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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

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 30, 2025
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Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of November 30 – December 7, 2025
Celebrating our 98th year of Service to the Lord

Sunday, November 30 – 25th Sunday – Tone 8
8:30 AM – Confessions
9:10 AM – Prayers before Holy Communion
9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful
Panakhyda: +Geri Bilinski
Coffee Hour – Religious Education

Thursday, December 4 – Entrance of the Moher of God into the Temple
7:00 PM – Boy Scouts

Friday, December 5 – Boy Scout Lock-In
6:00 PM Boy Scout Lock-in

Sunday, December 7 – 26th Sunday – Holy Martyr Mercurius - Tone 1
8:30 AM – Confessions
9:10 AM – Prayers before Holy Communion
9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful
Coffee Hour – Religious Education

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

25th Sunday –Matins Mark 16:9-20; Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 12:16-21;
Monday – 1 Timothy 1"1-7; Luke 17:20-25
Tuesday – 1 Timothy 1:8-14; Luke 17:26-37
Wednesday – 1 Timothy 1:18-20, 2:8-15; Luke 18:15-17, 26-30
Thursday – Entrance of the Mother of God Into the Temple – Matins: Luke 1:39-44, 56; Liturgy: Hebrews 9:1-7; Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28; Day: 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Luke 18:31-34
Friday – 1 Timothy 4:4-8, 16; Luke 19:12-28
Saturday – Galatians 3:8-12; Luke 10:19-21
26th Sunday – Matins: Luke 24:1-12; Liturgy: Ephesians 5:8-19; Luke 13:10-17

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PRESENTATION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD INTO THE TEMPLE

In the Icon of the Presentation of the Mother of God into the Temple, Mary is shown as a young girl being escorted to the Temple by her parents, Joachim and Anna. Mary is also seen being accompanied by the holy virgins carrying candles. The High Priest is greeting the Holy family at the entrance of the Temple.

The Feast of the Presentation of the Mother of God into the Temple praises and glorifies God for His plan of salvation. God prepares for Himself a holy dwelling place. The Tropar of the Feast calls us to cry out to the Ever-Virgin Mary, "Rejoice, and fulfillment of the Creator's plan!"

The Church never tires of praising the Mother of God for her role in our salvation. She is called the "Heavenly Tabernacle" and the "Living Tabernacle of God", she is given these titles because from her the Word of God has taken flesh and dwelt among us. She is the living tabernacle of the Incarnate Word and through her; God has taken on our human nature and elevated us to become sharers in the divine nature (2nd Peter 1:4). God Who is beyond our reach and beyond our grasp comes to dwell among us. This is God's plan and in the Virgin Mary this plan of salvation was achieved.

Through the Mother of God, God comes to us. He chooses her to become the living tabernacle of the Most High God and through the Mother of God we have received God's salvation. The Feast calls us to join in this praise in saying: "May the lips of the faithful endlessly sing out joy to the Mother of God the greeting of the Angel: "O pure Virgin, you are truly above all creatures!" (Irmos)

ANNOUNCEMNETS

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY - is expressed to Kylie Rose Pabian, 12/1; Michael Tilson, 12/3; Elizabeth Kaliakin, 12/4 & Stephanie McConaghy, 12/6. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

CALLING ALL BAKERS!!! – It is time again for the UOL Christmas Cookies Sale!! We could use all the help that we can get. Please bring at least 60 home-made cookies (NO chocolate chip, please) to the Church on Saturday, December 20 between 9 – 10AM. Thanks!!!!

TENTATIVE CALENDER OF EVENTS - 2025
Sunday, December 21 – UOL Christmas Cookie Sale – St. Nicholas

GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE
November 30 - David and Eve Lazaration
December 8 - Zina Twardus and Nancy Tur
December 15 - Kathy and Michael Chalfont
December 22 - Sandy Cramer
December 29 - Sonya Patronik

MEETINGS
Parish Board – Wednesday, December 10 @ 6:30 PM

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
(Please find a substitute if you cannot make a given week)
Novembre 30 – Linda Hnatow and Matthew Andreas
December 7 – Victor Kaliakin and Sonya Patronik
December 14 – Victor Kaliakin and Sonya Patronik
December 21 – John Plachuta and Linda Hnatow
December 28 – John Plachuta and Linda Hnatow
January 4 – Matthew Andreas and Victor Kaliakin

100th ANNIVRSARY – will be held on Saturday, July 17th with a 10:00 AM – Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with a Banquet at the Claymont Ballroom. Mark your calendars! Our first fund Raiser for the event is the sale of T-shirts ($10) polo shirts ($15) and sweat shirts ($20) with the Anniversary Logo on them thanks to the art and stitching work of Michael Kapelus.

PYROHY – ORDERS (9-11AM) (302) 798-4588	**PICKUP**
Monday – Tuesday	**Friday**
December 1 & 2	
December 8 & 9	December 12

READERS MINISTRY SCHEDULE

November 30 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick
December 7 - Linda Hnatow
December 14 - Jean Roeth
December 21 - Thomas Scholz
December 28 – John Plachuta
January 11 - Thomas Sulpizi

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of December 1 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus
Week of December 8 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson
Week of December 15 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly
Week of December 22 - John Plachuta and David Lazaration
Week of December 29 - Mark & Laura Andreas
2026 – Week of January 5 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson
January 12 – John Plachuta and David Lazaration
January 19 - Thomas and Lynn Sulpizi

FAITH IN ACTION – We will be collecting non-perishable foods for the local food cupboard. The labels are in the office to be placed on each of the items. Let us think about those in need this holiday season and ley them never be hungry again.

HELPERS OF ST. NICHOLAS - Our Ukrainian Orthodox Church is accepting financial contributions to help those in need in Ukraine to have a blessed Christmas. Donations can be sent by using the QR Code on the poster or mailing your check to: UOC of USA; P.O. Box 495; South Bound Brook, NJ 08873; Memo: Helpers of St. Nicholas. Every dollar helps!!

SOUTHERN DELAWARE ORCHESTRA – will partner with the Southern Delaware Chorale to perform Handel's **Messiah** at the Cape Henlopen High School in Lewes, Delaware on Saturday, December 13 at 7:00 PM and Sunday, December 14 at 3:00 PM. Tickets can be obtained at Sodelomusic.org. If you go, say hello to two of the violinists, Walter and Cynthia Stepovij from our Whaleyville Parish.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA - The convoy is coming to Claymont on Thursday, December 11 to "Drive By" the Guardian of Defender Memorial at Holy Rosary Parish 3200 Philadelphia Pike tpo welcome the convoy as they travel top Arlington National Cemetery. Be there by 1:15PM and bring an American Flag if you can.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL – Metropolitan Antony, Archbishop Daniel, Archimandrite Raphael, Father George Bazylevky, Father Vasyl Dovhan, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Andrew Molewski, Father James Weremedic, Father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Matushka Andrejuk, Matushka Laura Odell, Matushka Lisa Weremedic, Pani Matka Oksanna Bazylevsky, Pani Matka Maryann Ozlanski, Jonathan Angelo, Colby Atkinson, Shannon Austin, Joyce Belles, Joyce Bendoakas, Ethel Bernhard, Irene Billon, James Bolton, Maria Borowenski, Betty Bosland, Becky Bosley, Angie Brengle, Paul Brengle, Patricia Bringle, Richard Bringle, John Brick, Fedir Bukacz, Christine Cain, Mark Cello, Erik Colazo, Alex Czernik, Sharon Dalaski, Stephen Dalecki, David Dalldorf, Taylor Davis, Peter DiVirgilio, James Dudrick, Kathleen Dugan, Mary Eagleton, Maria Economou, Rose Eldridge, Archantula Fanjoy, Mary Farell, Kandi Fullerton, James Garrett, Lisa Gee, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovniov, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Richard Haslam, Rick Hastings, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Alicia Hlywak, John Hlywak, Daniel Holoviak, Jennifer Huertes, Serhii Ivashyna, Violet Jaskolka, Stephen Johnson, Bill Jones, Linda Josepinson, Michael Kapelus, Walter Katolik, Diane Keyser, Wendy Klinedinst, Tommy Knight, Judith Kocinski, Lorissa Kozakova, Francis Lano, Ed Lavender, Ron Lazaration, Joan Libera, Karen Livick, Charles Lontor, Alla Lysenko, Jeremy Madea, Andrew Makolynyk, Jean Marano, Frederick McCarthy, Fred McKirachan, Stephen McNulty, Ronald Michel, Mary Ann Michalcewicz, Michelle Michalcewiz, Lisa Miller, Matthew Miller, Mary Elizabeth Moran, Barry Morris, Elsie Moroz, Karen Needham, Julie Neff, Ann Nester, Rick Orner, Sienna Ozboya, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Anthony Pantelopulos, Daphne Pantelopulos, George Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry Pinkowicz, Janilyn Pinkowicz, Bernice Pinkowicz, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Chuck Redden, Patricia Redden, Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Roman, Jeff Rozwadowski, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, Richard Scharba, Isaac Schmidt, Clay Seman, John Serth, Larissa Serth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Emily Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Alexandra Sparco, Natalia Stanford, Rich Steinman, Joseph Stevens, Noel Strobino, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczyszyn, Michael Synczyszyn, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, 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, Laura Worley, Jack Ziegler & James Zook

THE LIVING PRESENCE OF CHRIST

In the center dome of many Orthodox churches you will find an icon of our Lord referred to as the Pantocrator. That icon, more than any other, seems to give us an overwhelming feeling that Christ is always with us as we worship and sing His praises. That is consolation above all consolations!

The presence of Christ can be felt in every church, no matter how large or how small. Orthodox Christians, however, must realize that His Divine Presence in the world extends far beyond the walls of our various houses of worship. Before ascending into heaven, Jesus told His Apostles: "LO, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, EVEN TO THE END OF THE AGES." (Matthew 28:20) Our Savior has kept that promise to all of us. He is with us in sickness and suffering with His HEALING PRESENCE. He is with us when we battle the temptations of the devil with His STRENGTHENING PRESENCE. He is with us when death takes away a loved one with His COMFORTING PRESENCE. He is with us when we struggle with moral decisions in our lives with His REASSURING PRESENCE. Yes, God is always with us -- He is only a prayer away! Our Lord desires to be with those who desire to be with Him. In the words of the saintly Bishop Nikolai Velimirovic, "Christ is the Light that is ever present to the eyes of those who look for Him." He comes to meet us — do we go to meet Him?

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