

Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church Bulletin

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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 26, 2021
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Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of September 26 – October 3, 2021
Celebrating our 94th year of Service to the Lord

Sunday, September 26 – 14th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 5

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Panakhyda: +Mariyka Kmet

Coffee Hour – UOL Meeting/Elections

12:00 Noon – Great Vespers for the Feast

Monday, September 27 – Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross (Strict Fast Day)

8:00 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

7:00 PM – Bible Study

Wednesday, September 29

1:00 PM – Steaming Cabbage

Thursday, September 30

7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Pankahyda: +Ella Kurtasz (34 Yr) – Pani Elizabeth and Father Stephen

Friday, October 1 – Funeral for +Anna Tur

10:30 AM – Viewing

11:00 AM – Funeral Service

Saturday, October 2

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

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

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

14th Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday before the Exaltation – Matins: Mark 16:9-20; Liturgy: Sunday before Cross – Galatians 6:11-18; John 3:13-17; Vespers: Exodus 15:22-27; 16:1-2; Proverbs 3:11-18; Isaiah 60:11-16.

Monday – 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; Day: Galatians 2:11-16; Mark 5:24-34

Tuesday – Galatians 2:21-3:7; Mark 6:1-7

Wednesday – Galatians 3:15-22; Mark 6:7-13

Thursday – Galatians 3:23-4:5; Mark 6:30-45

Friday – Galatians 4: 8-21; Mark 6:45-53

Saturday after Exaltation – 1 Corinthians 1:26-29; John 8:21-30; Day: 1 Corinthians 4:17-5:5; Matthew 24:1-13

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

THE UNIVERSAL EXALTATION OF THE LIFE-CREATING CROSS

(September 27; 14)



Not long after the Nativity of the Most Holy Birth-giver of God, the Church celebrates the Exaltation of the Most Precious Cross of the Lord. The Savior Himself had spoken of His death on the Cross, saying: **“As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life (John 3:14-16).** This was accomplished on Holy Friday, when the Lord was “crucified under Pontius Pilate, suffered and was buried” as the Creed proclaims.

And just before He died, He proclaimed **It is finished** (John 19:30)!

Truly, the Nativity of the Mother of God was seen as the beginning of our **DO**

salvation and the Cross is seen as the culmination of our salvation. By Christ's death on It, our salvation was accomplished. Mary is also closely associated with the Cross, for she was the "mystical paradise" in whom the Tree of Life sprouted; this Tree of Life, Christ our Savior, then "planted on earth the life-creating Tree of the Cross" (from the Feast). And as He suffered and died on the Life-giving Tree of the Cross, so too we are called upon to take up our own crosses on our shoulders and to die daily for the sake of Him who died for us.

The Feast itself came about because of certain historical events. After the voluntary suffering and death on the Cross of the Lord, the sacred place of His suffering was scorned by the pagans. When the Roman Emperor Titus in 70 AD conquered Jerusalem, he destroyed the city and leveled the Temple on Mt. Moriah, not leaving even a stone upon a stone, as had been foretold by the Savior in a dialogue with His disciples (Mark 13:1-2).

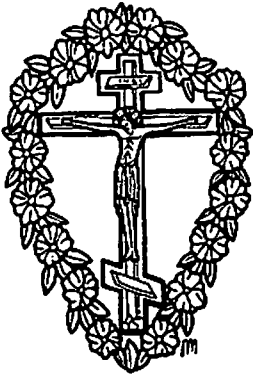
The Emperor Hadrian (117 - 138 AD), a backward and zealous pagan, constructed in place of the Jerusalem destroyed by Titus a new city, which he named Heli-Hadrianopolis. Further, it was forbidden for this city to be called by its previous name of Jerusalem. He commanded that the Holy Grave of the Lord be covered with earth and stones, raising on it an idol. On Golgotha, where the Savior was crucified, in 119 AD he erected a temple dedicated to the goddess Venus. Sacrifices were offered before the statue and pagan rites were celebrated, accompanied by prostitution. In Bethlehem, where the Savior had been born of the Most-Pure Virgin, the impious monarch erected an idol to Adonis. All of this he did intending that the people completely forget about Christ the savior and nevermore recollect the place where He lived, taught, suffered and arose in glory.

When Constantine the Great, Equal to the Apostles (306-337) ascended the throne (being the first of the Roman Emperors to recognize Christianity) he, together with his pious mother, Queen Helena, decided to restore the city of Jerusalem, and in the place of the suffering and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ to erect a new Church, to cleanse all of the places connected with the memory of Jesus from the pagan cult, and again consecrated all of them. The Orthodox Queen Helena left for Jerusalem with a great quantity of gold, and the Emperor sent a letter to Patriarch Macarius I (313-323) in which he asked every kind of aid in the holy task of restoring the Christian holy places.

Having arrived in Jerusalem, the pious Queen destroyed all the idols and cleansed the city of pagan cult objects, consecrating the defiled places. She burned with the desire to raise up the Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ and so she

commanded that the digging proceed at the place where the Temple of Venus had stood. There the covered Grave of the Lord was discovered, as well as the place of execution, not far from which were found three crosses and four nails, as well as the sign board which had been nailed over His head.

In order to determine which of the three crosses belonged to the Savior, Patriarch Macarius ordered that all the crosses, in turn, be placed on a dead person who was being brought to a place of burial. When the Cross of Christ touched the dead one, he immediately came to life. With great joy, the Orthodox Queen and Patriarch together lifted up the Life-creating Cross and showed it to all the people standing by. Later the Church of the Holy Sepulcher was constructed on the site, enclosing within its walls the place of the crucifixion of the Savior as well as His Tomb and a Feast was instituted for September 14(27) commemorating the glorious Exaltation of the Cross



Tropar - Tone 1

O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance. Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries; and by virtue of Your Cross, preserve Your habitation

Kondak - Tone 4

As You were voluntarily crucified for our sake; grant mercy to those who are called by Your name; make all Orthodox Christians glad by Your power, granting them victories over their adversaries, by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Your weapon of peace.

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TRUST IN GOD

Jeremiah the Prophet speaks of trust in God when he told his people, "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his arm and strength . . . Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, to whom the Lord is his confidence" (Jeremiah 17:5, 7).

What Jeremiah deplores is not mutual confidence among people but the replacement of faith in God with total trust in human resources. The problem with relying solely on human resources is that it doesn't work and is fruitless. It can be compared with a desert shrub, dwarfed and stunted in growth because of a lack of water. It remains a shrub and not a tree.

Similarly, the lack of trust in God lowers the spiritual energies and dwarfs the whole life of a person. Those who are dwarfed from a lack of trust in God and live only with confidence in themselves and in human resources do not avail themselves of blessings that God sends to be able to grow to maturity and yield fruit.

On the other hand, the person who places his trust in God is blessed. He or she is not like a shrub but a tree, nourished and refreshed because he or she is planted by the waters of life, of God's blessings. A tree planted by running water always yields fruit, a sign of good health. "How happy is the man who has not walked in the counsel of the wicked . . . For he is like a tree planted by streams of water, that yields its fruit in its season, and whose leaf does not wither; whatever it bears comes to maturity" (Psalm 1:1-3).

Feast Day of the Holy Cross

There are two stories surrounding the precious and life-giving Cross of our Savior that bear repeating as we commemorate the Feast Day of its Exaltation and Elevation. The first centers on how it came to be found by Saint Helena in the first place. It seems that the mother of the Emperor Constantine led an expedition to Jerusalem, determined to find the greatest of all Christian relics. Nearly 300 years had passed since Christ's Crucifixion: who would remember what happened to the Cross? After inquiring of scores of Christians and Jews alike, an elderly Hebrew named Jude was able to shed some light on this clouded picture. He believed that the Cross was buried under a pagan temple dedicated to Venus. The temple was destroyed and the Cross discovered! After witnessing a dead man being brought back to life and a sick woman cured instantly after being touched by the Cross, Jude himself declared his belief in Christ and was baptized into the Faith. This humble man received the name "Cyriacus" and later became Bishop of Jerusalem, suffering a martyr's death during the reign of Julian the Apostate.

The second story would occur 300 years later. In the 7th century, the Cross was seized and taken from Jerusalem to Persia. When it was later recaptured and returned to Jerusalem, the Emperor Heraclius, gloriously arrayed in his imperial crown and finest purple robes, attempted to carry it back into the church of the Resurrection. An invisible force, however blocked his path! The Patriarch Zacharias pointed out that the One Who originally carried the Cross to Golgotha did so with great humility. It was only when the Emperor removed his lavish garments that he was able to make his entrance into the Church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY - is expressed to the following: Sebastian Krauthauser, 9/26 & Nicholas Czernik, 9/28. 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

UOL MEETING – Today during Coffee Hour

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

MESSAGE FROM OUR TREASURER

As many of you know, summer is a time for relaxation and vacation. Hopefully, many of you had the opportunity to have some time for some fun in the sun. Unfortunately, the vacation time has reflected in the attendance at Sunday services and in our collections. The past three weeks we have collected about \$2,500. Unfortunately, we need \$2,700 a week in order to our utilities, our mortgage, Father's salary, property insurance, maintenance, trash and other bills. On behalf of our Parish Board, I am asking that you be generous in the next weeks collections so that we may overcome this financial deficit. May God reward your kindness. Michael Tilson, Treasurer

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

DANCING UNDER THE STARS – Special thanks to our Chairperson, Linda Hnatow and all who helped bring food (it was delicious). Special thanks also to all who attended. I can't wait to see what next year will bring!!

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

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

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

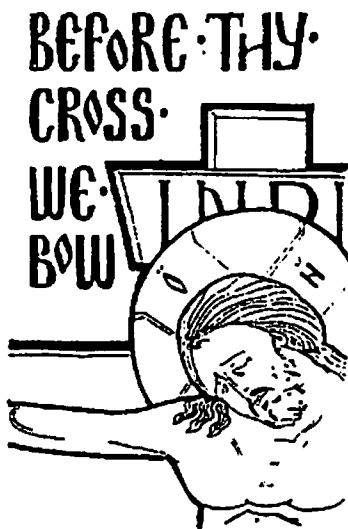
Saturday, October 16 – Pinching potato and cheese pyrohy

Monday, October 25 – 150 lbs of Butter and Onions

Tuesday, November 2 – Peeling potatoes

Wednesday, November 3 – Pinching potato pyrohy

(More will be added to the schedule)



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!

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of September 27 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

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

GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

September 26 - David and Eve Lazaration

October 3 - Nancy Tur, Zina Twardus

October 10 - John and Sandy Cramer

October 17 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik & Alexander Smith

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

September 26 – Lorraine Neff and Pani Elizabeth

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

READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

September 26 - Andrew Duncan

October 3 - Linda Hnatow

October 10 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

October 17 - Jean Roeth

October 24 - John Plachuta

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL – Archimandrite Raphael, Father Vasili Andrejuk, Father George Bazylevsky, Father John Bohush, Father Vasyi 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 Golovniov, 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, 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 Zomcakh & James Zook.

BE A RECRUIT FOR JESUS

We have all seen the commercials on television that the Armed Forces use to get recruits. They are alluring appeals to the young men and women of our land. They want people to enlist. They show all the advantages of life in the service -- travel, good pay, medical service, insurance, pension, specialized training, and the like. But nothing is said of the hardships, the drilling, studying, discipline, loneliness and above all the danger.



When our Lord wanted to get recruits into the Church, He did just the OPPOSITE. "Whoever will come after Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and come and follow Me," Christ said. That was His invitation to every man, woman and child who would become a disciple of His. Some people think that these words are addressed only to prospective priests, but a careful reading of the text shows He was talking to ALL who would follow Him.

Christ told His listeners that to be a real Christian was bound to cost something. Jesus calls us to deny ourselves of that which will rob us of ETERNAL JOY. Realize that there are passing pleasures of sin and consider the greater treasures that Christ offers. A person must deny his whole self, including all of his natural impulses and motives.

The process of denial is to humbly submit your will to God above. It means to say "NO" to yourself and to say "YES" to God. This may be a frightening thought. But remember, our Lord is there with open arms, willing to love and embrace us all.