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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

February 10, 2019
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Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of February 10 - 17, 2019
Celebrating our 92nd year of Service to the Lord

Sunday, February 10 – Sunday of Zacchaeus – Tone 4

8:30 – 9:00 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

Monday, February 11

7:00 PM – Bible Study

Tuesday, February 12 – Feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs

8:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, February 13

9:00 AM – Steaming Cabbage

Thursday, February 14 – Vigil of the Presentation of Our Lord

6:00 PM – Vesperal Liturgy for the Faithful

Sunday, February 17 – Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee – Tone 5

SCOUT SUNDAY – Troop #70 “The Peacemakers”

8:30 – 9:00 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Oath of Office for Our New Officers

Panakhya: +Stella Thomas (40th Day)

Panakhya: +Dorothy Tyrawski (36 Yr. An.), Stephania Hnatow (8 Yr. An.) &

+John Hnatow (5 Yr. AN.) – Linda Hnatow & Michael Tilson

Coffee Hour

SCRIPTURAL READINGS

Sunday of Zacchaeus – Matins: Luke 24:1-12; Liturgy: 1 Timothy 4:9-15; Luke 19:1-10
Monday – 1 Peter 2:21-3:9; Mark 12:13-17; Great Vespers: Deuteronomy. (1:8-11; 15-17); Deuteronomy. (10: 14-21); Wisdom. (3:1-9)
Tuesday – Feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs – Matins: John 10:9-16; Liturgy: Hebrews 13:7-16; Matthew 5:14-19; Day: 1 Peter 3:10-22; Mark 12:18-27
Wednesday – 1 Peter 4:1-11; Mark 12:28-37
Thursday – 1 Peter 4:12-5:5; Mark 12:38-44; Great Vespers: 1st Reading-Exodus 12:51-13:3; 10-12; 14-16; 22-29; Numbers 8:16-17; Leviticus 12:1-4; 6-8; Numbers 8:16-17. 2nd Reading – Isaiah 6:1-12; 3rd Reading Isaiah 19:1-5; 12, 16,19-21.
Friday – Presentation of Our Lord: Matins: Luke 2:25-32; Liturgy: Hebrews 7:7-17; Luke 2:22-40; Day: 2 Peter 1:1-10; Mark 13:1-8
Saturday – 2 Timothy 3:10-15; Luke 18:10-14
Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee – Matins: Luke 24:12-35; Liturgy: 2 Timothy 3:10-15; Luke 18:10-14

THE PRESENTATION IN THE TEMPLE



The Gospel of St. Luke speaks of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple as follows: "When the days were completed for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord just as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord', and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate of the Law of the Lord" (Luke 2:22-24).

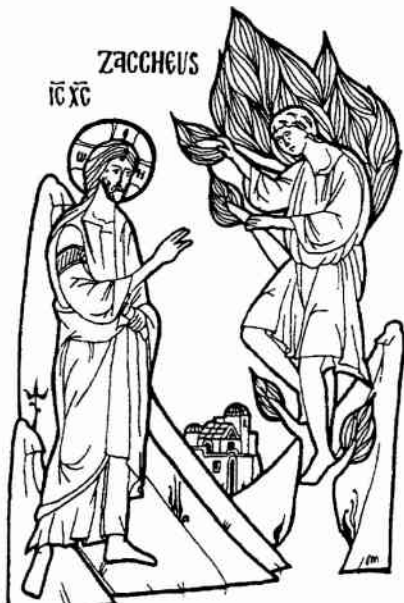
According to the Law (Exodus 3:2) every first-born male of human or animal was sacred to God. When a woman gave birth to a son, she was considered ritually unclean for forty days; if a girl, for eight days. She could not enter the Temple or share in any religious ceremonies (Leviticus 12). At the end of that time she had to bring to the Temple a lamb for a burnt offering and a young pigeon as a sin offering. Since this was rather expensive for the poor, it was adjusted so that the two pigeons were acceptable. It was this "offering of the poor" that Mary brought.

The Gospel continues with Simeon. "This man was righteous and devout awaiting the consolation of Israel and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It was revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he should see the Messiah of the Lord. He came

in the Spirit into the Temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the Law in regard to him, he took Him into his arms and blessed God, saying: `Now Master, You may let Your servant go in peace, according to Your word, for my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You prepared in sight of all the people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel.'"

In preparation for and for our own spiritual edification during the season of the Great Fast, our bulletin will include excerpts from the book, **GREAT LENT: A JOURNEY TO PASCHA** by Father Alexander Schmemmann. I would suggest this book to be read by all of our parishioners for the insights and spiritual awakening of the season of the Fast.

In the early Church, the main purpose of Lent was to prepare the "catechumen," that is, the newly converted Christian for Baptism. which at that time was performed during the paschal Liturgy. But even when the Church rarely baptized adults and the institution of the catechumenate disappeared, the basic meaning of Lent remained the same. For even though we are baptized, what we constantly lose and betray is precisely that which we received at Baptism. Therefore Easter is our return every year to our own Baptism, whereas Lent is our preparation for that return - the slow and sustained effort to perform, at the end, our own "passage" or "pascha" into the new life in Christ. If Lenten worship preserves even today its catechetical and baptismal character, it is not as "archaeological" remains of the past, but as something valid and essential for us. For each year Lent and Easter are, once again, the discovery and the recovery by us of what we are made through our own baptismal death and resurrection.



A journey, a pilgrimage! Yet, as we begin it, as we make the first step into the "bright sadness" of Lent, we see - far away - the destination. It is the joy of Easter, it is the entrance into the glory of the Kingdom. And it is this vision, the foretaste of Easter, that makes Lent's sadness bright and our Lenten effort a "spiritual spring". The night may be dark and long, but all along the way a mysterious and radiant dawn seems to shine on the horizon. "Do not deprive us of our expectation, O Lover of mankind!"

PREPARATION FOR LENT

1. THE DESIRE : SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS

Long before the actual beginning of Lent, the church announces its approach and invites us to enter into the

period of pre-Lenten preparation. It is a characteristic feature of the Orthodox liturgical tradition that every major feast or season - Easter, Christmas, Lent, etc. - is announced and "prepared" in advance. Why? Because of the deep psychological insight by the Church into human nature. Knowing our lack of concentration and the frightening "worldliness" of our life, the Church knows our inability to change rapidly, to go abruptly from one spiritual or mental state to another. Thus, long before the actual effort of Lent is to begin, the Church calls our attention to its seriousness and invites us to meditate on its significance. Before we can "practice" Lent we are given its "meaning". This preparation includes five consecutive Sundays preceding Lent, each one of them - through its particular Gospel lesson - dedicated to some fundamental aspect of repentance.

The very announcement of Lent is made the Sunday on which the Gospel lesson about Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10) is read. It is the story of a man who was too short to see Jesus but who **DESIRED** so much to see Him that he climbed up a tree. Jesus responded to his desire and went to his house. Thus the theme of this first announcement is **DESIRE**. Man follows his desire. One can even say that man **IS** desire, and this fundamental psychological truth about human nature is acknowledged by the Gospel: "Where your treasure is," says Christ, "there will your heart be." A strong desire overcomes the natural limitations of man; when he passionately desires something he does things of which "normally" he is incapable. Being "short", he overcomes and transcends himself. The only question, therefore, is whether we desire the right things, whether the power of desire in us is aimed at the right goal, or whether - in the words of the existentialist atheist, Jean Paul Sartre - man is a "useless passion".

Zacchaeus desired the "right thing"; he wanted to see and approach Christ. He is the first symbol of repentance, for repentance begins as the rediscovery of the deep nature of all desire: the desire for God and His righteousness, for the true life. Zacchaeus is "short" - petty, sinful and limited - yet his desire overcomes all of this. It "forces" Christ's attention; it brings Christ to his home. Such, then, is the first announcement, the first invitation: ours is to **DESIRE** that which is deepest and truest in ourselves, to acknowledge the thirst and hunger for the Absolute which is in us whether we know it or not, and which, when we deviate from it and turn our desires away, makes us indeed a "useless passion". And if we desire deeply enough, strongly enough, Christ will respond.

Feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs

On January 30 (February 12) we celebrate the memory of three great and very outstanding bishops, teachers, preachers and Fathers of the Eastern Church: St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory the Theologian and St. John Chrysostom. Among our people this feast is known as the feast of the "Three Saints." These three hierarchs-bishops were giants of faith, courage, holiness and learning. They handed down to us the pure faith of the Council of Nicea; they expounded the dogmas of the Holy Trinity, Christ's divinity and the Holy Eucharist. Because of their great merits, in her liturgy our Eastern Church calls them peers of the Apostles, instruments of the Holy Spirit, pillars of the Church and universal teachers of the whole world. All three lived in the fourth century-the golden age of the Christian faith. St. Basil and St. Gregory were sons of Cappadocia in Asia Minor, intimate friends of approximately the same age. St. John Chrysostom, an Antiochian, was younger than the other two by twenty years. Apostolic zeal for the holy faith and salvation of souls united them. .

The feast of the Three Hierarchs is one of the very recent feasts of the Greek Church. A great dispute in the second half of the eleventh century gave rise to the institution of this feast. This controversy arose among Christians over which of these three Saints contributed the most to the Church. Some thought St. Basil to be the greatest, others, St. Gregory the Theologian, still others, St. John Chrysostom. Those who were advocates of St. Basil were called Basilians, those of St. Gregory- Gregorians, and those of St. John Chrysostom-Joanites. This dispute was settled by the three bishops themselves. Each one separately, and later all three together, appeared to John, Bishop of the city of Echaïta (a suburb of Constantinople), who was known for his wisdom, learning and virtue, and said: "We, as you can see, are one before God and there is nothing between us that is contrary or controversial; each one of us, differently inspired by the Holy Spirit, taught that which was necessary for the salvation of man. Therefore, there is no first or second among us, but as you call one so shall the others be called. Arise, then, and command those who are arguing over us, not to divide themselves, for as during life, so too after death, our goal is to bring peoples from all comers of the earth to peace and unity. Institute, therefore, the celebration of our memory on the same day, as all three of us are of the same rank before God, and we shall help those to achieve salvation, who shall celebrate our memory."

In 1076, Bishop John did as the three bishops commanded him. However, because holy Church already celebrated the memory of each one separately, he designated the 30th of January as the day for their common feast. In addition to this, he had a sermon in their honor, and composed troparions, canons and sticheras. Our chronicles at the end of 1076 mention the institution of this feast in Greece.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY - is expressed to the following: Karen Humphrey, 2/13. May God grant her a very happy birthday and keep her for many, happy and blessed years!

THE POWER OF PRAYER – Please remember your daily prayer for our country. Today, we begin Day 7.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – what a great meeting. Our prayers and congratulations are expressed to our 2019 Parish Board who will be installed next Sunday, February 17:

President:	Very Rev. Stephen Hutnick
Vice Pres.:	Alex Czernik
Secretary:	Nancy Hlywiak
Corresponding Sec.:	Jean Roeth
Treasurer:	Michael Tilson
Financial Secretary:	Pani Elizabeth Hutnick
Assistant Fin. Sec.:	Kathy Duncan
Auditors:	John Plachuta Mark Andreas Thomas Kasprzak
Trustees:	Victor Kaliakin (5 Yr.) Lorraine Neff (4 Yr.) Ann Duncan (3 Yr.) Linda Hnatow (2 Yr.) Thomas Bringle (1 Yr.)

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY – On behalf of our UOL, we would like to thank all those who participated in last week's Souper Bowl Sunday. Because of your generosity, a total of \$419.00 was collected for Saint Andrew's Society who will deliver the money to the Soup Kitchens in Ukraine. Thank you for your support.

PYROHY – ORDERS (9-11AM) (302) 798-4588

Monday – Tuesday

February 18 & 19

March 18 & 19

MAKING & PICKUP

Friday

February 22

March 22

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.

A NEW FREEZER – will be purchased by our Sisterhood for the needs of the Parish and to be able to make more food for our Parish Bazaars and generate a greater cash flow in support of the Parish. The cost of the freezer is \$3,500.00. Anyone wishing to help contribute to the cost of the freezer can see Kathy Duncan or Lorraine Neff. Thanks for your support!

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!

MEETINGS - MINISTRIES

PARISH BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, March 5 @ 6:30 PM

GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 10 - Nancy Tur, Zina Twardus

February 17 - John and Sandy Cramer

February 24 - David & Eve Lazaration

March 3 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik & Alexander Smith

READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 10 - John Plachta

February 17 - Irene Maskaly

February 24 - Andrew Duncan

March 3 - Jean Roeth

March 10 - Linda Hnatow

March 17 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

March 24 - Jean Roeth

March 31 - Thomas Kasprzak

TRUSTEES MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

February 10 – Irene Maskaly and Linda Hnatow

February 17 – Thomas Bringle and Linda Hnatow

February 24 – Lorraine Neff and Victor Kaliakin

March 3 – Lorraine Neff and Victor Kaliakin

March 10 – Ann Duncan and Thomas Bringle

March 17 – Ann Duncan and Thomas Bringle

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES – will begin at our Parish on Wednesday, March 13 with the Canon of St. Andrew at 6:00 PM and a Lenten Supper to follow.

DUE TO A SCHEDULE CONFLICT – The Icon of Our Lady of Iveron of Taylor, PA will visit our Parish on Saturday, June 15th. More later.

GETTING READY FOR THE SPRING BAZAAR – we have much to prepare for with the number of people we had at the last Bazaar. Here is the schedule of work parties that are scheduled so far:

Steaming Cabbage – February 13 @ 9:00 AM

Baking nut rolls – Tuesday, February 26 @ 9:00 AM

Making holubtsi – Saturday, March 16 @ 9:30 AM

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of February 11 - John Cramer, Victor Melnychenko & Joseph Thurstlic

Week of February 19 – Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of February 26 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

Week of March 5 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

Week of March 12 - Dawn Daniels, David Duncan & Kathy Duncan

Week of March 19 - Mark & Laura Andreas, Paul Andreas

Tentative 2019 Schedule

Monday, March 11 – First Day of the Fast

Wednesday, March 13 – Community Lenten Service (here)

Saturday, April 13 – Spring Bazaar

Sunday, April 28 – Pascha

Sunday, May 5 – St. Thomas Sunday – Cemeteries

Sunday, May 12 – Mother’s Day Dinner

Saturday, June 15 – Visit by Weeping Icon from Taylor, PA

Sunday, June 16 – Father’s Day Dinner

Monday, June 24 – First Day of the Apostle’s Fast

Sunday, July 14 – Patronal Feast Dinner

Monday, July 15 – 19 – Summer Camp

Saturday, August 3 – UOL Flea Market

Saturday, November 2 – Fall Bazaar

Tuesday, November 26 – Community Thanksgiving Service (Holy Rosary)

Sunday, December 15 – UOL Cookie Sale

DONATIONS FOR THE BAZAAR – of Coke products and water as well as Bounty (Paper Towels) and Bathroom tissue will be graciously accepted.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL – Metropolitan Antony, Archimandrite Raphael, Father Vasili Andrejuk, Father Paul Bigelow, Father John Bohush, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Nestor Kowal, Father Andrew Molewski, Father John Nakonechney, Father James Norton, Father Victor Wronskyj, father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Pani Dobrodyka Lisa Weremedic, Mykola, Brennan, Deborah, Charles, Galina, Dolores, Krystyna, Julian, Madison, Mykola, Rita, Ryan, Randy Allen, Carolyn Angelo, Colby Atkinson, Shannon Austin, Stephania Bacha, Joyce Belles, Neil Belles, Mary Berbick, Ethel Bernhard, Yaroslav Bilinsky, Betty Bosland, Angie Brengle, Paul Brengle, Patricia Bringle, Richard Bringle, John Brick, Fedir Bukacz, George Burns, Christine Cain, Mark Cello, Betty Charney, Mildred (Myrophora) Christo, Erik Colazo, Mary Crystal, Patricia Crystal, Alex Czernik, Sharon Dalaski, Stephen Dalecki, David Dalldorf, Peter DiVirgilio, John Dmytryk, James Dudrick, David Duncan, Rose Eldridge, Thomas Fagan, Stephen Farrell, James Garrett, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovnio, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Mary Eleanor Hamilton, Rick Hastings, Dolores Helms, Victoria Herrschaft, Daniel Holoviak, Caroline Humphrey, Richard Humphrey, Sally Hutnick, Joette Jago, Stephen Johnson, Linda Josepinson, Rosalie Ann Kane, Josephine Kapelus, Sandra Kasch, Thomas Kasprzak, Charles Kaszytski, Julia Kaszytski, Diane Keyser, Barbara Kirylic, Judith Kocinski, Ludmyla Krawchenko, Mykola Krawchenko, Emma Krasnopera, Volodymyr Krasnopera, Sue Kreisa-Christian, Marlene Kuhar, Karen Livick, Charles Lontor, Alla Lysenko, Andrew Makolynyk, Paul Markow, Natalia McDonough, Ronald Michel, Lisa Miller, Matthew Miller, Mary Elizabeth Moran, Barry Morris, Elsie Moroz, Michael Moroz, Karen Needham, Julie Neff, Ann Nester, Laurie Newman, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry Pinkowicz, Bernice Pinkowicz, Ryan Pinkowicz, Valentina Plachuta, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Lynn Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Roman, Fred Royer, Alla Rudawsky, John Ruczhak, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, Maria Russak, Dana Sargent, Charles Scully, Doris Scully, Joella Seale, Clay Seman, Larissa Serth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Richard Simmons, Emily Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Rich Steinman, Joseph Stevens, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczyszyn, Wasyl Szeremeta, Tatiana Szwec, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, Lydia Thomas, Brysen Tomei, Dominic Tomei, Mark Tomei, Violet Tomei, Aria Tonner, Anna Tur, Charles Tyrawsky, Richard Twardus, Martha Vignali, Jack Vognetz, Margaret Vognetz, Marilyn Wagner, John Wardigo, Olena Wasylevska, James Watts, Chris Way, Leah Way, Peter Weremedic, Stephen Wienkowitz, Laura Worley, & James Zook.

ST. GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN

This great saint and teacher of the Church was born about the year 330 in Cappadocia, Asia Minor. His father, Gregory, was a follower of a strange sect but was converted by his Christian wife, Nonna. The father was later ordained a priest, and consecrated as bishop of Nazianzus.

The child Gregory was consecrated to God even at birth. Nonna took her newborn to the Christian temple of the father, and consecrated his tiny hands by laying them on the Gospel. He was given a thorough education in the finest schools of the time, and it was here that he became a close friend of St. Basil the Great.

Gregory became a presbyter, and then, urged by Basil, he accepted consecration as a bishop. He took up residence with his father. But it wasn't long before he was called to be Patriarch of Constantinople. The Church in the imperial city had been devastated by heresies and difficulties, and Bishop Gregory was to restore the faith. At its start, his congregation was so small that they could comfortably gather in a house. Through his saintly example, his sermons and his leadership, Gregory built the Church into a great place of prominence. Here he delivered his discourses on the Nicene faith which earned for him the title of "Theologian."

At a Church Council in 381, Patriarch Gregory delivered his celebrated farewell to the Church. He retired, but never ceased to struggle for the Church. He fell asleep in the Lord at the age of 60 about the year 390. He is honored as one of the "Three Great Hierarchs."

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