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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 23, 2022
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Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of October 23 - 30, 2022
Celebrating our 95th year of Service to the Lord

Sunday, October 23 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 2

8:30 AM - Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Panakhyda: +John Tyrawski (28 Yrs.), +Emma Krasnopera, (1 Yr.), +Anthony Hnatow (1 Yr.), +Robert Krasnopera (13 Yrs.), +Walter Evanovicz (11 Yrs.) & +Rochelle Bodish, (12 Yrs.) – Linda Hnatow and Michael Tilson

Coffee Hour

Monday, October 24

8:00 AM – Baking Bread

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

7:00 PM – Bible Study

Thursday, October 27 – St. Nikola Sviatosha Wonderworker of the Kyivan Caves

8:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

7:00 PM – Bible Study

Friday, October 28 – Finding of the Relics of St. Stephen

7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

8:00 AM – Butter and Onions (150 lbs.)

Saturday, October 29

9:00 AM – Making Holubtsi

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

Sunday, October 30 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 2

8:30 AM - Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Panakhyda: +Helen Lahuta (6 Yrs.) – Sonya Patronik

Coffee Hour

SCRIPTURAL READINGS

19th Sunday after Pentecost – Matins John 20:11-18; Liturgy – 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9; Luke 7:11-16

Monday – Philippians 2:12-16; Luke 7:36-50

Tuesday – Philippians 2:16-23; Luke 8:1-3

Wednesday – Philippians 2:24-30; Luke 8:22-25

Thursday – Philippians 3:1-8; Luke 9:7-11

Friday – Philippians 3:8-19; Luke 9:12-18

Saturday – 2 Corinthians 1:8-11; Luke 6:1-10

20th Sunday after Pentecost – Matins: John 20:19-31; Liturgy: Galatians 1:11-19; Luke 8:5-15

Spiritual Insights

Very Rev. Protopresbyter Lawrence Barriger

The Most Deadly Sin

There is a spiritual illness that is consuming the Church and it stems, not from the outside, but from the inside. This illness, this most deadly sin, is not a grand attack by some outside force intent on destroying the Church; there is no emperor or revolutionary council issuing edicts of persecutions for the Christian faith. Yet the end result of this sin is just the same, or perhaps, even more deadly than any open persecution.

At the beginning of the third century AD the prominent North African Churchman Tertullian would write: ***“The Blood of the Martyrs is the seed of the Church.”*** To be a Christian in the pagan Roman Empire meant taking a risk; it meant living with the threat of betrayal and the loss of all things. Certainly, in the political and religious freedom in which we live, we no longer have the circumstances that produce martyrs for the faith. Having found that the Church was impossible to destroy overtly, Satan has now set about destroying from within that which emperors, heretics, imams and Communism could not. The method of this destruction is simply apathy: the indifference demonstrated by so many members of the Church. It is visible in the amount of the faithful who choose their mattress on Sunday over the Church pew; in parish meetings which struggle to even put together a legal quorum to conduct business; in Sunday morning sports events to which parents enthusiastically take their children; in Church School classes that enroll only a small fraction of the parish students in Church events which must, of necessity, be conducted by “same people” because there is no one to relieve the burden.

This feeling of apathy, this indifference to the life of the church and the spiritual life in general, is not a new phenomenon. We read in the Book of Revelation of the indifference that characterized the Church of the Laodiceans: ***"I knew your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth"*** (Revelations 3:15-16).

Many people have recently noticed a decline in the Church in the national and local level and have put an emphasis on "making converts" to fill the breach caused by the loss of membership. All of such efforts have met with only a very limited success, simply because the host congregations themselves have very often not been converted.

Father Alexander Elchaninov, a Russian émigré priest living in France, wrote in the 1930's: ***We often mistake for religion a vague mixture of the reminiscences of childhood, the sentimental emotions sometimes experienced in Church, colored eggs and cakes at Easter. How shall we succeed in awakening in our soul any sense of the way of the Cross which it must follow towards God?***

Faith in Christ and devotion to the Mystical Body of Christ - the Church - has always hinged on one and only one article of faith: ***"I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"*** (John 11:25-26).

This has always been the question posed by Christ to everyone in the world. Although our lips may answer "yes" to the question, our indifference to the question, much less the answer, betrays us. We are like the Apostles sleeping in the Garden of Gethsemane, unaware until it is too late that the Savior is betrayed into the hands of men.

We have many excuses for our indifference to the Church and every pastor with any experience can recite them all by rote: we cannot attend Liturgy because we are too tired from working, because of sickness or age or someone is a member that we don't like or the priest does not meet our expectations and on and on. Having become indifferent to the Church and to the question of Christ, ***"Do you believe this?"*** We enter into a prideful sophistry answering questions that we think Christ might ask and coming up with possible answers: ***I don't need to go***

to Church, I am a good person. God is everywhere and I don't need to worship in a church. All the Church is about is money. Christ never said in the Bible that it was necessary to go to Church.

We reward ourselves in our apathy with a pathetic grace, denying the Cross of Christ, and worshipping the false idol of God that we have created. This idol is agreeable and never makes demands. He congratulates our spiritual indolence and lack of repentance and helps us to feel that we are on the "path of salvation." In our delusion we mistakenly embrace him for the Christ of the Church and the Gospels.

But behind this idol that we have created for ourselves is the father of all idols - Satan, the prince of darkness, into whose kingdom we happily approach every Sunday that we choose the "holy mattress" over the "Holy Spirit". St. Cyprian of Carthage said it perhaps the best: ***"He cannot have God for his father who does not have the Church for his mother."***

The real truth is that it is not a lack of people that is destroying the Church. Jesus warned us that in the last times ***"the love of many would grow cold"***. It is not the size of the congregation that is important. It is the will of the congregation to ***"know Christ and make Him known"*** as was stated in the theme of a recent Diocesan Sobor. It is the desire of every member of the congregation from the Pastor to the smallest child to answer ***"Yes, Lord I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, He Who is coming into the world"*** (John 11:27) to the question posed by Jesus, ***Do you believe this?***

In the words of the Apostle Paul, ***"the night is far advanced the day is at hand"***. The Church in America, the parishes that have nourished so many spiritually, will either live overcome with the love of Christ or they will die overcome with apathy. There is no middle ground; *no status quo*.

No tree can survive without healthy leaves. As the leaves go, so goes the tree. If the leaves that make up a church are withered and dried out with indifference and diseased with the spirit of "let someone else do it", that Church will perish: ***"I am the Vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch that is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned"*** (John 15:5-6)

TEST YOUR BIBLE SKILLS

Who said it?

_____ "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance but He that comes after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am unworthy to bear." (Matthew 3:11)

_____ "How is it that you sought me? Was I not meant to be about My father's business?" (Luke 2:49)

_____ "Choose this day whom you will serve....but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15)

_____ "For I know that my redeemer lives and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth." (Job 19:25)

_____ "Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people." (2 Chronicles 1:10)

_____ "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." (Matthew 16:16)

_____ "'And if I perish, I perish." (Esther 4:16)

_____ "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to harken than the fat of rams." (2 Samuel 15:22)

_____ "Come, see a man who told me all things that ever I did, is not this the Christ?" (John 4:29)

_____ "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, which would come into the world." (John 11:27)

Raising the Widow's Son at Naim

One day Jesus Christ went from Capernaum to the city of Naim. Many of His disciples and a great crowd went with Him. As He drew near to the gate of the city, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, a widow. The unhappy woman walked and cried bitterly, and a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on the deep grief of the poor mother, and said to her, "Do not weep."

He came and touched the bier on which the dead one lay (among the Jews, the dead were wrapped in shrouds and carried on biers, or stretchers, to the cemetery for burial). The bearers stood still, Then Jesus said to the dead man, "Young man, I say to you arise!"

The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus Christ gave the resurrected to his mother.

Seeing this miracle, fear seized them all, They glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us! God has visited His people.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY - is expressed to Craig Schmidt, 10/23; Larissa Serth, 10/26 & Patricia Schmidt, 10/28. 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.

READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

October 23 – Linda Hnatow
October 30 - Thomas Sulpizi
November 6 – Pani Elizabeth Hutnick
November 13 - Jean Roeth
November 20 – John Plachuta
November 27 – Andrew Duncan

GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

October 23 - David and Eve Lazaration
October 30 – Zina Twardus
November 6 - John and Sandy Cramer
November 13 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik

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!

CUB SCOUT PACK 527 – of Our Church invites your son or daughter from grades K – 5 to join them for adventures like: Pinewood Derby, Tent and Cabin Camping, Fishing, Rocket Launching, and so much more!! Where: Every Thursday from 7:00 – 8:00 PM. Where: Forwood Elementary School Cafeteria, 1900 Westminster Drive, Wilmington, DE 19810 (park behind the school near the cafeteria. Pack and Den Leaders are available for questions and Answers. Sign up in person or on-line Visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2210005572585455/> or e-mail: depack527cubscouts@gmail.com for more information.

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of October 24 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson
Week of October 31 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus
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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

October 23 – Lorraine Neff and Ann Duncan
October 30 – Lorraine Neff and Ann Duncan
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

MEETINGS

PARISH BOARD – Wednesday, November 8 @ 6:30 PM

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

CALLING ALL BAKERS – We need your help to fill the Bake Table. Please plan to make your extraordinary confections!!! Thank you!!

DONATIONS NEEDED – of cases of water, Coke products, paper towels and bathroom tissue.

WORK SCHEDULE – WE NEED YOUR HELP

Monday, October 24 – Baking bread

Friday, October 28 – Butter and Onions – 150 lbs.

Saturday, October 29 – Making holubtsi

Tuesday, November 1 – Making sauerkraut

Thursday, November 3 – Frying cabbage – cutting vegetables for soup

Friday, November 4 – making the soups, gathering the bake goods, setting up the hall

TENTATIVE CALENDER OF EVENTS

Saturday, October 22 - Boy Scout Car Wash – Silverside and Foulk Roads 9AM – 2PM

Saturday, November 5 – Fall Bazaar

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

Sunday, December 18 – UOL Cookie Sale

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 September 25.

AN EVENING OF SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE – Buffet style Dinner with open bar included. Live Ukrainian Folk Music. Saturday, October 29 from 4PM – 8PM. Silent Auction for a flag that is signed by Ukrainian soldiers who me the first Russian attack on February 24, 2022. Other raffle items include t-shirts and other used Ukrainian military items. Chambers Memorial Hall of the Millcreek Fire Company, 3900 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington, DE 19808. Tickets are \$50 a person, children under 13 are free. Please call Ivan Otamas – (215) 962-7236

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, 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, 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 Holoziak, 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.

ROYAL DOORS: A COMMUNION BETWEEN GOD AND MAN

Certainly the iconostas is one of the most outstanding architectural features of a house of worship. It stands between the sanctuary and the body of the church, between heaven and earth so-to-speak, and serves not so much to divide them but to unite them through the life and work of our Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God.

In the center of this wall of icons are the **ROYAL DOORS**. They are called this because the King of Glory, Jesus Christ, passes through them in the Holy Eucharist, feeding His family with the Bread of Life. The icons that adorn the Royal Doors vary, but normally bear the image of the Annunciation - the Archangel Gabriel announcing the coming birth of the Saviour to the Holy Virgin. Then, below, are depicted the Four Evangelists - John, Matthew, Luke and Mark, since they proclaimed the Kingdom of God first announced to the Mother of God.

Above the Doors is usually depicted the Last Supper, Jesus offering the Eucharist - first the Bread, His Body, then the Cup, His Blood, to the Apostles. Some churches also depict the Holy Fathers, or Liturgists, in this area. (The doors at the sides, often termed the Deacon's Doors, usually carry icons of Messengers of God, the Angels; or Deacons of the Church, who during their ministry had charge of articles in the sanctuary area and assisted at rites.)

This grand panorama of images began as a vital tool in teaching the Christian faith to people. Today it serves as a graphic reminder that this is the entrance to the "Holy of Holies."

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