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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 2, 2020
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Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of February 2 - 9, 2020
Celebrating our 93rd year of Service to the Lord

Sunday, February 2 – Sunday of Zacchaeus -Tone 8

8:30 – 9:00 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Panakhyda: +John Litchko (15 Yr.) – Peg Litchko

Souper Bowl Sunday – ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, February 3

7:00 PM – Bible Study

Tuesday, February 4

6:30 PM – Sisterhood Board Meeting

Thursday, February 6 – Mother Xenia & St. Xenophant

8:00 AM – Divine Liturgy – Veneration of the Relics

Sunday, February 9 – Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee – Tone 1 – **SCOUT SUNDAY**

8:30 – 9:00 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Installation of Officers

Coffee Hour

SCRIPTURE 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

Tuesday – 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

Friday – 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

SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS

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.



Holy Mother Xenia

Commemorated on January 24/February 6

Saint Xenia of Rome, in the world Eusebia, was the only daughter of an eminent Roman senator. From her youth she loved God, and wished to avoid the marriage arranged for her. She secretly left her parental home with two servants devoted to her, and set sail upon a ship. Through the Providence of God she met the head of the monastery of the holy Apostle Andrew in Milassa, a town of Caria (Asia Minor). She besought him to take her and her companions to Milassa. She also changed her name, calling herself Xenia [which means "stranger" or "foreigner" in Greek].

At Milassa she bought land, built a church dedicated to St Stephen, and founded a woman's monastery. Soon after this, Bishop Paul of Milassa made Xenia a deaconess, because of her virtuous life. The saint helped everyone: for the destitute, she was a benefactress; for the grief-stricken, a comforter; for sinners, a guide to repentance. She possessed a deep humility, accounting herself the worst and most sinful of all.

In her ascetic deeds she was guided by the counsels of the Palestinian ascetic, St Euthymius. The sublime life of St Xenia drew many souls to Christ. The holy virgin died in 450 while she was praying. During her funeral, a luminous wreath of stars surrounding a radiant cross appeared over the monastery in the heavens. This sign accompanied the body of the saint when it was carried into the city, and remained until the saint's burial. Many of the sick received healing after touching the relics of the saint.

Troparion - Tone 3 - Living the life of a stranger in the world * you estranged yourself from every sin * you abandoned comforts and fleeting honors * and betrothed yourself to your Immortal Bridegroom. * Glorious Xenia, entreat Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.

Kontakion - Tone 2 - We celebrate the memory of the life you lived as a stranger in the world * and as we honor you with love, O Xenia * we praise Christ, who gave you power to grant healing to all * ever pray to Him on our behalf.



Saint Xenophon
(Commemorated on January 26/ February 8)

Saint Xenophon, his wife Maria, and their sons Arcadius and John, were noted citizens of Constantinople and lived in the fifth century. Despite their riches and position, they distinguished themselves by their simplicity of soul and goodness of heart. Wishing to give their sons John and Arcadius a more complete education, they sent them off to the Phoenician city of Beirut.

By divine Providence the ship on which both brothers sailed was wrecked. The waves tossed the brothers ashore at different places. Grieved at being separated, the brothers dedicated themselves to God and became monks. For a long time the parents had no news of their children and presumed them to be dead.

Xenophon, however, already quite old, maintained a firm hope in the Lord and consoled his wife Maria, telling her not to be sad, but to believe that the Lord watched over their children. After several years the couple made a pilgrimage to the holy places, and at Jerusalem they met their sons, living in asceticism at different monasteries. The joyful parents gave thanks to the Lord for reuniting the family.

Sts Xenophon and Maria went to separate monasteries and dedicated themselves to God. The monks Arcadius and John, having taken leave of their parents, went out into the wilderness, where after long ascetic toil they were glorified by gifts of wonderworking and discernment. Sts Xenophon and Maria, laboring in silence and strict fasting, also received from God the gift of wonderworking.

Troparion - Tone 4 - O God of our Fathers, * always act with kindness towards us; * take not Your mercy from us * but guide our lives in peace * through the prayers of Venerable Xenophon and his family.

Kontakion - Tone 4 - You kept vigil in the courts of the Lord * with your wife and two children, blessed Xenophon, * and you gladly lavished your wealth on the poor. * Therefore, you have inherited divine joy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY - is expressed to the following: Vera Muntyanu, 2/3; Keith Beaudean, 2/4; Michael Moroz, 2/4; John Cramer, 2/5 & Victor Melnychenko, 2/8. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

THE POWER OF PRAYER – Today, we begin Day 4.

MEETINGS – MINISTRIES

SISTERHOOD BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, February 4 @ 6:30 PM

PARISH BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, February 11 @ 6:30 PM.

A SPECIAL PRESENTATION – will be made at the Annual Meeting about a new fund raising project in which I believe everyone will be interested. Always remember that each tiny effort builds on the next so that brick by brick magnificent things can be created.

TRUSTEES MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

February 2 – Linda Hnatow and Lorraine Neff

February 9 – Victor Kaliakin and Ann Duncan

February 16 – Victor Kaliakin and Ann Duncan

February 23 – Linda Hnatow and Lorraine Neff

March 1 - Linda Hnatow and Lorraine Neff

March 8 – Victor Kaliakin and Ann Duncan

FEEDING THE HUNGRY – please see Linda Hnatow, Chairperson, if you are interested in continuing this ministry at Emmanuel Dining Room West. Four people are needed. We have been scheduled for the first Saturday of each month.

COFFEE HOUR – IMPORTANT – ALL coffee hour dates must be cleared by Linda Hnatow, Chairperson, so that food is not wasted. There is no automatic sponsorship for a Sunday. Your donations to coffee hour are greatly appreciated. Please book a date. Thanks

PYROHY SCHEDULE

2020 - Tentative

Friday, February 21

Friday, March 20

Wednesday, April 1 (for the Spring Bazaar)

Friday, May 15

READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 2 - Jean Roeth
February 9 - Linda Hnatow
February 16 - John Plachuta
February 23 - Irene Maskaly
March 1 - Andrew Duncan
March 8 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

SWEET BREADS – are available at let's make room in the freezer price!! \$4 a loaf!!
Please see Kathy Duncan or Loraine Neff.

Tentative 2020 Schedule

Sunday, February 2 – Parish Annual Meeting
Sunday, February 2 – UOL Souper Bowl Sunday
Sunday, February 9 – Installation of Officers
Sunday, February 9 – Boy Scout Sunday
Monday, March 2 – Great Lent Begins – Clean Monday
Sunday, March 8 – Orthodox Sunday – tentative Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood here
Wednesday, March 11 – Hosting the Local Church Lenten Service
Saturday, April 4 – Spring Bazaar
Sunday, April 12 – Palm Sunday – Holy Week
Sunday, April 19 – PASKHA
Sunday, April 26 – St. Thomas Sunday – Cemeteries
Sunday, May 10 – Mother's Day
Sunday, June 21 – Father's Day
Sunday, July 12 – Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul – Parish Appreciation Day
Saturday, August 1 – UOL Flea Market
Saturday, November 7 – Fall Bazaar
Tuesday, November 24 – Community Thanksgiving Service (Ascension Episcopal)
Sunday, December 13 – St. Nicholas (Sts. Peter and Paul) UOL Cookie Sale

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of February 3 - Mark & Laura Andreas, Paul Andreas
Week of February 10 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson
Week of February 17 – **WE NEED A TEAM TO FILL THIS SLOT**
Week of February 24 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus
Week of March 2 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

UOL LENTEN SOUPS – will be available for purchase from March 8 – April 5. A list of the soups will be announced. Soups are sold at \$8.00 per quart. Order yours today!

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!

GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 2 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik & Alexander Smith

February 9 - Nancy Tur, Zina Twardus

February 16 - John and Sandy Cramer

February 23 - David & Eve Lazaration

100th ANNUAL ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICES

(6:00 PM – Service – Light Lenten Supper to Follow)

Wednesday, March 4 – Aldersgate Methodist

Wednesday, March 11 – Sts. Peter and Paul

Wednesday, March 18 – Chester Bethel Methodist

Wednesday, March 25 – St. Joseph on the Brandywine

Wednesday, April 1 – St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church



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 Mark Leisure, 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, Julian, Madison, Michele, Mykola, Rita, Ryan, Randy Allen, Carolyn Angelo, Colby Atkinson, Shannon Austin, Stephania Bacha, Joyce Belles, Neil Belles, Ethel Bernhard, Yaroslav Bilinsky, 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, David Duncan, 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 Kyrilic, 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, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry Pinkowicz, Bernice Pinkowicz, Ryan Pinkowicz, Valentina Plachuta, Maria Plumpton, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Lynn 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, Doris Scully, Joella Seale, Clay Seman, Larissa Serth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Emily Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Rich Steinman, Joseph Stevens, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczyszyn, Wasyl Szeremeta, Tatiana Szewc, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, Lydia Thomas, Brysen Tomei, Dominic Tomei, Mark Tomei, Violet Tomei, Aria Tonner, Anna Tur, Richard Twardus, Martha Vignali, Jack Vognetz, Margaret Vognetz, Marilyn Wagner, Olena Wasylevska, James Watts, Chris Way, Leah Way, Barbara Weeks, Peter Weremedic, Janet Wheeler, Stephen Wienkowitz, Laura Worley, & James Zook.

A MODEL OF MEEKNESS

Today we feature a saint whose life teaches us that greatness often lies merely in doing simple things to the very best of our abilities. St. Euthymius is given the distinction of being referred to as "the Great," even though he spent most of his life in obscurity.

ST. EUTHYMIUS THE GREAT was born in Militene of Armenia in 377 A.D. Blessed with a firm desire to totally dedicate his life to serving the Lord, he was ordained to the holy priesthood at the tender age of 19. Devoted to the monastic way of life, Euthymius soon withdrew into the wilderness between Jerusalem and Jericho. He lived in a cave, filling his life with prayer and meditation. His reputation for piety and spirituality spread rapidly, and pilgrims from far and near sought him out, eager to receive his wise counsel. He became well-known for his profound spiritual sayings, always emphasizing the importance of love and humility in one's life. A follower of strict ascetic practices, Euthymius would leave his cave each Lent and retire to the desert, where he would remain in solitude until Pascha.

St. Euthymius the Great was blessed by the Lord with longevity of years. He died in 473 A.D. at the age of 97. His final request was that the monastery which had been founded near his cave would always keep its gates open to visitors, offering warmth and hospitality to all who entered.