

Sunday Bulletin
September 24th 2023 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost
The Nativity of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary



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*We invite you to a celebration of
the Resurrection of Christ each week.*

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Tone 4 Troparion (for the Feast)

Your nativity, O Virgin, has proclaimed joy to the whole
universe! The Sun of righteousness, Christ our God, has
shone from you, O Theotokos. By annulling the curse,
He bestowed a blessing.//
By destroying death, He has granted us eternal life.

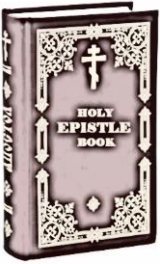
Tone 4 Kontakion (for the Feast)

By your nativity, O most pure Virgin,
Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness,
Adam and Eve — from the corruption of death.
And we, your people, freed from the guilt of sin,
celebrate and sing to you://
“The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the
nourisher of our Life.”

Tone 3 Prokeimenon (Song of the Theotokos)

My soul magnifies the Lord, /
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. (Lk. 1:46-47)
V. *For He has regarded the low estate of His
handmaiden, for behold, all generations will call me
blessed. (Lk. 1:48)*

The Reading is from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Philippians 2:5-11



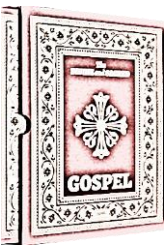
In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Alleluia and Verses Tone 8

V. Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline your ear! (Ps. 44:9a)

V. Even the rich among the people shall pray before your face. (Ps. 44:11b)

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28



As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things,⁴² but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." As Jesus was saying these things, a woman in the crowd called out, "Blessed is the mother who gave you birth and nursed you." He replied, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it."

(Instead of "It is truly meet...", we sing:) Tone 8

Magnify, O my soul, the most glorious birth of the Mother of God!

Virginity is foreign to mothers; childbearing is strange for virgins.

But in you, O Theotokos, both were accomplished.//

Therefore all we nations of the earth unceasingly magnify you.

Communion Hymn

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord. (Ps. 115:4)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



MEMORY ETERNAL

PLEASE PRAY FOR RESTING OF THE SOULS

Robert Meredith, Oleksander Dymtro, Mark Vuksanovich, Soldier Vladyslav Chudakorov, Anna Adamovich, Cheryl Hough, Marlene Steiskal, Soldier Serhiy, Roberta Lynn Canyo, Stephen, Joe Ewanish, Michael Woloschak, Caterina Ulrich, James Bobersky, All Who died during the war in Ukraine.

All the Victims of the earthquake in Morocco and the flooding in Libya

PRAYER LIST

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING, COMFORT, AND SPIRITUAL PEACE



Metropolitan Antony, Archbishop Daniel, Arthur Bohuslav, Bohdan, Lori Hayda, Shirley Duffy, Michele (Senediak) Caulder, Brooke Kennedy, Darlene Moon, Eileen Theresa Ramos, Stephany Hurley, Chase Miller, Mike Moon, Arlene Hawryluk, Beverly Henry, Brittany, Maria, Dobrodiyka Lilya, Fr. Andrew Gall, Sandy, Carol Ann Swartz, Iryna, Lindsay Anderson, Mykola, Marilyn O'Leary, Dolly Mehalco, George, Alice Dobransky, Harold Owens, Dave Zylka, Marianne Carmack, Nicholas Yurchyk, Pauline Witkowsky, Eileen Maluk, Peter Anderson, Mary Ann Senediak, Albert Auden, Michael Gino Maluk, Boris & Kathleen Vuksanovich, Mykola Prychodczenko, Kathy Zebel. People Suffering from any Illnesses. All Ukrainian people who are suffering from the war.



Liturgical Schedule & Feast Days

Please contact Fr Mykola to schedule Prayer Services - 330-799-3830

SERVICE AND FEAST DAY SCHEDULE

- Sunday, September 24, 9:30AM – Divine Liturgy, 16th Sunday, Nativity of Mother of God
- Wednesday, September 27, 9:30AM - Divine Liturgy, Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross
- Sunday, October 1, 9:30AM – Divine Liturgy, 17th Sunday
- Sunday, October 8, 9:30AM – Divine Liturgy, 18th Sunday

Upcoming dates & events

- Pyrohy Work Schedule:
Sep 19-20 / Oct 4-5, 18-19 / Nov 1-2, 15-16 / Dec 6-7
- November 12 – **Parish Annual Meeting**
- Sep 13-15, 2024 – **100th ANNIVERSARY of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish CELEBRATION**

Church School Calendar

- Sunday, September 24, **Church School SESSION 3.**

- Sunday, October 1, **Church School SESSION 4.**
- Sunday, October 8, **Church School SESSION 5.**

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD AS OF	On September 10	On September 17
General:	\$2600.00	\$1469.50
Renovation:	\$15.00	\$185.00
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Pyrohy sale profit (Sep 22) - _____

ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Handmade Eastern Orthodox Crosses.
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proceeds go to supplies needed at the
altar.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Kloeey Nichole Woloschak
7 George Demetrios
8 Yvonne Mark
12 Raymond Stermer
13 Rev Ivan Tchopko
13 Carol Rappach
14 Joanna Newton
14 Maria Zomchak Sr.
18 Zena Farka
20 Bonnie Borovitsky
22 Dolly Mehalco
22 Zachary James McCormick
27 Gary Andrews

PYROHIES SALE SCHEDULE

October	Order by: <u>Monday, October 2</u>
	Pick-up on: Friday, October 6 , 9-11am
	Order by: <u>Monday, October 16</u>
	Pick-up on: Friday, October 20 , from 9:00 am – noon
	Order by: <u>Monday, October 30</u>
	Pick-up on: Friday, November 3 , from 9:00 am – noon
November	Order by: <u>Monday, November 13</u>
	Pick-up on: Friday, November 17 , from 9:00 am – noon
December	Order by: <u>Monday, December 4</u>
	Pick-up on: Friday, December 8 , from 9:00 am – noon

Potato & Cheese, Potato Onion, Kraut, or Potato & Kraut \$8.00 a dozen

Pyrohy Work Schedule:

- **Oct 4-5, 18-19 /**
- **Nov 1-2, 15-16 / Dec 6-7**



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NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS

In addition to the celebration of the Annunciation, there are three major feasts in the Church honoring Mary, the Theotokos. The first of these is the feast of her nativity which is kept on the eighth of September.

The record of the birth of Mary is not found in the Bible. The traditional account of the event is taken from the apocryphal writings which are not part of the New Testament scriptures. The traditional teaching which is celebrated in the hymns and verses of the festal liturgy is that Joachim and Anna were a pious Jewish couple who were among the small and faithful remnant—"the poor and the needy"—who were awaiting the promised messiah. The couple was old and childless. They prayed earnestly to the Lord for a child, since among the Jews barrenness was a sign of God's disfavor. In answer to their prayers, and as the reward of their unwavering fidelity to God, the elderly couple was blessed with the child who was destined, because of her own personal goodness and holiness, to become the Mother of the Messiah-Christ.

Your nativity, O Virgin, has proclaimed joy to the whole universe. The Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, has shone from you, O Theotokos. By annulling the curse he bestowed a blessing. By destroying death he has granted us eternal life (Troparion).

By your nativity, O most pure virgin, Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness; Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. And we, your people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to you: The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the Nourisher of our Life (Kontakion).

The fact that there is no Biblical verification of the facts of Mary's birth is incidental to the meaning of the feast. Even if the actual background of the event as celebrated in the Church is questionable from an historical point of view, the divine meaning of it "for us men and for our salvation" is obvious. There had to be one born of human flesh and blood who would be spiritually capable of being the Mother of Christ, and she herself had to be born into the world of persons who were spiritually capable of being her parents.

The feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos, therefore, is a glorification of Mary's birth, of Mary herself and of her righteous parents. It is a celebration as well of the very first preparation of the salvation of the world. For the "Vessel of Light," the "Book of the Word of Life," the "Door to the Orient," the "Throne of Wisdom" is being prepared on earth by God Himself in the birth of the holy girl-child Mary.

The verses of the feast are filled with titles for Mary such as those in the quotations above. They are inspired by the message of the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments. The specific Biblical readings of the feast give indications of this. At Vespers the three Old Testamental readings are "mariological" in their New Testamental interpretation. Thus, Jacob's Ladder which unites heaven and earth and the place which is named "the house of God" and the "gate of heaven" (Gen 28.10-17) are taken, to indicate the union of God with men which is realized most fully and perfectly—both spiritually and physically—in Mary the Theotokos, Bearer of God. So also the vision of the temple with the "door to the East" perpetually closed and filled with the "glory of the Lord" symbolizes Mary, called in the hymns



of the feast “the living temple of God filled with the divine Glory” (Ezek 43.27–44.4). Mary is also identified with the “house” which the Divine Wisdom has built for himself according to the reading from Proverbs 9.1–11. The Gospel reading of Matins is the one read at all feasts of the Theotokos, the famous Magnificat from Saint Luke in which Mary says: “My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden, for behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed” (Lk 1.47).

The epistle reading of the Divine Liturgy is the famous passage about the coming of the Son of God in “the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of man” (Phil 2.5–11) and the gospel reading is that which is always read for feasts of the Theotokos—the woman in the crowd glorifies the Mother of Jesus, and the Lord himself responds that the same blessedness which his mother receives is for all “who hear the word of God and keep it” (Lk 11.27–28).

Thus, on the feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos, as on all liturgical celebrations of Christ’s Mother, we proclaim and celebrate that through God’s graciousness to mankind every Christian receives what the Theotokos receives, the “great mercy” which is given to human persons because of Christ’s birth from the Virgin.

<https://www.oca.org/orthodoxy/the-orthodox-faith/worship/the-church-year/nativity-of-the-theotokos>

Significance of the event of the Nativity of St. Mary

One: 1. It signifies the visible beginning of the unfolding of God’s salvation plan for humanity. For the Incarnation to happen, there had to be one born of human flesh and blood who would be spiritually capable of being the Theotokos (Mother of God). That one was Mary.

Two: It reminds us of the ‘great example’ for us to follow – Mother Mary. She was chosen among all generations for the fulfillment of the divine plan of God to bring forth the Messiah. It is because of her that we have our Savior Christ the Lord. She was an exemplary

humble and obedient person who said ‘Yes’ to God, and hence is a model for every orthodox Christian to follow.

Three: It points us back to Christ. As with all metaphors that pertain to the Theotokos (gate, ladder, temple), her Nativity also points us to her Son the Lord Jesus Christ. The feast reminds us that we, like the Theotokos, are also called to be the temples of the living God.

So the Church celebrates her by remembering her birth into the world.

<https://www.bec.org/feast-nativity-of-the-theotokos/>



The Stewardship of Sts. Joachim and Anna

Much of the life of the Virgin Mary has been revealed to us from a book known as the "Protoevangelion of James." Although not considered a canonical book of Holy Scripture, it contains vital information pertaining to the life of the Virgin Mary. From this book we also learn about the parents of the Virgin Mary, Ss. Joachim and Anna.

It is important to study this saintly couple for we gain a good understanding of the environment in which the Virgin Mary was born. St. Joachim was of the tribe of Judah and therefore, a descendant of King David. Anna's family was derived from the tribe of Levi and her father was the high priest Nathan. She also had two sisters: Mary, whose daughter was Salome and Zoia, whose daughter was Elizabeth, the mother of St. John the Baptist.

Ss. Joachim and Anna lived pious lives obedient to the teachings of the Old Testament. Whereas the Old Testament prescribed that God's people should give a tithe (10%) to the Temple (See Leviticus 27:30-34), these saintly people gave one-third of their income to the poor, one-third to the Temple, and one-third was spent on their livelihood.



Unable to bear children, Ss. Joachim and Anna prayed fervently that God bless them with a child. One day they each received a visit from the angel of the Lord who informed them that God had indeed heard their prayer and that it would be granted. Speaking to Anna, the angel said: "Fear not...For I am that angel who has offered up your prayers and alms to God, and am now sent to you, that I may inform you, that a daughter will be born unto you, who shall be called Mary, and shall be blessed above all women..." Rejoicing over this wonderful news, they went to the Temple to offer praise and thanksgiving to God. When their daughter was born nine months later, they offered the child to the Lord and promised to dedicate her to the Temple at the age of three years old. In the Temple, the Virgin Mary was reared in prayer and fasting. Her parents visited her every day until they finally died, St. Joachim at the age of eighty years and St. Anna at seventy-nine.

Christian Orthodox parenthood must be viewed in the light of Stewardship. This beautiful opportunity to study the lives of Ss. Joachim and Anna reminds us that in Christ, we are all one family. God has placed upon us the responsibility to raise our children in the best possible manner. To some parents this may be understood by providing financial security for their children. To others, it may be found in providing a good education. While these are both worthwhile, are they the most important things in life? Of course, we should not neglect the necessary financial needs of our families and we should encourage our children to get the finest education, but there is something greater.

Christian parents will be successful if they educate their child according to the teachings of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Family participation in the life of the Church will instill the Christian virtues that are necessary to be happy and content with life. Perhaps it is for this reason that when the Dismissal Prayer is offered in almost every divine service of our Church, we commemorate Ss. Joachim and Anna as a reminder for Christian Orthodox parents to be faithful and obedient to the teachings of our Lord.

<https://www.goarch.org/-/the-stewardship-of-sts-joachim-and-anna>



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AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX LEAGUE

Glory to Jesus Christ!

If you are a member of a UOL chapter, we encourage you to submit your dues to your chapter as soon as possible. If you are a member of a parish that has a chapter and you have not joined, please consider joining. If you do not have a chapter at your parish, please consider forming one, or joining as a member at large.

What are the benefits of joining? You will have the satisfaction of knowing that your membership supports the organization that brought you All Saints Camp, St. Sophia Seminary, programming for youth and adults and scholarships for seminarians, priests and future lay leaders. If you are a member, you will join a fellowship to advance our motto *Dedicated to Our Church – Devoted to Its Youth*. You will be able to participate in UOL activities and retreats be seated as a delegate at the convention, be able to run for the National Executive Board and receive the UOL Bulletin. If you are a chapter member, you have the added benefit of being able to share in a camaraderie of purpose to do projects benefitting your parish and the national organization.

Since members-at-large, are not attached to a physical location, technology will help you to feel connected to the organization. Please be sure to provide your email address. If you don't have one, try going to your local library to get help for obtaining one. If you don't have a computer, you can check email on a smart phone or even a flip phone. We would like to keep you engaged over the course of the year by sending you emails concerning events, what's happening on the Board and offer well wishes. We may even be able to schedule some Zoom meetings.

Your membership will support the mission of the UOL and its projects. All those great accomplishments mentioned in the second paragraph have ongoing obligations, for which we need your support. The membership application accompanies this invitation, and we encourage you to submit it with your membership dues of \$20. I encourage you to also add any ideas of how the UOL can support you. If you have any questions about membership, please feel free to contact Shirley Duffy at shirleykduffyesq@gmail.com

Join the Ukrainian Orthodox League Today!

Your membership will help to support the following UOL Commissions, Committees and Activities:

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UOL members receive our UOL Bulletin and email communication about events. Members in good standing may participate in the Annual UOL Convention as delegates.

Join us today as we continue to be
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UOL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

☐ I submitting my membership as a Member at Large.

I am a member of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and do not live within the geographical area of a local Chapter. I agree to be governed by the UOL's Constitution and policies and support all UOL efforts.

☐ I am interested in information on starting/re-activating a chapter in my parish.

Parish name _____

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Ideas? How can the UOL support you? _____

UOL Membership Dues are \$20.

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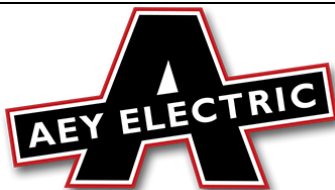
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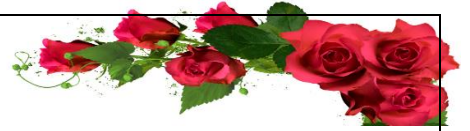


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ROBERT MEREDITH, 73



PASSED AWAY IN THE LORD SEP 3, 2023

OBITUARY



Robert "Bob" Meredith, 73, of Boardman passed away at his residence on September 3, 2023.

Bob was born October 4, 1949, in Youngstown, the son of the late John J. and Jane B. Uris Meredith, he was a lifelong area resident.

He graduated from Boardman High School in 1968. Bob and his family were longtime members at Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church. He grew up in the church, attended Sunday school and was an altar server.

He worked as a security guard for YSU for many years and the Mahoning County Sheriff's Department and did private security. He retired from the WRTA, where he drove for the handicap bus for several years.

Bob loved music and had a band with his friends for several years called Synergy.

He enjoyed traveling to see football and basketball games and attending concerts was his favorite pastime.

He leaves several good friends he thought of as family and many cousins, plus his extended family at the church.

Besides his parents Bob was preceded in death by his sister Becky Jean Meredith, she passed away February 22, 2018.

Robert Meredith was buried at Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery. He was laid to rest next to his parents and his sister.



The parishioners of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish express their sincere sympathy to the family and friends.

**Blessed are those whom You have chosen and received.
Memory Eternal!**