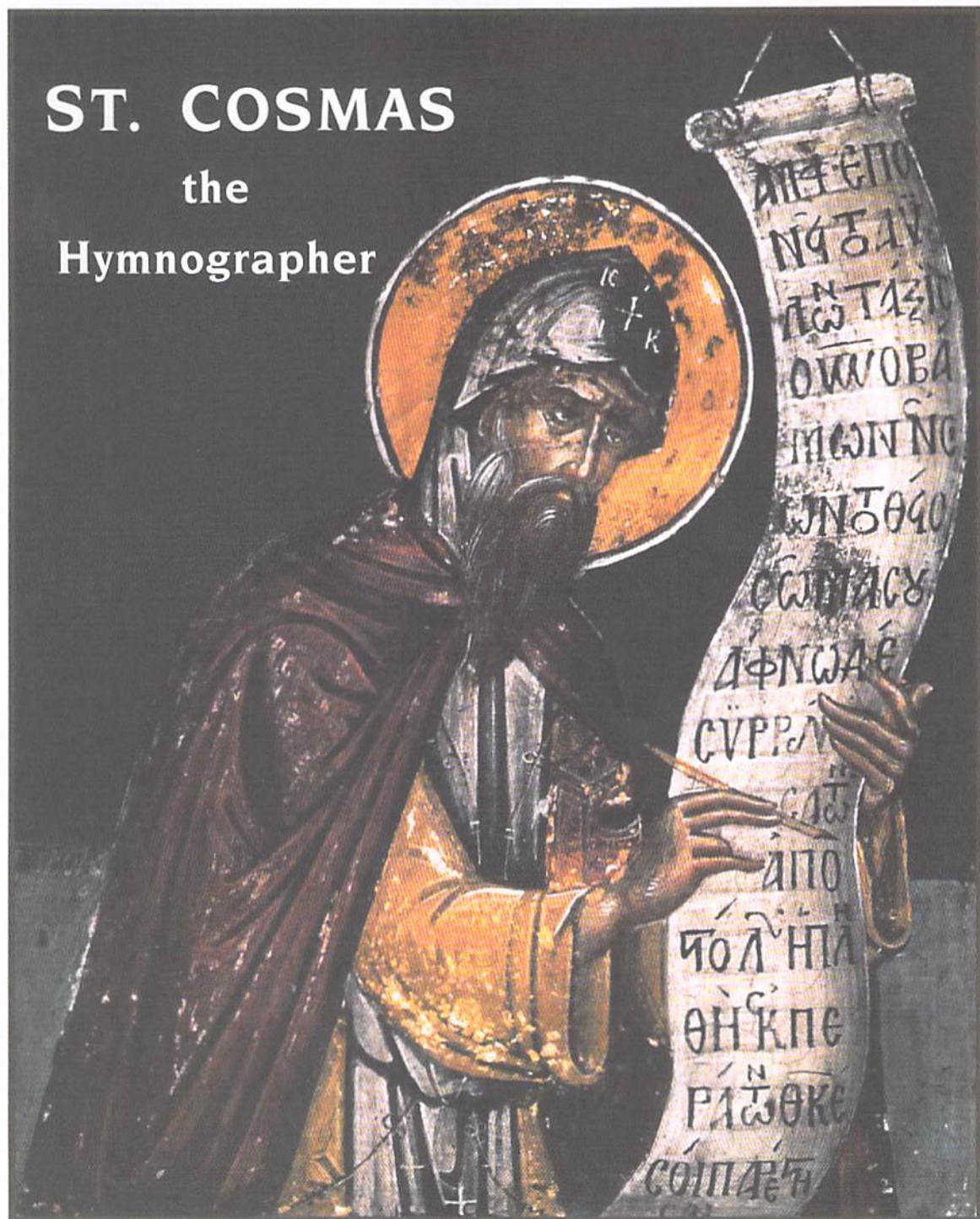


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### HOLY MYSTERIES

**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; 2<sup>nd</sup> Youth Ministry

**October 24, 2021**  
**Volume 57: Number 43**  
**Schedule of Services and Activities**  
**Week of October 24 - 30, 2021**  
**Celebrating our 94<sup>th</sup> year of Service to the Lord**

Sunday, October 24 -18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 1

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Panakhya: +Ann Tur (40<sup>th</sup> Day)

Panakhya: +Lori Duncan (8 Yrs) – Andrew Duncan and Family

Panakhya: +John Tyrawski (27 Yrs); +Paul Hnatow (7 Yrs); +Olga Mahaney  
(6 Yrs.) & +Charles Tyrawsky (2 Yrs.) – Michael Tilson and  
Linda Hnatow

Coffee Hour

Monday, October 25

8:00 AM – Butter and onions (200 lbs)

6:30 PM – Akathist Our Lady Curer of Cancer

7:00 PM – Bible Study

Friday, October 29

7:00 PM – Peeling potatoes

Making balls for sauerkraut, cheese and potato

Saturday, October 30

7:00 AM – Making pyrohy

Sunday, October 31 -19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 2

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

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Matins: John 20:1-10; 2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Luke 7:11-16

Monday – Philippians 1:1-7; Luke 7:36-50

Tuesday – Philippians 1:8-14; Luke 8:1-3

Wednesday – Philippians 1:12-20; Luke 8:22-25

Thursday – Philippians 1:20-27; Luke 9:7-11

Friday – Philippians 1:27-2:4; Luke 9:12-18

Saturday - 1 Corinthians 15:58-16:3; Luke 6:1-10

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Matins: John 20:11-18; Liturgy: 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9;  
Luke 8:5-15

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## 18th Sunday After Pentecost

### Having Our Hope Reborn

A Great Rumor has it that Jesus has a way with people's lives that is different from that of any other. The people in the story before this narrative hear Jesus and begin to believe in him and send us a report stemming from that same belief. Toward the end of this pericope the people who witness the scene say of Jesus that he is at least a great prophet. Even more so, however, the claim is made that through Jesus "God has visited God's people." Today this same Jesus comes visiting us on God's behalf.

We need to focus our attention on the right person in this story. The central character, other than Jesus himself, is not the only son raised from the dead. Rather, the person upon whom Jesus concentrates is the young man's mother. Picture the scene: Jesus is still a newcomer to Capernaum as far as ministry is concerned. The day before, he had healed a centurion's servant by speaking a word. The next day he arrives at the gate of the city of Nain and takes pause when he witnesses a funeral procession coming his way.

All death is tragic. All loss of beloved ones is hurt and pain. But the death in this story is not just any type of death. It represents the most crushing and intensely bitter blow of all.. The one who has died here is a child. But the mother's grief here is magnified even more because this young son who is dead was her only son. And to make matters worse, the woman is a widow already. Her son was everything she placed her hope upon. Her hope had now died.

This is precisely what this passage is about. It is about lost hope. It has all the dark colors of our undying grief, dark mourning, bitter sadness, wounded, brokenness, and hurting pain when life has become bleak, nonexistent, and empty because our deepest hope has died. It has all these colors and more. When your one and only hope dies your world crumbles and you live life like a constant walk in a funeral procession.

In the midst of all the people that walk with this woman to the grave, Jesus' eyes focus on her. This is simply because Jesus, the great Shepherd of our souls, listens with his heart and hears the muffled cries and loud weeping of God's sons and daughters when their hope dies. It is as if our hearts go searching for just a thread of hope onto which to hold. The good news of the gospel is that such seeking and searching finds its way to Jesus whether we ourselves do or not.

Jesus sees the woman and has compassion on her. In Luke's gospel the word "compassion" is always coupled with some version of the verb "to see." This is as it should be because Jesus is very active in his seeing of who we are. When Jesus sees us his heart truly goes out to us. When Jesus peers down deep into our souls that are broken, he becomes sad with us. This was Jesus' response to this broken and fragile woman whose hope had, for all intents and purposes, died.

But the story does not stop there. Jesus goes to the woman and speaks to her pain. He gives her hopes back to her. In the story he speaks to the woman, "Weep not." Jesus speaks with a firmness that comes out of a gentle sensitivity that realizes that the tears on the woman's face mirror the deep crying of her heart. Then he turns to the one who is her hope and says, indeed commands, "Arise." This is what Jesus does with us as well. He bids us not to despair and then speaks to our lost hope and says, "Come to life again." He speaks this, or, rather, commands it of our lost hope. And our hope is reborn.

One final thing of which we need to be aware. When the young man arises he only sees us. He is not yet ready to walk steady or run with strength. This reminds us that when Jesus speaks and our hope is reborn it will not be a false hope but one that has risen out of the ashes of our despair, darkness of our spiritual night, and bitterness of our pain. The hope that Jesus restores to us is a real and abiding hope which has seen the tears on our face and also knows the agonizing weeping which has been our soul's food.

When such a Jesus as this beholds us with compassion and speaks the healing word for our hope to be reborn, we must declare, "Surely God is in this Jesus. Surely God has visited God's people." This is no rumor. This is truly the gospel.

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## **20th Sunday After Pentecost**

**Author Unknown**

Over the years, one of my areas of giftedness has been in the area of sleeping. Well, you know, the Bible says to do whatever you do with all your heart, and I think that certainly applies to sleeping. Right? I'd give our kids a time to be in, but I didn't always remain conscious that long. And they could ring the doorbell because they forgot their key, they could stomp upstairs, they could stomp over our bed, for that matter, and I would barely stir. Oh, but not Karen. Oh, no, no! There's something about the way many mothers are wired. They sleep real light - if at all - until everybody's home safe. It's a mother thing. They just can't rest until all the kids are in.

Well, I want to have A Word With You today about "Are The Children All In?"

Even though you're all grown up now, your mother may still be like that today. Or you had a mother who was like that. You may have been blessed with a mom who was a praying mother, who wanted or wants more than anything else for her kids to be in-in God's family ... including you.

Our word for today from the Word of God is from an encounter Jesus had with a hurting mother. It's about the miracle He did for her. It's in Luke 7:12-15. "As Jesus approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out - the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. When the Lord saw her, His heart went out to her and He said, 'Don't cry.' Then He went up and touched the coffin, and those carrying it stood still. He said, "Young man, I say to you, get up!' The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his Mother." Wow! What great words!

Jesus is still doing that today. He's doing something supernatural to give a son or daughter back to a mother, not with a physical resurrection, but with a spiritual rescue. In fact, it may be that the prayers of your mother for you have kept God in pursuit of you all these years. More than anything else on earth, she has wanted for you to know the Savior whose love changed her life.

My wife's grandfather, Bill Hadley, was a great guy with a deadly weakness-he was an alcoholic. Alcohol cost him his job, his family, his freedom, and ultimately his hope. One

night he was making his way down State Street in Chicago to end his life in Lake Michigan. We never knew until recently the prayers that saved him that night.

We found this old photograph of the man his mother called Will. And on the back is this inscription in her handwriting: "This new year 1908. Oh God, bring him back into the fold. Oh, Will, every night when I read my Bible, I look at your picture and ask God to give you grace to keep you from falling and to fill your heart with His love. You may see this after I am gone from this world and know that I never ceased to pray for you. Mother."

Will never did see that inscription until after his mother was gone. But the power of her prayers reached beyond her grave. That night he was going to end his life, he walked by an old rescue mission and heard a song his mother used to sing. He wandered in and he ended up giving his broken life to Jesus Christ. He never touched alcohol again, he spent the rest of his life living for the Savior that had meant so much to his mother.

There may be - or there may have been - a dear mother who never gave up praying for you to know Jesus as your Savior. He died for every sin you've ever committed. He waits to forgive you and give you eternal life in heaven. Isn't it time all those prayers were answered? Isn't it finally time for you to open your heart to Jesus?

If you want to begin this wonderful love-relationship with Him, I want to send you the booklet I wrote about it called "Yours For Life." Just let us know you want it.

This is all about a mother who prayed for you and a Savior who died for you. It will be your mother's question in heaven some day, "Are the children all in?" I hope you'll be there.

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### **CONFESSIONAL HUMOR**

A new convert to Orthodoxy decided to go to confession to deal with his transgression. In the confessional, he told the priest that he had sinned.

"What was your sin, my son?" asked the priest.

"I stole some lumber, Father," replied the man.

"How much lumber did you steal?" asked the priest.

"Father, I built my German Shepherd dog a nice new doghouse."

The priest replied, "Well, that's not so bad."

The man continued, "Father, I also built myself a 4-car garage."

"Well, now, that's a little more serious."

"Father, there's more. In addition to the doghouse, the 4-car garage, I also built a 5 bedroom, 4 bath house!"

With a pause, the priest finally spoke. "That is a little more serious. I'm afraid you'll have to make an Akathist."

"Father, I'm not sure what an 'Akathist' is, but if you've got the blueprints, I've got the lumber!"

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY** - is expressed to the following: Larissa Serth, 10/26; Patricia Schmidt, 10/28 & Laura Andreas, 10/30. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

**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.

**SPECIAL THANKS** – are offered to Mark Andreas, chairperson, and all those who helped in putting the refrigerator on top of the freezer: Mark Andreas, Matthew Andreas, Thomas Bringle, Michael Kapelus, John Plachuta and Joseph Stevens. Special thanks also to Mark Andreas, Richard Bringle and Michael Kapelus for providing the electrical work to bring it to life. After today's Liturgy, we will bless the Outdoor Freezer. May God reward all those who helped in any way a hundredfold.

**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**

October 24 - David and Eve Lazaration

October 31 - Nancy Tur, Zina Twardus

November 7 - John and Sandy Cramer

November 14 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik & Alexander Smith

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

### **CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

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

Week of November 22 - Mark & Laura Andreas

Week of November 29 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

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

October 24 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

October 31 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

November 7 – Pani Elizabeth and Linda Hnatow

November 14 – Pani Elizabeth and Linda Hnatow

November 21 – Ann Duncan and Victor Kaliakin

## **TENTATIVE CALENDER OF EVENTS**

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

Saturday, November 6 – Fall takeout Bazaar

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

### **2022**

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

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

Sunday, March 6 – Cheese fare Sunday – Forgiveness Sunday

Monday, March 7 – 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

October 24 - John Plachuta

October 31 - Andrew Duncan

November 7 – Linda Hnatow

November 14 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

November 21 - Jean Roeth

## **FALL PYROHY SCHEDULE –**

Monday, October 25 – 150 lbs of Butter and Onions

Tuesday, November 2 – Peeling potatoes

Wednesday, November 3 – Pinching potato pyrohy

**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.

## “MAKE A JOYFUL SOUND UNTO THE LORD”

Worship in our Church can be a unique musical experience. The haunting melodies of the ancient Byzantine Chant and the magnificent choral masterpieces of renowned composers provide a soul-stirring means for us to sing praises to the Lord!

Have you ever wondered about the origin of our beautiful hymnology? It may surprise you to know that some of the hymns of the Church were written over a thousand years ago! On the cover of today's Church Bulletin is one of the hymnographers whose musical contributions have had a lasting effect on our moving service: ST. COSMAS.

St. Cosmas lived a full life of devotion to God and His Church. Orphaned at an early age, this 7th century saint had the good fortune of being adopted by a pious family in Damascus. Ironically, his step-brother, commonly referred to as St. John of

Damascus, is perhaps the most famous melodist the Church has ever had!

After receiving an excellent education in the classic liberal arts, Cosmas and his brother John both entered the historic monastery of St. Savas in Jerusalem, where they immediately exhibited a great talent for music. After John was ordained to the holy

priesthood, he remained at the monastery while Cosmas, following his ordination, was assigned to serve the Church in Gaza. While composing was his first and greatest love, St.

Cosmas distinguished himself in other ways in his service to the Lord. He eventually accepted the demanding position of Bishop of Anthedon. It is said that Cosmas hardly slept, writing hymns for Christmas, Easter, Pentecost and other holy days in the wee hours of the morning! St. Cosmas died in 750 A.D. but through his music, he lives on!

