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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

November 20, 2022
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Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of November 20 - 27, 2022
Celebrating our 95th year of Service to the Lord

Sunday, November 20 – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 5

8:30 AM - Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Panakhyda: +Christine Ann Kuhn (40th Day) – Carl Krauthauser

Coffee Hour

Monday, November 21 – Feast of St. Michael and the Archangels

7:00 AM - Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, November 22

6:00 PM – Joint Choir Rehearsal

7:00 PM – Community Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday, November 23

6:00 PM – Moleben of Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 24

8:00 AM – Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 27 – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 6

8:30 AM - Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Blessing of the New Sign

Coffee Hour – UOL Meeting

12:00 Noon – Panakhyda for those Who Died in the Artificial Famine in Ukraine

Together with ST. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church

SCRIPTURAL READINGS

23rd Sunday after Pentecost – Matins: Matthew 28:16-20; Liturgy: Ephesians 2:4-10; Luke 8:41-56 - ; Great Vespers: Joshua 5:13-15; Judges 6:2, 7, 11, 24; Isaiah 14:7-20

Monday - Feast of St. Michael and the Other Bodiless Powers –Matins: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43; Liturgy: Hebrews 2:2-10; Luke 10:16-21; Day: 1 Thessalonians 2:20-3:8; Luke 12:13-15, 22-31

Tuesday – 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 12:42-48

Wednesday – 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12; Luke 12:48-59

Thursday – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-8; Luke 13:1-9

Friday – 1 Thessalonians 5:9-13, 24-28; Luke 13:31-35

Saturday – St. John Chrysostom – Matins: John 10:1-9; Liturgy: Hebrews 7:26-8:2; John 10:9-16; Day: 2 Corinthians 11:1-6; Luke 9:37-43

24th Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Apostle Philip – Matins: Mark 16:1-8; Liturgy: Ephesians 2:14-22; Luke 10:25-37; Apostle Philip: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16; John 1:43-51

NOVEMBER 21 - The Sobor [Assemblage] of the Chief of the Heavenly Hosts Michael and the Other Heavenly Bodiless Powers. The Archangels: Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Selaphiel, Jehudiel, Barachiel, and Jeremiel

The Celebration of the Sobor [Assemblage] of the Leader of the Heavenly Hosts Michael, and the Other Heavenly Bodiless Hosts was established at the beginning of the IV Century at the local Laodician Council, which occurred several years before the First Ecumenical Council. The Laodician Council by its 35th Canon condemned and renounced as heretical the worship of angels as creators and rulers of the world and it affirmed their proper Orthodox veneration. A feast day was established in November -- the ninth month from March (with which month the year began in ancient times) -- in accordance with the 9 Ranks of Angels. The eighth day of the month was decreed for the intended Sobor [Assemblage] of all the Heavenly Powers -- in conjunction with the Day of the Dread Last-Judgment of God, which the holy fathers called the "Eighth Day" -- since after this age in which the seven days [of Creation] have elapsed will come the "Eighth Day" -- and then "shall come the Son of Man in His Glory and all the holy Angels together with Him" (Mt 25:31).

The Angelic Ranks are divided into three Hierarchies: highest, middle, and lowest. In the Highest Hierarchy are included the three Ranks: the Seraphim, Cherubim and Thrones. Closest of all to the Most Holy Trinity stand the six-winged **Seraphim** [Seraphimy] (Flaming, and Fiery) (Is 6:12). They blaze with love for God and impel others to it. After the Seraphim there stand before the Lord the many-eyed **Cherubim** [Cheruvimy] (Gen 3:24). Their name means: outpouring of wisdom, enlightenment, since through them -- radiating with the light of Divine-knowledge and understanding of the mysteries of God,

there is sent down wisdom and enlightenment for true Divine-knowledge. After the Cherubim, stand God-bearing through grace given them for their service, the **Thrones** [Prestoly] (Col 1:16), mysteriously and incomprehensibly upholding God. They serve the uprightness of God's justice.

The Middle Angelic Hierarchy consists of three Ranks: Dominions, Powers, and Authorities:

Dominions [Hospodstva] (Col 1:16) hold dominion over the successive ranks of Angels. They instruct the earthly authorities, established from God, to wise governance. The Dominions influence rule by miracles, they quell sinful impulses, subordinate the flesh to the spirit, and provide mastery over the will to conquer temptation.

Powers [Sily] (1 Pet 3:22) fulfill the will of God. They work the miracles and send down the grace of wonder-working and perspicacity to saints pleasing to God. The Powers give assist to people in bearing obediences, encourage them in patience, and give them spiritual strength and fortitude.

Authorities [Vlasti] (1 Pet 3:22, Col 1:16) have authority to quell the power of the devil. They repel from people demonic temptations, uphold ascetics and guard them, helping people in the struggle with evil ponderings.

In the Lowest Hierarchy are included the three Ranks: Principalities, Archangels, and Angels:

Principalities [Nachala] (Col 1:16) have command over the lower angels, instructing them in the fulfilling of Divine commands. To them are entrusted to direct the universe, and protect lands, nations and peoples. Principalities instruct people to render honor to everyone, as becomes their station. They teach those in authority to fulfill their necessary obligations, not for personal glory and gain, but out of respect for God and benefit for neighbor.

Archangels [Arkhanhely] (1 Thess 4:16) announce about the great and most holy, they reveal the mysteries of the faith, prophecy and understanding of the will of God, they intensify deep faith in people, enlightening their minds with the light of the Holy Gospel.

Angels [Anhely] (1 Pet 3:22) are closest to all to people. They proclaim the intent of God, guiding people to virtuous and holy life. They protect believers restraining them from falling, and they raise up the fallen; never do they abandon us and always they are prepared to help us, if we so desire.

All the Ranks of the Heavenly Powers have in common the name Angels -- by virtue of their service. The Lord reveals His will to the highest of the Angels, and they in turn inform the others.

From Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition are likewise known the Archangels:

- Gabriel** -- strength (power) of God, herald and servitor of Divine almightiness (Dan 8:16, Lk 1:26).
- Raphael** -- the healing of God, the curer of human infirmities (Tobit 3:16, 12:15).
- Uriel** -- the fire or light of God, enlightener (3 Ezdras 5:20).
- Selaphiel** -- the prayer of God, impelling to prayer (3 Ezdras 5:16).
- Jehudiel** -- the glorifying of God, encouraging exertion for the glory of the Lord and interceding about the reward of efforts.
- Barachiel** -- distributor of the blessing of God for good deeds, entreating the mercy of God for people.
- Jeremiel** -- the raising up to God (3 Ezdras 4:36).

On icons the Archangels are depicted in accord with the trait of their service:

- Michael** -- tramples the devil underfoot, and in his left hand holds a green date-tree branch, and in his right hand a spear with a white banner (or sometimes a fiery sword), on which is outlined a scarlet cross.
- Gabriel** -- with a branch from paradise, presented by him to the Most Holy Virgin, or with a shining lantern in his right hand and with a mirror made of jasper in his left.
- Raphael** -- holds a vessel with healing medications in his left hand, and with his right hand leads Tobias, carrying the fish [for healing -- Tobit 5-8].
- Uriel** -- in raised right hand hold a bare sword at the level of his chest, and in his lowered left hand "a fiery flame."
- Selaphiel** -- in a prayerful posture, gazing downwards, hands folded to the chest.
- Jehudiel** -- in his right hand holds a golden crown, in his left a whip of three red (or black) branches.
- Barachiel** -- on his garb are a multitude of rose blossoms.
- Jeremiel** -- holds in his hand balance-scales.

LINCOLN'S 1863 THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION (IN PART)

The year that is drawing towards its close has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added which are of so extraordinary a nature that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever-watchful providence of Almighty God.

No human counsel hath devised, nor hath any mortal hand worked out these things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy.

It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be reverently, solemnly, and gratefully acknowledged, as with one heart and voice, by the whole American people.

It is interesting to note that it wasn't until we were at war, the Civil War to be exact, that our Thanksgiving holiday was officially recognized by Congress. It had started in the small Plymouth Colony in 1621 when the English Pilgrims feasted with members of the Wampanoag (Wam·pa·no·ag) Indians who brought gifts of food as a gesture of goodwill. The custom grew in various colonies as a means of celebrating the harvest. In 1777, over 100 years later, the continental congress proclaimed a national day of Thanksgiving after the American Revolution victory at the Battle of Saratoga. But it was twelve years later that George Washington proclaimed another national day of thanksgiving in honor of the ratification of the Constitution and requested that the congress finally make it an annual event. They declined and it would be another 100 years and the end of a bloody civil war before President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November Thanksgiving. The year was 1863. It might surprise you to learn that it took still another 40 years, the early 1900's, before the tradition really caught on. For you see Lincoln's official Thanksgiving was sanctioned in order to bolster the Union's morale. Many Southerners saw the new holiday as an attempt to impose Northern customs on their conquered land.

Thanksgiving today is a mild-mannered holiday full of football, hot apple pie, and family reunions. But that's not a realistic historical picture of Thanksgiving. It is more often born of adversity and difficult times. So many of the greatest expressions of thanksgiving have occurred under circumstances so debilitating one wonders why people give thanks. It would seem a more reasonable response would be bitterness and ingratitude.

It is a paradox. In times of plenty we become indifferent. The smallest gifts are overlooked and unappreciated. We might even regard the basic pleasures of life with contempt. But, let hard times come and the threat that these gifts will be taken from us and we are jolted into sudden recognition and gratitude. What are the characteristics of a truly grateful people? I would like to offer three observations in answer to that question: The first characteristic of a truly grateful people is remembrance. When we are truly grateful we are slow to forget what made us grateful. The second characteristic of a truly grateful people is humility. When we are truly grateful we humbly confess that we are indebted to God, that we belong to him and that we are not our own. The third characteristic of truly grateful people is their recognition of the goodness of God. When we are truly grateful we come to understand that God's mercies endure forever.

ALWAYS THANKFUL

BY Roy B. Wilkins

It's easy to be thankful with a bounteous table spread,
But could I offer sincere thanks for just a crust of bread?
It's easy to be thankful when I'm feeling well and strong
But what about the pain-wracked hours when time seems oh so long?
It's no effort to be thankful when the sun shines all the day
But how about the other times when things don't go my way?
When friends misunderstand and so freely criticize?
When someone I most dearly loved quite suddenly dies?
When bills keep piling up on me until they're mountain high?
When I can't seem to get ahead – no matter how I try?
“In everything give thanks,” I read; and this I know is right
The sacrifice of praise to God I know is His delight.
So help me Lord to do the thing that pleases Thee
Count my rich blessings every day and always thankful be!

THANK YOU LORD

By Linda Headley

We pray when there's a crisis and when things are going bad
But seldom do we talk to God to tell Him that we're glad
We pray for things we just must have to make our lives complete
But seldom do we thank the Lord for shoes upon our feet.
We pray for those who are not well and need His healing hand
But rarely we say “Thank You God” each morning when we stand.
He must know that we're grateful though we know that He's so smart
He knows what's in our minds and souls and sees inside each heart.
But still we could at least say “Thanks” our gratefulness express
We say that much to others who have given us much less.
So next time when we gather 'round and bow our heads to pray
Let's take some time to thank the Lord for all we have each day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY - is expressed to Nancy Billon, 11/21; Alla Novikov, 11/23; Thomas Scholz, 11/23 & Maria Kaliakin, 11/24. May God grant him a very happy birthday and keep him for many, happy and blessed years!

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.

TAKING ORDERS FOR PYROHY FOR CHRISTMAS

Monday and Tuesday, December 5 & 6 from 9AM – 11AM

Monday and Tuesday, December 12 & 13 from 9AM – 11AM

Pick up Friday, November 16

MAKING PYROHY – Saturday, December 3 – WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

November 20 – John Plachuta

November 27 – Andrew Duncan

December 4 - Linda Hnatow

December 11 - Thomas Sulpizi

December 18 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

December 25 - Jean Roeth

GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

November 20 - David and Eve Lazaration

November 27 - Zina Twardus

December 4 - John and Sandy Cramer

December 11 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik

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!

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of November 21 - Mark & Laura Andreas

Week of November 28 - John Plachuta and David Lazaration

Week of December 5 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of December 12 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

Week of December 19 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of December 26 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

TENTATIVE CALENDER OF EVENTS

Tuesday, November 22 – Community Thanksgiving Service (Sts. Peter & Paul)

Monday, November 28 – Beginning St. Philip's Fast

Friday, December 9 – Boy Scout Lock-in

Sunday, December 18 – UOL Cookie Sale

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Saturday, January 7 – Nativity of Our Lord

Saturday, January 28 – Wine Tasting

Sunday, February 5 – ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, February 27 – First Day of the Fast

Saturday, April 1 – Spring Bazaar

MEETINGS

UOL MEETING – Sunday, November 27 – After Liturgy

PARISH BOARD – Wednesday, December 14 @ 6:30 PM

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

November 20 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

November 27 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

December 4 – Ann Duncan and Linda Hnatow

December 11 – Ann Duncan and Linda Hnatow

December 18 – Matthew Andreas and Victor Kaliakin

December 25 – Matthew Andreas and Victor Kaliakin

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.

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 November 27.

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 Wronskyj, Matushka Andrejuk, Matushka Laura Odell, 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, 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, Pam Ferguson, 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, John Hnatow, Michael Hnatow, Daniel Holoziak, Jennifer Huertes, Sally Hutnick, Joette Jago, Stephen Johnson, Linda Josepinson, Rosalie Ann Kane, Michael Kapelus, Charles Kaszytski, Julia Kaszytski, Walter Katolik, Diane Keyser, Wendy Klinedinst, Judith Kocinski, Lorissa Kozakova, Ludmyla Krawchenko, Mykola Krawchenko, Volodymyr Krasnopera, Sue Kreisa-Christian, Marlene Kuhar, Karen Livick, Charles Lontor, Genevieve Luchejko, Alla Lysenko, Jeremy Madea, Andrew Makolynyk, Jean Marano, Frederick McCarthy, Beth McKirachan, Fred McKirachan, Stephen McNulty, 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, Alexandra Sparco, 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.

A WARRIOR FOR OUR LORD

The **GREAT MARTYR MENAS** was born an Egyptian and served as a soldier in the mighty Roman army. The emperors at that time issued a decree ordering that all Christians were to worship idols or face torture. The blessed Menas renounced his rank and withdrew to a life of ascetic struggles in the mountains. He felt it better to live among beasts than in the midst of people who abandoned God.

During this time, Menas studied the Bible and cleansed his soul with prayer and fasting. He desired to live out his life in peace. But after much time had passed, he was made aware of a pagan festival being held nearby. The heathen population intended to honor their vile gods with spectacles in an arena. Filled with zeal and courage, Menas entered the space and proclaimed "I am the servant of Jesus Christ, Who rules over heaven and earth!"

Menas was immediately detained and tortured. Even extreme cruelty failed to bend the will of this devout Christian. Ultimately he was beheaded and burned.

Today we as Christians face a difficult situation in giving witness to our faith in Christ. Society bids us to sacrifice before the gods of pleasure, power, self-indulgence and glamour. We need to respond to all these allurements by keeping our eyes on Jesus and our ears tuned to His words.

One may think that the world has changed so radically that none of the old beliefs and traditions are valid in our day. But this is not so. We should be careful about dumping our old traditions for all too often nothing but a void is left. As St. Paul said: "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever . . ." Let Christ be as vital to us as He was to the Great Martyr Menas.