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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 3, 2021
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Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of October 3 - 10, 2021
Celebrating our 94th year of Service to the Lord

Sunday, October 3 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 6

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

3:00 PM – Boy Scout Committee Meeting

Monday, October 4

8:00 AM – Butter and Onions

9:00 – 12 Noon – Orders for the Bazaar

Tuesday, October 5

9:00 – 12 Noon – Orders for the Bazaar

Wednesday, October 6

9:00 – 12 Noon – Orders for the Bazaar

Saturday, October 9

9:00 AM – Making Holubtsi

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

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 READINGS

15th Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday after Exaltation – Matins: Luke 24:1-12; Sunday after Galatians 2:16-20; Mark 8:34-9:1; Sunday: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15; Matthew 22:35-46
Monday – Galatians 4:28-5:10; Luke 3:19-22

Tuesday – Galatians 5:11-21; Luke 3:23-4:1

Wednesday – Conception of the Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John: Galatians 4:22-31; Luke 1:5-25; Day: Galatians 6:2-10; Luke 4:1-15

Thursday – Ephesians 1:1-9; Luke 4:16-22

Friday – Ephesians 1:7-17; Luke 4:22-30

Saturday – Repose of the Apostle and Evangelist John – Matins John 21:15-25; Liturgy: 1 John 4:12-19; John 19:25-27, 21:24-25; Day: 1 Corinthians 10:23-28; Luke 4:31-36

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

CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live but Christ who lives within me" (Galatians 2:20). These words of St. Paul in today's Epistle have inspired Christians for the past two thousand years.



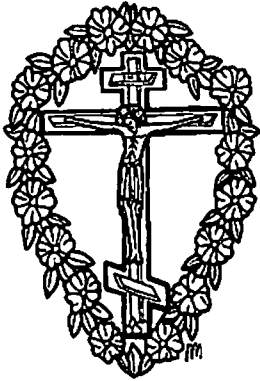
We are crucified with Christ, first of all, by our Baptism. Plunged into the water of Baptism, the neophyte is plunged into Christ's death; mystically the neophyte dies with Christ and rises from the dead with Christ. Rising from the water of Baptism as Christ arose from the tomb, the new Christian can be said to live only because Christ lives in him/her.

We are crucified with Christ, dying and rising again in Christ, through our own sin and repentance. Our Lord Jesus Christ took our sins upon Himself, and wiped them out through His crucifixion. Thus the only cure for our sins is the Cross of Christ; we must be crucified with Christ in order to put an end to our sins and rise with Christ in newness of life.

Do we accept our Crucifixion and our death with Jesus Christ? Do we surrender our sins to Christ, that Christ may wipe them out on His holy Cross by His Precious Blood? Do we live in such a way as to make it evident that it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me? That is the challenge of this Sunday after

the Exaltation of the Holy Cross; we must exalt the Cross, not only on the Feast Day, but in the way we live our Christian lives.

SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



Do you see the cause of the Crucifixion, and the salvation which comes by it? Do you see the relationship of the type to the reality? There the Jews escaped death, but only the temporal; here believers escape eternal death. There the hanging serpent healed the bites of serpents; here the crucified Jesus cured the wounds inflicted by the spiritual dragon. There he who looked with his bodily eyes was healed; here he who beholds with the eyes of his understanding put off all his sins. There that which hung was brass fashioned into the likeness of a serpent; here it was the Lord's Body, built by the Spirit. There a serpent bit and a serpent healed; here death destroyed and a Death saved

...But the Lord's Death was free from all sin, 'neither was guile found in His mouth' (I Peter 2:22) ...For as some noble champion by lifting on high and dashing down, his antagonist, renders his victory more glorious, so Christ, in the sight of all the world, cast down the adverse powers, and ...delivered them from all venomous beasts that vexed them, by being hung upon the Cross ...Here Christ speaks concisely, because His discourse was directed to Nicodemus, but still in a more significant manner ...He shows the great strength of His love ...He, the immortal, who is without beginning, the Infinite Majesty, they but dust and ashes, full of ten thousand sins, who, ungrateful, have at all times offended Him; and these He 'loved' ...He 'gave His Only-begotten Son,' not a servant, not an angel, not an archangel. And yet no one would show such anxiety for his own child, as God did for His ungrateful servant ...He who gives life to others, much more to Himself does He well forth life ...He calls the Cross the fountain of life, which reason cannot easily allow, as the heathens now by their mocking testify. But faith, which goes beyond the weakness of reasonings, may easily receive and retain it. (St. John Chrysostom. Homily XXVII on John III, 1)

THE CROSS

Whoever possesses the Cross owns a treasure. By treasure I mean that it is the most excellent of all that is good-in name and in fact. Through the Cross our salvation attains its ultimate greatness and our state of original justice is restored. Without the Cross, Christ would not have been crucified. Without the Cross, He who is life would not have been nailed to the wood. If He had not been crucified the blood and the water, fonts of immortality, which purify the world would not have flowed from His side. The lien of the debt which our sins contracted would never have been torn in two, we would not have been released from bondage. we would not have enjoyed the fruit of the tree. Paradise would yet be closed to us. Without the Cross, death would not have been defeated nor the abode of the dead vacated.

Thus, the Cross is a great and glorious thing. Great, because it is the source of countless favors which, like the miracles and sufferings of Christ, play a decisive role in His work of salvation. Precious, because the Cross signifies the suffering and at the same time the victory of God: suffering, because on the Cross He voluntarily tasted death. And victory: through the Cross the devil received a mortal wound, and death, with him was overcome. On the Cross the gates of the kingdom of death were pulled down and the Cross became the salvation of all men.

The Cross is also called the glory and the exaltation of Christ. It is the chalice overflowing of that which the Psalm speaks to us and the culmination of all the torments which Christ suffered for us. Christ Himself teaches us that the Cross is this glory when He says: the Son of Man has entered into His glory, and 'God has received His glorification through Him, and God has clothed Him with p own glory (cf. John 13:31-32). Again: Glorify me Father, with the glory I had before the world existed (John 17:5). And again: Father, glorify Your name. And suddenly there were heard these words from heaven: I have glorified it and I will glorify it again (John 12:28) - words which referred to the glory which He would obtain on the Cross.

Christ also teaches us that the Cross is this exaltation when He says: I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself (John 2:32-33). It is evident, therefore. that the Cross is the glory and the exaltation of Christ.

-St. Andrew of Crete, Bishop +A.D. 740

WHY DO WE WEAR A CROSS?



In pre-Christian times, the Cross was the instrument of a shameful and horrible death. The ancient Romans invented it and used it everywhere in order to intimidate the peoples whom they had subjugated. Everyone looked on this instrument of execution - the shameful Cross - with horror.

But a remarkable change took place with respect to the Cross after Our Lord Jesus Christ was crucified on it. The Lord suffered and died on the Cross. He took horrible sufferings upon Himself in order to save us from sins. The Cross received great glory, such as no other object made by the hands of man has possessed. The Cross became the sign of our salvation, through which we receive the power of God - the grace of God.

The Cross is the first and greatest Christian sacred object. When the priest sanctifies water, he immerses the Cross in it, and the water becomes holy. When we wear the Cross on our breast, our body constantly touches it, and from this touch it too is sanctified. The Cross that we wear protects us from all kinds of danger.

In Communist Russia, believing people - our brothers and sisters - would wear a Cross at great risk, since there could be much unpleasantness from the godless for this. But these remarkable people were not afraid to confess their faith, and they would fearlessly wear a Cross.

One ought not to look upon the Cross as some kind of jewelry like a bracelet or brooch. The Cross must adorn our soul and not our clothing, and must constantly remind us that we are Orthodox Christians, called to live according to our faith, which is founded on the Savior's sufferings on the Cross.

(Parish Life, September 1994)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY - is expressed to the following: Ivan Otamas, 10/4; Daniel Pappas, 10/5 & Father Leonid Schmidt, 10/9. 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!

MEETINGS

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

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

DANCING UNDER THE STARS – Special thanks to our Chairperson, Linda Hnатов and all who helped bring food (it was delicious). A profit of over \$450 was realized.

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

GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

October 3 - Nancy Tur, Zina Twardus

October 10 - John and Sandy Cramer

October 17 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik & Alexander Smith

October 24 - David and Eve Lazaration

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of October 4 - John Plachuta and David Lazaration

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

October 3 – Lorraine Neff and Pani Elizabeth

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

READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

October 3 - Linda Hnatow

October 10 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

October 17 - Jean Roeth

October 24 - John Plachuta

October 31 - Andrew Duncan

TENTATIVE CALENDER OF EVENTS

Sunday, October 3 – 3:00 PM Boy Scout Committee Meeting

Saturday, October 9 - Making holubtsi

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 on Sunday, October 10th. Our congratulations and prayers are with you.

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.

FALL PYROHY SCHEDULE –

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday October 4, 5 & 6 – Taking orders for the Bazaar 9 – 12

Monday, October 4 – 100 lbs. Butter and Onions

Saturday, October 9 – Making Holubtsi

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

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 Holoziak, 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 Zomcahk & James Zook.

A TIME TO OBEY AND A TIME TO RESIST

The story of the GREAT MARTYR EUPHEMIA is a story of CHOICES. She was born in Chalcedon in the third century - a time when Christians were still facing terrible persecution from the pagan Romans. Her parents were wealthy aristocrats but secretly devout Christians. They did their best to foster a love for the Lord within their daughter. Euphemia could have lived a life of luxury and still practiced her Christian faith quietly. Instead, she chose to vocally express her beliefs, even though she understood that by speaking out, she would face danger.

Euphemia's faith was put to the ultimate test when the provincial governor Priscus came to Chalcedon to celebrate a pagan festival. Some 49 Christians, led by Euphemia, refused to attend. When the angry Priscus discovered this insubordination, he had them brought before him and demanded to know why they had disobeyed his imperial command. Without hesitation, Euphemia spoke up: *"Both the Emperor's commands and yours must be obeyed if they are not contrary to the God of heaven. If they are, not only must they not be obeyed, they must be resisted."*

Furious with this defiant response, Priscus ordered the dissenters to all be tortured for 19 days. Euphemia was the target of the most brutal cruelties. First, she was tied to a wheel. Then she was thrown into a fiery furnace. Surviving these ordeals, Euphemia was thrown into a pit filled with poisonous snakes. After making the sign of the Cross, she remained unharmed! Finally, St. Euphemia suffered martyrdom after being severely mauled by wild beasts. Her remains rest in the famous Church of St. George in Constantinople.