, but he became invisible. I believed his words and asked to be taken to his relics. And indeed, I have been healed.” Saint Athanasius was buried in the Antoniev Cave. His memory is celebrated also on September 28 and on the second Sunday of Great Lent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY - is expressed to the following: Father Stephen Hutnick , 10/10; Zina Twardus, 10/11; Lorraine Neff, 10/15, Olena Smith, 10/15 & Lydia Thomas, 10/16. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

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.

CAR WASH – Our Boy Scout Troop #70 will be sponsoring a Car Wash at the Exxon Station at the corner of Foulk and Silverside Roads on Saturday, October 16. Let's go out and support our Troop!

OUR DEEPEST SMPATHIES – are offered to Stephen Tur and the family on the falling asleep in the Lord of his mother, the newly departed servant of God, +Ann Tur. Funeral services were celebrated for her on Friday, October 1. Let us pray asking God to place the soul of His servant, +Ann, in the abode of the Saints where there is no pain, sorrow nor mourning but only life everlasting. Let us also remember to pray for the family, that God may gie them His strength in this, their hour of need.

HAPPY 68TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY – is offered to Michael and Elsie Moroz who celebrated this momentous occasion last Sunday (October 3). May God continue to bless and keep them in His tender loving, care for many, happy and blessed years!

MEETINGS

PARISH BOARD MEETING – Wednesday, October 13 @ 6:45 PM

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

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!

TENTATIVE CALENDER OF EVENTS

Saturday, October 16 – Boy Scout Car Wash – Foulk and Silverside Rds – Exxon Station

Tuesday, October 19 – 9AM Making nut rolls

Saturday, October 23 – UOL Book Sale

Sunday, October 31 – Boy Scout Road Cleanup on Silverside Road

Saturday, November 6 – Fall Bazaar

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

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW UOL OFFICERS FOR 2021-2022

President	Linda Hnatow
Vice-President	Andrew Duncan
Secretary	Jean Roeth
Treasurer	Nancy Hlywiak
Reporter	Sonya Patronik
Auditor	Lydia Thomas

Oath of Office will be taken today. Our congratulations and prayers are with you.

FALL PYROHY SCHEDULE –

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday October 11, 12 & 13 – Taking orders for the Bazaar 9-12

Friday, October 15 – Peeling potatoes, making balls, pinching sauerkraut pyrohy

Saturday, October 16 – Pinching potato and cheese pyrohy

Monday, October 25 – 150 lbs of Butter and Onions

Tuesday, November 2 – Peeling potatoes

Wednesday, November 3 – Pinching potato pyrohy

GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

October 10 - John and Sandy Cramer

October 17 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik & Alexander Smith

October 24 - David and Eve Lazaration

October 31 - Nancy Tur, Zina Twardus

UOL BOOK SALE – will take place on Saturday, October 26 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.

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of October 11 - Mark & Laura Andreas

Week of October 18 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of October 25 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

Week of November 1 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

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

Week of November 15 - John Plachuta and David Lazaration

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

October 10 – Linda Hnatow and Ann Duncan

October 17 – Linda Hnatow and Ann Duncan

October 24 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

October 31 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

November 7 – Pani Elizabeth and Linda Hnatow

READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

October 10 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

October 17 - Jean Roeth

October 24 - John Plachuta

October 31 - Andrew Duncan

November 7 – Linda Hnatow

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR OUR CHURCH CENTER – Because of the flooding in South Bound Brook, NJ we have been asked to help financially in any way we can. For the next two weeks, we shall take a special collection for this purpose. As the damage was quite extensive, I would ask all for their generosity. God bless.

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 Golovnirov, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Rick Hastings, Celeste Heiser, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Anthony Hnатов, Michael Hnатов, 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, 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 Zomcakh & James Zook.

“TAKE MY MOTHER, THE EARTH, AND COVER ME WITH IT!”

JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN had won wide acclaim in the early Church as both an Apostle and Evangelist. Known as the “*beloved disciple*,” he had certainly done his part in spreading the message of our Lord. He preached throughout Asia Minor. He authored a deeply theological Gospel. He withstood torture, imprisonment and exile. Finally, at an advanced age of well over 100, John was permitted to return to the town of Ephesus and spend his remaining years in a place where much of his missionary work had been accomplished.

Sensing that his earthly life was rapidly coming to an end, St. John took a group of his loyal followers into the countryside on the outskirts of Ephesus. After spending time in prayer, the Theologian commanded his disciples to dig a grave, asking them to make it as deep as he was tall. John then climbed into the grave and made one final request: “*Take my mother, the earth, and cover me with it!*” Sadly, they carried out John’s orders.

Returning to the city, John’s mournful followers reported what had taken place. Tradition has it that a number of people went out and dug up the grave, only to find it empty! It is also said that on May 8th – the Feast Day of St. John the Theologian – a fragrant dust with miraculous healing powers, comes out of the tomb of this much-revered saint.