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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

September 20, 2020
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Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of September 20 - 27, 2020
Celebrating our 93rd year of Service to the Lord

ALL SERVICES ARE LIVE STREAMED
ON FACEBOOK & WEBPAGE

Sunday, September 20 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 6

8:30 – 9:00 AM - Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

**Panakhyda: +Charles Tyrawsky (1 Yr.), +Roger Seremula (1 Yr.), +Zenovia
Martincek (15 Yr.) – Linda Hnatow & Michael Tilson**

**Panakhyda: +Ubiyshoho Ivan, +Evdokia, +Arseniy, +Tatsiana,
+Vladzimera, Peter Paul, +Amlisu, +Olha – Maria Rusak**

**Panakhyda: +Richard Duncan – Kathy Duncan and Family
Coffee Hour**

12:00 PM – Vespers for the Nativity of the Mother of God

Monday, September 21 – Nativity of the Mother of God

8:00 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

9:00 – 11:00 AM – Pyrohy Orders

Tuesday, September 22

9:00 – 11:00 AM – Pyrohy Orders

Thursday, September 24 – Saint Silouan of Mount Athos

7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy – Veneration of the relics

Friday, September 25

12 Noon – 3PM – Pick up of orders (10 orders per half hour)

Saturday, September 26

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

6:00 PM – Great Vespers for the Exaltation (Sts. Peter and Paul)

Sunday, September 27 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost – Exaltation of the Cross -Tone 7

8:30 – 9:00 AM - Confessions

9:15 AM – Service for the Cross

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

SCRIPTURE READINGS

15th Sunday after Pentecost; Sunday before the Exaltation of the Cross; Forefeast of the Nativity of the Mother of God - Matins: Luke 24:1-12; Liturgy Sunday before Exaltation: Galatians 6:11-18; John 3:13-17; Day: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15; Matthew 22:35-46; Vespers for the Feast: Genesis 28:10-17; Ezekiel 43:27-44:1-4; Proverbs 9:1-11.

Monday – Nativity of the Mother of God – Matins: Luke 1:39-49, 56; Liturgy: Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28; Day: Galatians 4:28-5:10; Mark 6:54-7:8

Tuesday – Ancestors of God Joachim and Anna – Galatians 4:22-31; Luke 8:16-21; Day: Galatians 5:11-21; Mark 7:5-16

Wednesday – Galatians 6:2-10; Mark 7:14-24

Thursday – Ephesians 1:1-9; Mark 7:24-30

Friday – Ephesians 1:7-17; Mark 8:1-10

Saturday before the Exaltation – 1 Corinthians 2:6-9; Matthew 10:37-11:1; Day: 1 Corinthians 10:23-28; Matthew 24:34-44; Vespers: Exodus 15:22-27; 16:1-2; Proverbs 3:11-18; Isaiah 60:11-16.

16th Sunday after Pentecost – Exaltation of the Holy Cross – Matins: John 12:28-36; 1 Corinthians 1:18-24; John 19: 6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35

THE NATIVITY OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

The first great Feast to fall in the Church Year is the Nativity of the Most Holy Mother of God. It is entirely fitting that at the beginning of the new *religious* year all Orthodox Christians should come before the highest example of human holiness that the Orthodox Church holds precious and venerates - that of Mary, the God-bearer, and Mother of God. This day is seen as one of universal joy; for on this day - the boundary of the Old and New Covenants - was born the Most-Blessed Virgin, deigned from the ages by Divine Providence to serve the mystical Incarnation of God the Word.



The first Old Testament Reading of Vespers (Genesis 28:10-17) speaks of the dream of Jacob, one of the Old Testament Patriarchs, when he fled the wrath of his brother Esau. He saw a ladder extending from earth to heaven, with angels ascending and descending. When he awoke, Jacob blessed with oil the stone on which he had slept and called it Bethel, meaning *house of God*. The Most-Pure Mother of God is seen here as that ladder between heaven and earth, uniting earth with heaven in her womb. She who carried God in her womb is truly *Bethel*, **none other than the house of God...and the gate of heaven** (Genesis 28:17).

The birth of the Most Holy Birth-giver of God took place in the following manner: Her father, the Righteous Joachim, was a descendant of King David, to whom He had promised that from the seed of his descendants would be born the Savior of the world. Her mother, the Righteous Anna, was the daughter of Matthan, and through her father was of the tribe of Aaron and through her mother was of the tribe of Judah. The spouses lived in Nazareth of Galilee.

Joachim and Anna had no children, and all their life they grieved about this, especially since they were now in old age. Scorn and mockery was their lot, for at that time childlessness was reckoned as a shame. But they never murmured and only the more fervently beseeched God, humbly trusting in His will.

Once, during the time of a great Feast, the offering which Joachim took to Jerusalem to offer to God in the Temple, was not received by the priest, who reckoned that a childless man was not worthy to bring sacrifice to God. This greatly grieved the old man and he, counting himself only a sinner among men, decided not to return home, but to flee to a place of solitude in a deserted place.

Anna, having heard how her husband had been humiliated by the priest, began to fast, and in prayer sadly beseeched God to grant her a child. In the wilderness, secluded and fasting, Joachim also prayed to God about this.

The prayers of the Holy Spouses were heard. The angel Gabriel came to them and announced that a daughter would be born to them, whom the whole human race would call blessed. At the command of the Heavenly Messenger, Joachim and Anna returned to Jerusalem where, according to the promise of God, a daughter was born to them whom they named Mary.

This child, the Most-Holy Virgin Mary, pure and virtuous, surpassed not only all men, but even the angels, being manifested as the Living Temple, "the Heavenly Gate, ushering in

Christ to the Universe as the Salvation of our souls.” The Nativity of the Mother of God pre-announced the approaching time when the great and comforting promise of God concerning the salvation of the human race from the slavery to the devil was to be accomplished. The Mother of the First-Born of all Creation was revealed to all of us as a merciful Intercessor to whom we perpetually run for help in all things.

TROPAR - Tone 4: Your birth, O Virgin Mother of God * heralded joy to the universe * for from you rose the Sun of Justice, Christ our God. * He took away the curse; He gave the blessing * and by trampling death * He gave us everlasting life.

KONDAK - Tone 4: By your Nativity, O Most-Pure Virgin, Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness; Adam and Eve, from the corruption of death. And we, your people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to you: The barren woman gives birth to the Birth-Giver of God, the Nourisher of our Life.

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LIGHT A CANDLE

In all Orthodox Churches we see many lights and candles burning. Lights are always used during all of the divine services, even though it is held in full sunlight. This is done not only for illumination or to make the services more beautiful and solemn but also to show that the Lord, who dwells in light which is indescribable, illuminates the world with spiritual radiance. The candles signify that the hearts of the faithful believers are warmed by a flame of love toward God and His Saints and that the Church has triumphed in giving spiritual joy.

Candles, which are to be used during the year, are by tradition usually blessed on the Holy Day of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple (February 2/15). These candles are not only lit in the Church before the icons but they are also given to the sponsors to hold during Holy Baptism, to the mother to hold at the Churching or presenting of her child to God 40 days after his/her birth, to the couple who are being married and put into the hand of the person who is lying in the casket. Lighted candles are also held by everyone present at the Mystery of Holy Unction, and in the Church when Panakhyda (Prayer for the Deceased) is celebrated for a loved one.

Beeswax and olive oil, as the purest substances free from animal matter, are used for lighting before sacred things. Artificial light - electricity - is permitted, but only for general illumination. The beeswax and olive oil are symbolic of the purity and sincerity of the gifts.

In the early church lights were used greatly. Oil lamps were lighted when candles were unknown. The lights reminded the faithful of Christ's words: "I am the Light of the world." Those who believed in Him were considered Children of the Light. The candle that we now light in front of the Icon and hold on various occasions is a symbol that we want our soul to be as pure as light and our heart to burn with the flame of the love to God. Saint Seraphim of Sarov said: "Let our heart glow with love and our life shine with light before our Lord like the flame of a taper before His Icon."

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY - is expressed to the following: Victoria Muntyanu, 9/21; Richard Bringle, 9/22; Nicholas Astratinei, 9/24; Nadia Fomin, 9/25 & Sebastian Krauthauser, 9/26. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

PYROHY PRICES HAVE CHANGED – Due to the rising costs of our supplies, our pyrohy prices have changed: Potato - \$10 Doz.; Sauerkraut \$10 Doz.; Cheese \$13 Doz. Holubtsi \$18 half dozen; \$35 dozen; Kovbassa \$13 a ring.

UOL DUES – are due by September 20th. Our UOL Chapter provides many services to our Parish Family including helping us pay down the mortgage and taking on the apostolate of keeping the Protopresbyter Paul Hrynshyn Memorial Library. Annual dues are \$20.00 per person. Please see Nancy Hlywiak and become a member of the UOL today.

TRUSTEES MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

September 13 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

September 20 – Thomas Bringle and Linda Hnatow

September 27 – Thomas Bringle and Linda Hnatow

October 4 – Ann Duncan and Victor Kaliakin

October 11 - Ann Duncan and Victor Kaliakin

October 18 – Lorraine Neff and Thomas Bringle

October 25 – Lorraine Neff and Thomas Bringle

November 1 – Linda Hnatow and Ann Duncan

READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

September 20 - Linda Hnatow

September 27 - Jean Roeth

October 4 - John Plachuta

October 11 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

October 18 - Andrew Duncan

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of September 21 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

Week of September 28 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

Week of October 5 - Mark & Laura Andreas

Week of October 12 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of October 19 - John Plachuta and David Lazaration

ELECTRONIC 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.

SPECIAL THANKS – to all of our men and women who came to help with the pyrohy project. May God reward your kindness a hundredfold!

SPECIAL THANKS 2 – are offered to Sandy Cramer, Chairperson and Kathy Duncan and Michael Kapelus for the beautiful work of decorating the Church for the fall. May God reward your kindness a hundredfold!

PARISH BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, October 13th @ 6:45 PM (Zoom Meeting)

ADOPTING CHILDREN FOR THE NATIVITY – Like last year, we shall be adopting 6 youth for the Nativity Season. Linda Hnatow is the Chairperson and more will be given as we get closer to the Feast.

WREATHS FOR THE NATIVITY – Our Sister Parish of St. Nicholas is sponsoring a sale of real wreaths for Christmas. Please see Father Stephen if you are interested in ordering and they will be delivered here to the Church for pick up. More in the next Bulletin.

RULES FOR ATTENDING ALL SERVICES: *

Masks **MUST** be worn during the service – if you do not have one, a mask will be provided. * **PLEASE:** It is crucial for the safety and health of all participants that if you have a fever of over 100°, or have any symptoms **PLEASE STAY HOME!!** For everyone's safety, contact information will be taken at every service so that if someone who attends develops the virus, all attendees will be notified and then would quarantine themselves for 14 days. We shall continue to stream all services until the pandemic is over. **HOLY COMMUNION** – It is imperative that you understand that **YOU CANNOT GET DISEASE FROM HOLY COMMUNION!!!** This is the Body and Blood of Christ. The Communion Cloth is not to be touched. **PLEASE – listen to the instructions.** *

After the Liturgy, each person **MUST** sanitize the area in which he/she is using. * **AFTER HAVING PARTICIPATED IN THE DIVINE SERVICES AND YOU BECOME SYMPTOMATIC – YOU MUST NOTIFY FATHER STEPHEN AT ONCE SO THAT ALL WHO PARTICIPATED COULD QUARENTINE THEMSELVES!!**

* If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to **CALL ME (302) 798-4455.** I will be happy to assist you in any way that I can.



PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL – Metropolitan Antony, Archimandrite Raphael, Father Vasili Andrejuk, Father Paul Bigelow, Father John Bohush, Father Vasyl Dovhan, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Mark Leisure, Father Andrew Molewski, Father John Nakonechney, Father James Norton, Father Victor Wronskyj, Father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Pani Dobrodyka Lisa Weremedic, Alicia, Nerry, Mykola, Brennan, Deborah, Charles, Galina, Dolores, Julian, Madison, Michele, Mykola, Rita, Ryan, Randy Allen, Paul Andreas, 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, George Burns, 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, Rose Eldridge, Thomas Fagan, James Garrett, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovnirov, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Rick Hastings, Celeste Heiser, Dolores Helms, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Anthony Hnatow, Daniel Holoviak, Caroline Humphrey, Richard Humphrey, Sally Hutnick, Joette Jago, Stephen Johnson, Linda Josepinson, Rosalie Ann Kane, Sandra Kasch, Thomas Kasprzak, Charles Kaszytski, Julia Kaszytski, Diane Keyser, Barbara Kirylic, Wendy Klinedinst, Judith Kocinski, 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, 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, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Anthony Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry Pinkowicz, Bernice Pinkowicz, Ryan Pinkowicz, Valentina Plachuta, Maria Plumpton, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Roman, Alla Rudawsky, John Ruczhak, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, Maria Russak, Anthony Saldutti, Dana Sargent, Isaac Schmidt, Doris Scully, Joella Seale, Clay Seman, Larissa Serth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Emily Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Rich Steinman, Joseph Stevens, Noel Strobino, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczyszyn, Tatiana Szewc, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, Lydia Thomas, Brysen Tomei, Dominic Tomei, Mark Tomei, Violet Tomei, Aria Tonner, Mariel Trimble, Anna Tur, 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, & James Zook.

THE MIRACLE OF THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL

Miraculous occurrences play a major role in our Faith. Countless tales of Divine Intervention have been documented among those who fervently prayed to our Lord, the Theotokos or one of God's saints for their assistance in time of need.



One such miracle is attributed to the Archangel Michael. In the town of Colossae in Asia Minor, a great church dedicated to this angelic warrior was built by the faithful on the site of a popular well, whose waters were said to have healing powers. The Church of the Archangel Michael and its well became known throughout the Empire. Faithful from remote regions moved to Colossae just to be close to this sacred site. Archippos, a young boy from Hieropolis, was attracted to this holy place, serving as acolyte and custodian of the Church of the Archangel Michael for over 80 years!

At the time when his life was nearing its end, Archippos learned of a diabolical plan devised by pagan detractors to divert the flow of the nearby Chryssos River, so that its rushing waters would destroy the famous church and its well. Archippos went to the church and prayed to the Archangel Michael to intercede. According to Holy Tradition, St. Michael descended from heaven and plunged his fiery sword into the river, separating it into two parts. Instead of engulfing the church and its well, the river literally formed a protective moat around the site!