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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

**September 11, 2022**

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**Schedule of Services and Activities**

**Week of September 11 - 18, 2022**

**Celebrating our 95<sup>th</sup> year of Service to the Lord**

**Sunday, September 11 – 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Beheading of John the Baptist –**

**Strict Fast Day - Tone 4**

**8:30 AM - Confessions**

**9:15 AM – Hours**

**9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy for the Faithful**

**Coffee Hour**

**Monday, September 12**

**9:00 – 11:00 AM – Taking pyrohy orders**

**Tuesday, September 13**

**9:00 – 11:00 AM – Taking pyrohy orders**

**Wednesday, September 14**

**7:00 PM – Parish Board Meeting ( Zoom)**

**Thursday, September 15**

**8:00 AM – Butter and Onions**

**Friday, September 16**

**7:00 AM – Peeling potatoes**

**10:00 AM – Making cheese, sauerkraut, potato balls**

**6:00 PM – Making potato balls**

**Saturday, September 17**

**8:00 AM – Making pyrohy**

**Sunday, September 18 – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - Tone 5**

**8:30 AM - Confessions**

**9:15 AM – Hours**

**9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy for the Faithful**

**Coffee Hour**

## SCRIPTURAL READINGS

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Matins: Mark 16:1-8; Liturgy: 1 Corinthians 16:13-24; Matthew 21:33-42; Beheading of St. John the Baptist; Acts of the Apostles 13:25-32;

Mark 6:14-30

Monday – 2 Corinthians 12:10-19; Mark 4:10-23

Tuesday – 2 Corinthians 12:20-13:2; Mark 4:24-34

Wednesday – Church New Year - 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 4:16-22 Day: 2 Corinthians 13:3-13; Mark 4:35-41

Thursday – Galatians 1:1-10, 20 -2:5; Mark 5:1-20

Friday – Galatians 2:6-10; Mark 5:22-24, 35-6:1

Saturday – 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Matthew 23:1-12

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Matins: Mark 16:9-20; Liturgy: 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4; Matthew 22:1-14

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### Beheading of St. John - Human Respect

The chief lesson we should learn from the Beheading of St. John the Baptist is the importance of avoiding what is called “human respect”. This expression does not mean the respect that all men and women ought to have for one another: every human being is created by God and loved by God and deserves respect; if we wish others to respect ourselves, we in turn must respect others.

However, the term “human respect” means the fault of being more concerned about our standing in the eyes of other people than we are concerned about our standing in the eyes of God. This was the basic sin of King Herod, which led him to murder St. John the Baptist. King Herod knew very well that St. John was an upright and holy man; King Herod even loved to listen to St. John, and often followed St. John’s advice.



Even though most of us do not go around murdering other people (though there are a great many killings in modern times with motives similar to that of Herod), we are often tempted by the same sin of “human respect” - to do something which we know to be morally wrong, only because we fear that others may mock or ridicule us, or even discriminate against us if they think that we are adhering to a Christian moral standard. “Human respect” is a very powerful temptation; we must pray that God will give us the strength and the moral courage to ignore “human respect” and to do what we know is right.

# † BARTHOLOMEW

**By God's Mercy Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome  
and Ecumenical Patriarch**

To the Plenitude of the Church Grace, Peace and Mercy from the Maker of All Creation  
Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ

Most reverend brother Hierarchs and beloved children in the Lord,

As we enter, with God's blessing, the new ecclesiastical year today, we honor with the Feast of the Indiction the "Day of protecting the natural environment" and offer glory and gratitude to the Creator of all for the "great gift of creation."

We proclaim once again with all our heart that the respect for creation and the constant concern for its protection belong to the core of our Orthodox identity as one of its most precious elements. The Church recognizes and teaches that the cause of human alienation from the "very good" creation and one's fellow human beings is the "alienation from God." It boldly reminds us that there is no authentic freedom without the Truth and outside the Truth, which is the power that truly liberates. "Know the truth, and the truth will free you" (John 8.32).

For over three decades, the Holy Great Church of Christ emphatically and dynamically promotes the eco-friendly message of Orthodoxy through its diverse initiatives. September 1, 1989, will forever signify and symbolize the commencement of a movement that produced much fruit, raised awareness about the spiritual and ethical roots and parameters of the destruction of the natural environment, mobilized individuals and institutions, inspired the rest of the Christian world, highlighted the way of responding to this great challenge – a way that passes firstly through an understanding of its connection with the crisis of human freedom and the need for radical change in mentality and conduct with a view to creation, and secondly through a common and universal action given the global dimensions and tragic consequences of the ecological destruction.

An invaluable legacy for the future lies in the many important writings on the field of theological ecology, among which the work of the professor and academician, His Eminence Elder Metropolitan John of Pergamon, retain a prominent place. An inexhaustible source of inspiration will also be found in the presentations of the nine water-borne international symposia, which hosted renowned specialists and scientists as well as representatives of the cultural and spiritual worlds. These texts are especially beneficial for environmental learning, which has carved out a significant place in

contemporary education. As it has rightly been said: “In the future, an education without ecological orientation will be a parody of education.”

Sustainable development is a one-way street. It will secure ecological balance in the present and constitute a guarantee for the future, but it has its conditions: ecological economy, changes in agricultural and biomechanical productivity, the production and use of energy, the movement and transportation of goods, new models of consumption, and so on. Unfortunately, good intentions, agreements and proclamations often remain theoretical, merely “big words,” without any impact on action, “superficial injunctions,” as it has been written. Humankind has not learned from the consequences of climate change, the destructive fires, heat waves, and floods, the rapid reduction in biodiversity, the pollution of the atmosphere and seas, the deforestation and social repercussions of the environmental crisis, above all revealed in the mass migration for ecological reasons. Humanity continues to be deluded about the innate capacity of nature to protect itself and overcome human-induced damages. We know, and yet we continue to act as if uninformed, suppressing the truth that with regard to its relationship to the natural environment, our modern technocratic and econo-centered civilization does not comprise progress, since the greatest devastation of the natural environment has taken place in our own time, and age where science and economy prevail. Climate change is an immense destruction caused by human irresponsibility and the impasse of our model of organization in the life of our economy. We only have a future if we understand that the protection of the integrity of creation does not only not comprise a hurdle for economic development, but is the vehicle for real progress.

This year, the celebration of the Day of the protection of creation are accompanied by the sound of weapons in Ukraine, by the cry of the victims of military violence, the bombardment of cities and infrastructures, the groaning of nature and moaning of refugees. Every war is a humanitarian and ecological catastrophe. The ongoing violence, beyond the thousands of human lives, also destroys the natural environment that it pollutes, forcing nations and peoples to return to ways of securing energy efficiency through means that are unfriendly to the environment. Thus, humanity enters a new vicious cycle of destructive impasses, which confirm the saying that homo sapiens to this day continues to behave simultaneously as homo demens, as imprudent and irrational.

Brothers in the Lord and blessed children,

For the Church, the elements of the world – according to a theological formulation – “are not simply utilitarian or useful material for the individual needs of human beings, but they are actions of the Person of the one Creator”. Everything created by God blesses, praises

and exalts God to the ages, the heavens declare His glory. This is the message expressed by the concern of the Great Church for the protection of creation. The life of the Church of Christ is a foretaste of all that we expect in the Kingdom of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. On our way to the Eschaton, the Holy Church offers to the world the Gospel of grace as its guide and the unswerving certainty that evil, in all its forms, will not have the final word in history.

In closing, we wish you a blessed and fruitful new ecclesiastical year, and we call upon all of you, through the intercessions of the First-among-the-saints Theotokos Pammakaristos, the lifegiving grace and great mercy of the creator and redeemer of all, the pioneer and perfecter of our immaculate faith to whom be the glory and the dominion unto everlasting ages. Amen!

**September 1, 2022**

**†Bartholomew of Constantinople  
Fervent supplicant for all before God**

### **Where was MY God?**

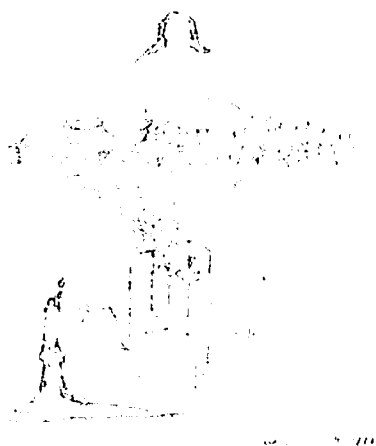
How many of us have heard that question "Where was your GOD when the World Trade Center and the Pentagon was attacked?"

Well I know where my GOD was the morning of September 11, 2001, and He was very busy!

He was trying to discourage anyone from taking these flights. Those four flights together held over 1000 passengers and there were only 266 aboard.

He was on 4 commercial flights giving terrified passengers the ability to stay calm. Not one of the family members who were called by a loved one on one of the highjacked planes said that passengers were screaming in the background. On one of the flights he was giving strength to passengers to try to overtake the highjackers.

He was busy trying to create obstacles for employees at the World Trade Center. After all, only around 20,000 were at the towers when the first jet hit. Since the buildings held over 50,000 workers, this was a Miracle in itself. How many of the people who were employed at the World Trade Center told the media that they were late for work or they had traffic delays.



He was holding up 2-110 story buildings so that 2/3 of the workers could get out. I was so amazed that the top of the towers didn't topple when the jets impacted. And when they did fall, they fell inward. GOD didn't allow them to topple over, as many more lives would have been lost.

And when the buildings went down, my GOD picked up almost 6,000 of his children and carried them home with him. Reassuring his frighten children that the worst was over and the best was yet to come.

He sat down and cried that 19 of his children could have some much hate in their hearts. That they didn't choose him, but another god that doesn't exist, and now they are lost forever.

He sent his children that are best trained for this disaster and had them save the few that were still alive, but unable to help themselves. And then sent many others to help in anyway they were needed.

He still isn't finished though, he held the loved ones that were left behind in his arms. He comforts them daily. His other children are given the strength to reach out to them and help them in any way they can.

And I believe he will continue to help us in what is to come. He will give the people in charge of this great nation the strength and the wisdom to do the right thing. He would never leave us in our time of need.

So when anyone asks, "Where was your GOD on September 11", you can say "everywhere"! And yes, although this is without a doubt the worst thing I have seen in my life, I see God's miracles in every bit of it. I keep praying for those who don't believe in GOD, every chance I have. I can't imagine going through such a difficult time and not believing in GOD. Life would be hopeless.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SPECIAL THANKS TO FATHER VASYL PASAKAS** – who celebrated the Divine Liturgy while I was away. May God continue to bless him and his family for many, happy and blessed years!



**A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY** - is expressed to Anthony Pantelopulos, 9/13 & Anna Duncan, 9/16 . May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

**UOL RETREAT** – is scheduled for Saturday, October 1 beginning with a continental breakfast and registration at 9AM. Very Rev. Robert Holet, our Dean, will be giving the retreat on the topic: **“Stewardship: It’s More Than Show Me the Money”** talking about the Spirituality of Stewardship and its meaning in the life of Orthodox Christians. Donation will be \$20 which will include a Continental Breakfast, Lunch and snacks. Our UOL invites all to attend.

## **MEETINGS**

**PARISH BOARD** – Wednesday, September 14 @ 7:00 PM

**UOL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE** – Speaking of our UOL, it is time to renew your membership or start a membership. They are always willing to work for the Church. One of their many charitable works is to take care of our Parish Library. Dues are \$20 per member (please see Treasurer Nancy Hlywiak. Please join and help support our UOL.

**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**

September 11 - Andrew Duncan

September 18 - Linda Hnatow

September 25 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

October 2 - Jean Roeth

October 9 – John Plachuta

### **GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

September 11 - John and Sandy Cramer

September 18 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik

September 25 - David and Eve Lazaration

October 2 – Zina Twardus

**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.

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

Week of September 12 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of September 19 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

Week of September 26 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of October 3 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

Week of October 10 - Mark & Laura Andreas

Week of October 11 - John Plachuta and David Lazaration

**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!

## **MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

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

September 11 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

September 18 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

September 25 – Ann Duncan and Linda Hnatow

October 2 – Ann Duncan and Linda Hnatow

October 8 – Matthew Andreas and Victor Kaliakin

October 15 – Matthew Andreas and Victor Kaliakin

## **TENTATIVE CALENDER OF EVENTS**

October 12 – 15 – UOC Sobor

October 1 – UOL Retreat (See Announcement)

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.

**PLEASE 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 Wronskij, Matushka Andrejuk, 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, Betty Charney, 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, 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, Michael Hnatow, Daniel Holoviak, Jennifer Huertes, Caroline Humphrey, Richard Humphrey, Sally Hutnick, Joette Jago, Stephen Johnson, Linda Josepinson, Elizabeth Kaliakin, Rosalie Ann Kane, Michael Kapelus, Sandra Kasch, Charles Kaszytski, Julia Kaszytski, Diane Keyser, Wendy Klinedinst, Judith Kocinski, Lorissa Kozakova, Ludmyla Krawchenko, Mykola Krawchenko, Volodymyr Krasnopera, Sue Kreisa-Christian, Marlene Kuhar, Karen Livick, Charles Lontor, Alla Lysenko, Jeremy Madea, Andrew Makolynyk, Jean Marano, Frederick McCarthy, Beth McKirachan, Fred McKirachan, 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, 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.**

## **"BRING ME THE HEAD OF JOHN THE BAPTIST"**

**T**he words above send a shiver through every God-fearing Christian. Aside from Holy Friday, the commemoration of the BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST is the darkest and saddest day on our liturgical calendar.

John was a popular preacher, who captivated crowds that gathered to hear him along the banks of the Jordan River. For a people that longed for the coming of the Messiah, John brought hope and encouragement that the Saviour's arrival was imminent.

John the Baptist spoke with conviction, which brought about his imprisonment and ultimate death. Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great, ruled Galilee at the time of John's preaching in the wilderness. A man as evil as his father, Herod Antipas had his own wife put away, and brought his brother Philip's wife to live with him in his royal palace. After vehemently denouncing the immorality of Herod and Herodias, John was cast into prison.

John's earthly life came to an untimely end after a birthday celebration for Herod. Herodias' daughter Salome, entertained the king and his guests by dancing for them. The pleased ruler promised to reward her with anything she wished, and at the urging and prompting of the wicked Herodias, Salome requested that the head of the Baptist be brought to her. Herod sadly complied rather risk "losing face" among his guests.

Fittingly, Herod, Herodias and Salome all suffered terrible deaths. After being exiled to Spain by the Roman Emperor for administrative failures in Galilee, Herod and Herodias were killed in an earthquake. Salome met her end by drowning.