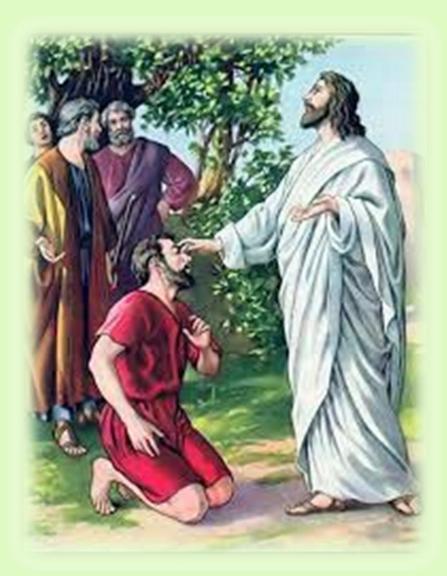
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We invite you to a celebration of the Resurrection of Christ each week.



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Epistle: Romans 15:1-7 **Gospel:** Matthew 9:27-35

Tone 6

Troparion (Resurrection)

The Angelic <u>Pow</u>ers were at Your tomb; the guards became as <u>dead</u> men. Mary <u>stood</u> by Your grave, seeking Your most pure <u>body</u>. You captured hell, not being <u>tempt</u>ed by it. You came to the Virgin, <u>grant</u>ing life. O Lord, Who <u>rose</u> from the dead,//

<u>glo</u>ry to You.

Kontakion — Tone 5

When Christ God, the <u>Giv</u>er of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His <u>mighty</u> hand, He bestowed resurrection on the <u>hu</u>man race.// He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the <u>God</u> of all.

Tone 5 Prokeimenon (Ressurection)

O Lord, save Your people, / and bless Your inheritance! (*Ps. 27:9a*) V. *To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!* (*Ps. 27:1a*)

The Reading is from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans

We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification. For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me." For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

Alleluia and Verses Tone 5

V. He who dwelleth in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God. (Ps. 90:1)

V. He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust."(Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

The reading is from the Gospel according to St. Matthew

When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!" And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "See that no one knows it." But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country. As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!" But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons." Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

Communion Hymn Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps. 148:1) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



MEMORY ETERNAL

Rev Fr Gregory Becker, Mary Ann Senedak, John Nicholas Visa, Alexandra Prychodczenko, Dr. Steven Sivulich, Cheryl Kraynik (Dobransky), Helen Zebel, Kateryna All Innocent Victims Who died because of shootings

All Who gave their lives during the war in Ukraine

PRAYER FOR THE DEPARTED

For Thou are the Resurrection, the Life, and the Repose of Thy servants who have fallen asleep, O Christ our God, and unto Thee we ascribe glory, together with Thy Father, who is from everlasting, and Thine all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever unto ages of ages. Amen.

PRAYER LIST

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING, COMFORT, AND SPIRITUAL PEACE



Gr. Martyr and Healer St.

Metropolitan Antony, Carol Rappach, Charles Senediak, Audrey Racz, Katerina Ulrich, Marianne Carmack, Michael Woloschak, Pauline Witkowsky, Eileen Maluk, Joe Ewanish, Peter Anderson, Mary Ann Senediak, Albert Auden, Michael Gino Maluk, Boris & Kathleen Vuksanovich, Mykola Prychodczenko, Kathy Zebel, Artem Pavlusyk, Romania Pavlusyk All victims Suffering from the Corona Virus All Ukrainian people who are suffering from the war.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

O Christ, Who alone art our Defender: Visit and heal Thy suffering servant (name) delivering him (her) from sickness and grievous pains. Raise him (her) up that he (she) may sing to Thee and praise Thee without ceasing, through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Thou Who alone lovest mankind. Amen.



Q&A: WHAT IS SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS?

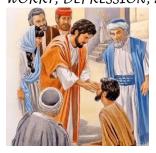
TO BE SPIRITUALLY BLIND IS NOT TO SEE CHRIST, AND NOT TO SEE CHRIST IS NOT TO SEE GOD. SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS IS A GRIEVOUS CONDITION EXPERIENCED BY THOSE WHO DO NOT BELIEVE IN GOD, JESUS CHRIST, AND HIS WORD. THOSE WHO REJECT CHRIST ARE THE LOST. BEING SPIRITUALLY BLIND, THEY ARE PERISHING. THEY CHOOSE NOT TO ACCEPT THE TEACHINGS OF CHRIST AND HIS



AUTHORITY IN THEIR LIVES. THEY ARE BLIND TO THE MANIFESTATIONS OF GOD AS REVEALED THROUGHOUT HIS WORD AND JESUS CHRIST. THEY ARE DESCRIBED AS THOSE WHO "DO NOT ACCEPT THE THINGS OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD, FOR THEY ARE FOLLY TO HIM, AND HE IS NOT ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THEM BECAUSE THEY ARE SPIRITUALLY DISCERNED"

PETER SPOKE OF SUCH PEOPLE AS "SCOFFERS [WHO] WILL COME IN THE LAST DAYS WITH SCOFFING, FOLLOWING THEIR OWN SINFUL DESIRES"; SEE ALSO. THOSE WHO REJECT CHRIST AND HIS WORD ARE SPIRITUALLY BLIND AND CANNOT UNDERSTAND THE TRUTH OF THE SCRIPTURES. THE TRUTH SOUNDS FOOLISH TO THEM. THE BIBLE DESCRIBES THOSE DENYING GOD AS FOOLS. BECAUSE OF THEIR BLINDNESS AND REJECTION OF GOD AND HIS WORD, THEY ARE IN A PERILOUS, UNSAVED CONDITION.

THE SPIRITUALLY BLIND ARE SIMPLY UNABLE TO UNDERSTAND GOD'S WORD. TESUS SAID, "IF YOU LOVE ME, YOU WILL KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS. AND I WILL ASK THE FATHER, AND HE WILL GIVE YOU ANOTHER HELPER, TO BE WITH YOU FOREVER, EVEN THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH, WHOM THE WORLD CANNOT RECEIVE, BECAUSE IT NEITHER SEES HIM NOR KNOWS HIM. YOU KNOW HIM, FOR HE DWELLS WITH YOU AND WILL BE IN YOU" PAUL ECHOED THIS WHEN HE TOLD THE BELIEVERS IN ROME, "THOSE WHO ARE IN THE FLESH CANNOT PLEASE GOD. YOU, HOWEVER, ARE NOT IN THE FLESH BUT IN THE SPIRIT, IF IN FACT THE SPIRIT OF GOD DWELLS IN YOU. ANYONE WHO DOES NOT HAVE THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST DOES NOT BELONG TO HIM". THOSE OUTSIDE OF CHRIST ARE NOT OF GOD BECAUSE THEIR LIVES ARE STEEPED IN THE THINGS OF THE WORLD WITH ALL ITS PASSIONS, THEIR EYES BLIND TO THE SPIRIT OF GOD. THE APOSTLE JOHN SAID, "IF ANYONE LOVES THE WORLD, THE LOVE OF THE FATHER IS NOT IN HIM" BUT THAT "IS PERSON'S LOVE FROM THE WORLD" THE CAUSE OF SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS IS MADE QUITE CLEAR IN THE SCRIPTURES: "IN THEIR CASE THE GOD OF THIS WORLD HAS BLINDED THE MINDS OF THE UNBELIEVERS, TO KEEP THEM FROM SEEING THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL OF THE GLORY OF CHRIST, WHO IS THE IMAGE OF GOD". PAUL REFERS TO SATAN AS THE "GOD OF THIS WORLD." EXTRAORDINARILY EVIL SATAN DESTROYS THE FLESH MASQUERADES AS AN ANGEL OF LIGHT AND IS THE CAUSE OF ALL TEMPTATION. HE REVELS IN SCHEMING AGAINST AND TRAPPING THE UNBELIEVERS SATAN'S GOAL IS TO DEVOUR THE WEAK WHO FALL PREY TO TEMPTATION, FEAR, LONELINESS, WORRY, DEPRESSION, AND PERSECUTION



WITHOUT GOD AND LEFT TO OURSELVES, WE EASILY SUCCUMB TO THE DEVIL'S SCHEMES. WE CAN BECOME SO MIRED IN THE AFFAIRS OF THIS WORLD AND ITS MORAL DARKNESS THAT, IN THE END, GOD TURNS US OVER TO SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS AND ETERNAL CONDEMNATION

AS BELIEVERS, WE HAVE THE SPIRIT OF GOD REIGNING IN OUR LIVES TO WARD OFF THE DEBILITATING EFFECTS OF SATAN'S

POWER AND THE WORLD'S INFLUENCE. JOHN TELLS US, "WHOEVER CONFESSES THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD, GOD ABIDES IN HIM, AND HE IN GOD" SATAN WARS WITHIN AND WITHOUT US. HIS WEAPONS ARE DECEITFUL AND CRAFTY SCHEMES TO MAKE US DOUBT AND STUMBLE. YET GOD HAS PROVIDED US WITH POWERFUL WEAPONS TO WARD OFF HIS FLAMING ARROWS. AS BELIEVERS WE CAN OVERCOME THE EVIL ONE AND REMAIN IN THE LIGHT AND NEVER BECOME SPIRITUALLY BLIND. FOR, IN TRUTH, JESUS HAS GIVEN US HIS WONDERFUL PROMISE: "I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. WHOEVER FOLLOWS ME WILL NOT WALK IN DARKNESS, BUT WILL HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE"

Happy Birthday to our loved members of

the parish, God grant you many and blessed years! Многая літа!

1 Lisa Hawryluk 7 Rebeca Renee 7 Sophia Zomchak 10 Paul Knoop 11 Michael Perankovich 12 Gina DeLuca 13 Nancy Racz 14 Thomas DeLuca Ir

16 P. Ginny Yavorskyy 16 Marianne Carmack 17 Annie Marie Woloschak 17 Sue Perankovich 22 Bohdan Lyubuska 24 Joshua Zets 29 Monica Inchak 30 Joey J Rimedio



Liturgical Schedule, Feast Days

Please contact Fr Mykola to schedule Prayer Services - 330-799-3830 (Liturgy, Panakhyda, Moleben, Confession, Blessing of houses,

cars,etc.) to request Bulletin Dedications, Announcements or Prosphora Offerings

SERVICE AND FEAST DAY SCHEDULE

- Sunday, July 31, 9:30AM Divine Liturgy, 7th Sunday
- Saturday, August 6, 5PM Great Vespers
- Sunday, August 7, 9:30AM Divine Liturgy, 8th Sunday
- Sunday, August 14, 9:30AM Divine Liturgy, 9th Sunday
- Friday, August 19, 9:30AM Divine Liturgy, The Holy
- Transfiguration of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ
- Saturday, August 20, 5PM Great Vespers
- Sunday, August 21, 9:30AM Divine Liturgy, 10th Sunday

"REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY AND KEEP IT HOLY.



Help us at the BINGO to support our Church. Volunteers needed for our BINGO nights:

selling cards, tickets, helping at the kitchen etc.

Please refer to Chuck Woloschak if you`re willing to help.



6th Regular Youth Sobor of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church Takes Place at All Saints Camp



During Teenage Conference, July 10 – 16, the participants of the encampment from parishes across the country served as delegates to the 6th Regular Youth Sobor of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA. His Eminence Archbishop Daniel joined our youth for two days of proceedings.

His Eminence opened the Youth Sobor discussing the purpose or the Sobor in the life of the church and his hopes for the deliberations of its young people. Natalie Kapeluck Nixon, Director of Youth Ministry,

gave a brief overview of the of the Youth Sobor and review of the initial Vision Statement for the Future of the Church written by the delegates of the 1^{st} Youth Sobor.

The delegates then reviewed the work of the previous Youth Sobor led by 2019

delegate Rachel Harendza. They then broke into small groups to begin work on two main topics: Struggles our young people face with in the world and struggles our young people face within the church/their faith. The small groups were led through brainstorming sessions and discussions. Over three plenary sessions, they worked in large groups and small groups to hone in on the most pertinent struggles and then develop strategies for how the church can support them moving forward.



Some of the identifies struggles include: Body Image and Appearance, Mental Health and Negative/toxic people within parish life. Among the main suggestions for support these are a just a few:

- Providing a support group with adults who have struggled with body image issues. The support groups could bring in professionals to work with the group on promoting positive body image. Using the support group to view ourselves through Christ's eyes and not the world's.
- Bring in professionals to work with youth on how to stay mentally healthy, perhaps an Orthodox mental health professional. It is important to our youth that this struggle be given a safe place of discussion with the church instead of their only options being outside of the church.
- Encourage the parish to find the positives in one another and not the negatives.
- Study scripture and share scripture concerning not judging our brother/sister but loving our neighbor.

His Eminence Daniel celebrated Great Vespers on the Eve of the Feast of St. Peter & St. Paul with the youth. At the service lithographs of the hierarchs of the the UOC of the USA were prominently placed throughout St. Thomas Chapel. Not just along the front but in amongst the people. His Eminence spoke to the youth about their hierarchs and the importance of knowing their history of the church. A memorial service was prayed on their behalf. The following day a beautiful festal liturgy was celebrated with several local clergy and dobrodijki joining for the morning.

His Eminence Daniel along with several of our seminarians from St. Sophia, created an incredible tryzub of 500 images from war torn areas of Ukraine. The Youth Sobor delegates participated in a heart-felt and emotional parastas (memorial service) to those who have lost their lives so far to the war in Ukraine.



The full work of the $6^{\ensuremath{\text{th}}}$ Youth Sobor will be presented to

the 23rd Regular Sobor of the UOC of the USA in October at the Metropolia Center in South Bound Brook, NJ. Upon their ratification, they will be released to the parishes for consideration and implementation.

Consistory of the UOC of USA

HELP FOR UKRAINE

TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS AID TO UKRAINE Make checks to the UOC of USA with Memo: AID FOR UKRAINE



Join our Orthodox Christian Community – other Orthodox parishes in the area, at the 2022 Canfield FAIR.

Let us show our unity in Christ among the people!

Support the Fundraising

UA ribbon pins for \$5.00 each.



All profits will benefit orphans relocated from the war zone to Poland. Makes a great gift for family or friends!



See Diane for your ribbons. Praying for peace



Save the date! -PILGRIMAGE to the Monastery AUGUST 7, after the Liturgy

PILGRIMAGE to the Orthodox Monastery of the Transfiguration along with visiting Fr. John's Harvey graveside at the monastery (Ellwood city, PA)

Please write your name in the sign-up sheet at the back of the Church to be part of our pilgrimage. See father Mykola for any questions.

Quarter Auction

October 8, 2022 Money to Benefit FR. Olynyk Scholarship Fund

Seeking Donations:

cash , lottery tickets, gift cards and gas cards. **NO GIFTS**.

Because of YOU and your generous donations we were very successful in 2019.

To make a donation (or for an additional information) please contact :

Crystal – 330 766 6872 Yvonne – 330 402 8716

Let's benefit our Scholarship Fund

PYROHIES SALE SCHEDULE

AugustOrder by: Monday, August 8Work date: August 10Pick-up on: Friday, August 12, from 9:00 am – noon

2022 Upcoming dates & events Local

August 7 A pilgrimage to the Orthodox Monastery of the Transfiguration along with visiting Fr. John`s Harvey graveside.

<u>National</u>

- August 1-5 Mommy/Daddy & Me at ASC
- August 5-8 St. Nicholas Program at ASC
- Aug 28 Sep 1 ASC for Adults
- Aug 31 Sep 5 Canfield Fair
- September 2-5 Family Fest at ASC
- October 13-15 23rd Regular Sobor of the UOC of USA,

South Bound Brook / Somerset, NJ

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