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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 13, 2026
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Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of September 13 - 20, 2026
Celebrating our 99th year of Service to the Lord

Sunday, September 13 - 15th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 6
8:30 AM – Confessions
9:15 AM – Prayers before Communion
9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful
Baptism of Jaden Timothy Engles
Coffee Hour

Thursday, September 17
8:00 AM – Butter and Onions
7:00 PM – Boy Scouts

Friday, September 18
7:00 AM – Peeling potatoes
10:00 AM – making cheese balls
3:00 PM – Making potato balls

Saturday, September 19
8:00 AM – Making pyrohy

Sunday, September 20 - 16th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 7
8:30 AM – Confessions
9:15 AM – Prayers before Communion
9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful
Baptism: Eric, Brandy, Xavior Wallace
Panakhyda: +Mitred Protopresbyter Vincent and Matushka Patricia Saverino (8 yrs)
Pot Luck Supper

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100th ANNIVRSARY – Saturday, July 17th, 2027 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 Special T-shirts ($10) polo shirts ($15) and sweat shirts ($20) with the Anniversary Logo on them are available thanks to Michael Kapelus.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

15th Sunday – Matins: Luke 24:1-12; Liturgy: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15; Matthew 22:35-46
Monday – Church New Year – 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 4:16-22; Day: Galatians 4:28-5:10; Mark 6:55-7:8
Tuesday – Galatians 5:11-21; Mark 7:5-16
Wednesday – Galatians 6:2-10; Mark 7:14-24
Thursday – Ephesians 1:1-9; Mark 7:24-30
Friday – Ephesians 1:7-17; Mark 8:1-10
Saturday – 1 Corinthians 10:23-28; Matthew 24:34-44
16th Sunday – Sunday before the Cross – Matins: Luke 24:12-35; Liturgy Cross: Galatians 6:11-18; John 3:13-17; Sunday: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Matthew 25:14-30

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THE WINDOW

A great note for all to read it will take just 30 second to read this and change your thinking. Two men, both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room. One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to help drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's only window. The other man had to spend all his time flat on his back. The men talked for hours on end. They spoke of their wives and families, their homes, their jobs, their involvement in the military service, where they had been on vacation.

Every afternoon when the man in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could see outside the window. The man in the other bed began to live, for those one-hour periods where his world would be broadened and enlivened by all the activity and color of the world outside. The window overlooked a park with a lovely lake. Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their model boats. Young lovers walked arm in arm amidst flowers of every color of the rainbow. Grand old trees graced the landscape, and a fine view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance. As the man by the window described all this in exquisite detail, the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and imagine the picturesque scene.

One warm afternoon the man by the window described a parade passing by. Although the other man couldn't hear the band he could see it. In his mind's eye as the gentleman by the window portrayed it with descriptive words. Days and weeks passed. One morning, the day nurse arrived to bring water for their baths only to find the lifeless body of the man by the window, who had died peacefully in his sleep. She was saddened and called the hospital attendants to take the body away. As soon as it seemed appropriate, the other man asked if he could be moved next to the window. The nurse was happy to make the switch, and after making sure he was comfortable, she left him alone. Slowly, painfully, he

propped himself up on one elbow to take his first look at the world outside. Finally, he would have the joy of seeing it for himself. He strained to slowly turn to look out the window beside the bed. It faced a blank wall. The man asked the nurse what could have compelled his deceased roommate who had described such wonderful things outside this window. The nurse responded that the man was blind and could not even see the wall. She said, "Perhaps he just wanted to encourage you." Epilogue: There is tremendous happiness in making others happy, despite our own situations. Shared grief is half the sorrow, but happiness when shared, is doubled.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY - is expressed to Anthony Pantelopulos, 9/13; Anna Duncan, 9/16 & Ana Victoria Beaudean, 9/18. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy & blessed years!

Pyrohy Schedule: Saturday, September 19 & Saturday, October 3

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
(Please find a substitute if you cannot make a given week)
September 13 – Victor Kaliakin and Sonya Patronik
September 20 – Victor Kaliakin and Sonya Patronik
September 27 – John Plachuta and Linda Hnatow
October 4 – John Plachuta and Linda Hnatow
October 11- Matthew Andreas and Victor Kaliakin
October 18 – Matthew Andreas and Victor Kaliakin
October 25 – Sonya Patronik and John Plachuta

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE
Week of September 14 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus
Week of September 21 - John Plachuta and David Lazaration
Week of September 28 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson
Week of October 5 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly
Week of October 12 - Mark & Laura Andreas
Week of October 19 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson
Week of October 26 - Thomas and Lynn Sulpizi

COVERED DISH DINNER – will be on Sunday, September 20th after the Divine Liturgy. The meat dish will be provided (roast beef and gravy). Donations of side dishes will be greatly appreciated (please see the sign up list on the bake table) Any monetary donations received that day will go towards the expenses for the 100th Anniversary.

MEETINGS: Parish Board – Wednesday, October 21 @ 6:30 PM

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 can be avoided.

GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE
September 13 - Sandy Cramer
September 20 – Sonya Patronik
September 27 - Zina Twardus and Nancy Tur
October 4 - David and Eve Lazaration

READERS MINISTRY SCHEDULE
September 13 - John Plachuta
September 20 - Thomas Sholz
September 27 – Linda Hnatow
October 4 - Andrew Duncan
October 11 – Jean Roeth
October 18 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick
October 25 - Thomas Sulpizi

CALENDER OF EVENTS - 2026
Sunday, September 20 – Pot Luck Dinner
Saturday, September 26 – Hall Rented
Monday, October 12 – 15 – Clergy Retreat
Saturday, October 17 – UOL Retreat
Saturday, November 7 – Fall Bazaar
Saturday, November 14 – Wine Tasting
Saturday, November 28 – St. Philip Fast
Sunday, December 20 – UOL Cookie Sale

50th Anniversary Celebration – of the establishment of St. Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Theological Seminary on Tuesday, October 13 beginning with Vespers at 5:00 PM at St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Church (South Bound Brook, NJ) followed by 6:30 PM Cocktails and 7:00 PM Banquet at the Ukrainian Cultural Center. Banquet tickets are $150.00 per person. All are welcome to attend. If interested, please RSVP by October 1, 2026 by calling the Consistory at (732) 356-0090.

HARVEST TEA AND AUCTION – Atonement Global Methodist Church, 3519 Philadelphia Pike, Claymont, DE Sat., Oct. 17 from 12PM – 3PM. Tea Sandwiches, fresh scones, homemade desserts, harp music live auction, books for sale, door prizes & warm fellowship. A variety of teas Tickets: $20.00 call (302) 798-8472 and leave a message.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL – Metropolitan Antony, Archbishop Daniel, Archimandrite Raphael, Father George Bazylevky, Father Vasyl Dovhan, Father Andrew Gall, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Andrew Molewski, Father Anthony Ugolnik, 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, George Daniels, 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, Nancy Hlywiak, Daniel Holoviak, Jennifer Huertes, Serhii Ivashyna, Violet Jaskolka, Stephen Johnson, Bill Jones, Linda Josepinson, Elizabeth Kaliakin, Michael Kapelus, Walter Katolik, Diane Keyser, Wendy Klinedinst, Tommy Knight, Judith Kocinski, Lorissa Kozakova, Francis Lano, Ed Lavender, Ron Lazaration, Joan Libera, Karen Livick, Sara Long, Charles Lontor, Alla Lysenko, Jeremy Madea, Andrew Makolynyk, Jean Marano, Frederick McCarthy, Fred McKirachan, Stephen McNulty, Ronald Michel, Mary Ann Michalcewicz, 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, Sandy Roeder, 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, Cynthia Stepovij, Nicholas Stepovij, Joseph Stevens, Noel Strobino, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczyszyn, Michael Synczyszyn, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, Brysen Tomei, Dominic Tomei, John Tomei, Mark Tomei, Violet Tomei, Aria Tonner, Mariel Trimble, Stephen Tur, Martha Vignali, Jack Vognetz, Margaret Vognetz, Marilyn Wagner, Olena Wasylevska, James Watts, Chris Way, Leah Way, Barbara Weeks, Laura Worley, Jack Ziegler & James Zook

UNIQUENESS

As with all gifts, our uniqueness is to be received as a blessing. From the very moment of our existence, we live, die and enter into eternity as unique individuals. This gift, therefore, must be cherished, preserved and used for our spiritual and temporal well-being.

This individuality, like a priceless jewel with its many facets, sparkles beautifully to reflect the characteristics of our bodies, minds and souls. We must, therefore, accept this uniqueness, use it and develop it. It means facing responsibility for what we do, the kind of person we are, and what we are meant to be. This individuality is reinforced by our faith. It calls for a unique response in our personal relationship with God. This diversity in humans must be in unity and harmony with God's life so that we can be one with Him.

This uniqueness and individuality is a call to spirituality, a call to oneness and unity with God. God is the unifier and producer of unity and harmony among the diverse human instruments of the world. He can draw forth from each individual human instrument the best spiritual music and harmony that a person is capable of producing. This variety is a wonderful part of the diversity that God intends. Our unique way of sharing our God-given gifts will be a blessing for ourselves and others. This unity with diversity is essential for it is God's plan for us and for our salvation.