

Sunday Bulletin
September 25th 2022 – 15th 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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Epistle: 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Nativity of the Mother of God

Tone 6 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

The Angelic Powers were at Your tomb; the guards
 became as dead men. Mary stood by Your grave,
 seeking Your most pure body. You captured hell, not
 being tempted by it. You came to the Virgin, granting
 life. O Lord, Who rose from the dead, // glory to You.

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 5 Kontakion (*Resurrection*)

When Christ God, the Giver of Life,
raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,
He bestowed resurrection on the human race.//
He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

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.”

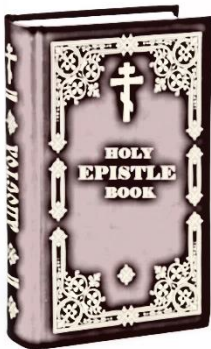
Tone 6 Prokeimenon - Resurrection

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

Tone 3 Prokeimenon (Song of the Theotokos)

Reader: My soul magnifies the Lord, / and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
Choir: My soul magnifies the Lord, / and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

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



See what large letters I use as I write to you with my own hand! Those who want to impress people by means of the flesh are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ. Not even those who are circumcised keep the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your circumcision in the flesh. May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been

crucified to me, and I to the world. Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule—to the Israel of God. From now on, let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

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

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.

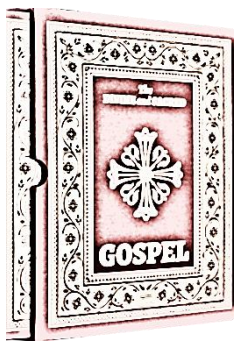
Alleluia and Verses Tone 6

V. He who dwells 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.”(Ps. 90:2)

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

The reading is from the Gospel according to St. John



No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

The reading is from the Gospel according to St. Luke

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

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*
I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord. *(Ps. 115:4)*
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



MEMORY ETERNAL

James Bobersky, Audrey Racz, 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 LIST

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING, COMFORT, AND SPIRITUAL PEACE



Metropolitan Antony, Nicholas Yurchyk, David Spanja,
Alice Dobransky, Barbara McGirr, Harold & Mary Ann Owens,
Beverly Henry, Dave Zylka, 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 Pavlusk, Romania Pavlusk,
Anna Blair and her newly born daughter.

All victims Suffering from the Corona Virus

All Ukrainian people who are suffering from the war.



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 Prospora Offerings

SERVICE AND FEAST DAY SCHEDULE

- Sunday, September 25, 9:30AM – Divine Liturgy 15th Sunday. The Nativity of our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary
- Tuesday, September 27, 9:30AM - Divine Liturgy, The Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life Giving Cross
- Saturday, October 1, 5PM – Great Vespers
- Sunday, October 2, 9:30AM – Divine Liturgy 16th Sunday
- Sunday, October 9, 9:30AM – Divine Liturgy 17th Sunday, Panakhyda for Rev Stephen Musiychuk at his grave at Sts Peter & Paul Cemetery after the Sunday Liturgy
- Saturday, October 15, 5PM – Great Vespers
- Sunday, October 16, 9:30AM – Divine Liturgy 18th

"REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY AND KEEP IT HOLY."

Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA Continues to Provide Charitable Aid in Ukraine!

Since the beginning of the Russian aggression against the people of Ukraine, the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA took several proactive steps to facilitate the most necessary logistical support for the people and nation of Ukraine. Thousands of people and community leaders visited the Spiritual Center of the Church in South Bound Brook, NJ, making material and financial donations in support of the suffering, displaced and wounded people of Ukraine.

Parishes of the UOC of the USA from the across the United States of America followed the lead of the National Spiritual Headquarters and begun to collect and ship medical, logistical, food supplies to the people of Ukraine.

We are truly blessed by the examples of the dedicated clergy and laity of the Church who tirelessly commit themselves to the SERVICE in the Name of Christ. To all of them – we offer our most sincere gratitude and prayers for the continued success of their charitable efforts.

As of September 13, 2022, the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA received **\$2,429,504.78** in donations for the Charitable Aid to Ukraine. We have already released **\$1,053,152.15** in order to support various humanitarian projects in Ukraine, Germany, Poland and Turkey.

The above-mentioned amount includes the sponsorship of the following programs:

Logistical Shipment of humanitarian aid (food, clothing, hygiene items, medical supplies, bedding) donated by the public.

Financial contribution has been made to the Orthodox Church of Ukraine in the amount of \$245,702 in order to facilitate the most necessary humanitarian aid in places where the devastating attacks of the enemy destroyed the

infrastructure and life: cities of Bucha, Irpin, Mariupol, Kharkiv, Kostiantynivka and others

Provided financial assistance with the shipment of the Humanitarian Aid via Turkey, in the amount of \$20,000.

Sponsored children of the wounded and fallen soldiers on the summer trip to Turkey in the amount of \$42,000

Purchased and delivered various medical supplies, such us: trauma first-aid kits, syringes, feeding tubes, intubation kits, respiratory equipment, surgical equipment, and various over-the-counter medications, in the amount of \$76,131



Provided financial support for the purchases of water and food items in Odessa, Mykolaiv, Donetsk and Sumy region, in the amount of \$34,110

Provided Logistical Support to Wounded Veterans by Providing Food items in the amount of \$30,505.24

Financed the purchase of 67 various medical vehicles for the mobile military units and field hospitals in the amount of \$340,070



Purchased supplies and provided financed transportation and provided gas for the purchased vehicles in the amount of \$30,750

Financed the purchase of two large capacity military logistical support vehicles via Ternopil Eparchy of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine in the amount of \$35,000

Financed the purchase of mobile washers and dryers for the refugee centers in the amount of \$10,000 to be used in various cities across Ukraine

Provided support for Mariupol refugees in the amount of \$83,884

Provided financial support for Kharkiv region refugees, in the amount of \$80,000

Provided funding for the purchase of mobile heating units for the Armed Forces of Ukraine in the amount of \$25,000

UOC of the USA has been working since the start of the war in Ukraine to get critical aid to those who need it most. Through our Metropolia oriented programs and individual parish projects, we have physically transported tons of logistical supplies and medicine to the people both within Ukraine and displaced in its neighboring countries.

Having collected over 2.4 million dollars, the UOC of the USA continues to finance logistical medical and food deliveries in various parts of Ukraine.

Please, visit our [web site](#) for the most recent updates on our humanitarian efforts and **CONTINUE TO SUPPORT US IN OUR MISSION TO HELP THE PEOPLE AND NATION OF UKRAINE!**

**Ukrainian people
need our help !**

**HELP FOR
UKRAINE**

TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS AID TO UKRAINE:

Make checks to the UOC of USA with Memo: **AID FOR UKRAINE** and **submit them to the church**, Or by [donating online.](https://uocofusa.org/) at <https://uocofusa.org/>

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD AS OF

On September 11

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| General: | | \$ 1450.00 |
| Renovation: | | \$ 85.00 |
| Online Donations on Tithe.ly | | \$40.00 |
| Renovation Fund Donations to date: | | \$23010.67 |

**“GIVING IS SHARING A PORTION
WITH THE ONE
WHO FIRST GAVE IT ALL TO YOU...”**



PYROHIES SALE SCHEDULE

October Order by: Monday, October 3
Work date: October 5 & 6
Pick-up on: Friday, October 7, from 9:00 am – noon
Order by: Monday, October 17
Work date: October 19 & 20
Pick-up on: Friday, October 21, from 9:00 am – noon



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

Stuffed cabbage & Baked Goods - TBA

Please join us for making Pyrohy on the work dates.

For questions: (234) 247-1534 Anna Anderson



**ATTENTION
PLEASE**

**September 25 - Preperation of our
Parish Hall.** Please help us to set
everything up at the hall on Sunday, Sep 25
after Liturgy.

Mission Strudel Sale

Profits will benefit UOC Mission Orphans who have been relocated to Poland. We are also taking monetary donations which will directly benefit them, as well.

Please call below to place an order.

Please pre-pay to Diane or Mr. Mischey

Large Apple or Cherry Strudel \$9.00

Large Cherry with Cheese \$10.00

Order by October 18th

Call 330.719.0162 or 330.799.7911

Pick up on Saturday, from 10 am to 12-noon
at the Orthodox Cultural Center

*Thank you for your continued support to
brighten the life of a child!*



Quarter Auction

October 8, 2022 at 10 AM

Money to Benefit FR. Olynyk Scholarship Fund

Seeking Donations: cash , lottery tickets,

gift cards and gas cards. By Sep 25 **NO GIFTS.**

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

The value of your donation will be credited to your stewardship

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

Crystal – 330 766 6872 Yvonne – 330 402 8716

Let's benefit our Scholarship Fund

Scholarship Recipients of Sts Peter & Paul: - Mark your calendar **Oct 8.**

We would appreciate your help and support to make the
Quarter Auction successful!

**LET'S PASS ON THE SCHOLARSHIP TO FUTURE
STUDENTS OF OUR CHURCH!**



To our youngest Parishioners ,age 3-18 years:



Come and join us to kick-off our **Sunday
School Year** with our **First Annual
Donut Decorating Event!**

**Everyone will decorate their donuts with their favorite
frosting and toppings and we'll all have some fun!**



Our 2022-2023 Sunday School Year will begin on Sunday, September 25 after Divine Liturgy! Classes are every Sunday after the Liturgy and will be held at the Pavilion while our basement classrooms are being renovated.

***Your teachers have some fun things planned for you and
your Sunday School friends!***

Blessing of the Students and the Teachers for the beginning of the new School Year on Sep 25, after Liturgy.

Q&A: WHERE WAS MARY BORN?

According to old traditions Mary was born in Jerusalem. Joachim is said to have been the owner of a home in the vicinity of the temple, more precisely near the Sheep Gate and its pool called in Hebrew Bethesda. There is a grotto nearby believed to be the place where Mary was born. The grotto became later the crypt of a church dedicated to St. Ann. In



the third century a small chapel dedicated to Mary was built in the vicinity of the Bethesda pool.

WHO WERE THE PARENTS OF THE VIRGIN MARY - JOACHIM AND ANNA?

St. Joachim was of the tribe of Judah, and a descendant of King David. St. Anna was the daughter of Matthan the priest, of the tribe of Levi as was Aaron the High Priest. Matthan had three daughters: Mary, Zoia, and Anna. Mary was married in Bethlehem and bore Salome; Zoia was also married in Bethlehem and bore Elizabeth, the mother of St. John the Forerunner; and Anna was married in Nazareth to Joachim, and in old age gave birth to the Theotokos.

Sts. Joachim and Anna had been married for fifty years, and



were barren. They lived devoutly and quietly, using only a third of their income for themselves and giving a third to the poor and a third to the Temple. Joachim had done this since he was 15-years-old, and God multiplied his flocks, so the couple was well provided for. They longed for a

child but remained childless into their old age. When they were in Jerusalem to offer sacrifice to God, the High Priest, Issachar, upbraided Joachim, "You are not worthy to offer sacrifice with those childless hands." Others who had children jostled Joachim, thrusting him back as unworthy. In despair, he consulted the genealogical records of the tribes of Israel and discovered every righteous man in the nation had been blessed with children, except him. This caused the aged saint great grief, and he and his wife left with heavy hearts. Then the two of them gave themselves to prayer to God that He would work in them the wonder that He had worked

in Abraham and Sarah, and give them a child to comfort their old age.

St. Joachim took his flocks and went to a high mountain, refusing to return home in shame. Meanwhile, St. Anna prayed in her garden. God sent the Archangel Gabriel to each of them, who gave them tidings of the birth of "a daughter most blessed, by whom all the nations of the earth will be blessed, and through whom will come the salvation of the world." Each promised to have their child raised in the Temple as a holy vessel of God. The archangel told St. Joachim to return home, where he would find his wife waiting for him in the city gate. St. Anna he told to wait at the gate. When they saw one another, they embraced, and this image is the traditional icon of their feast.

St. Anna conceived shortly thereafter, and in the ninth month gave birth to the Blessed Virgin Mary. This Conception of the Most Holy Mother of God is celebrated by the Church on December 9 and the Nativity of the Theotokos is celebrated on September 8.

Sts. Joachim and Anna took Mary, at the age of three, to the temple to be dedicated to the service of the Lord, and presented her to the priest Zechariah. The parents then, after offering up her sacrifice (according to the custom of the time), left the Virgin with other maidens in the apartments of the temple to be brought up therein.



What is the meaning of the feast of the 12 - the Nativity the Mother of God?

Commemorated on September 21 (Sep 8)

The Most Holy Virgin Mary was born at a time when people had reached such a degree of moral decay that it seemed altogether impossible to restore them. People often said that God must come into the world to restore faith and not permit the ruin of mankind. The Son of God chose to take on human nature for the salvation of mankind, and chose as His Mother the All-Pure Virgin Mary, who alone



was worthy to give birth to the Source of purity and holiness. **The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary is celebrated by the Church as a day of universal joy.** Within the context of the Old and the New Testaments, the Most Blessed Virgin Mary was born on this radiant day, having been chosen before the ages by Divine Providence to bring about the Mystery of the Incarnation of the Word of God. She is revealed as the Mother of the Savior of the World, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Most Holy Virgin Mary was born in the small city of Galilee, Nazareth. Her parents were Righteous Joachim of the tribe of the Prophet-King David, and Anna from the tribe of the First Priest Aaron. The couple was without child, since Saint Anna was barren.

Having reached old age, Joachim and Anna did not lose hope in God's mercy. They had strong faith that for God everything is possible, and that He would be able to overcome the barrenness of Anna even in her old age, as He had once overcome the barrenness of Sarah, spouse of the Patriarch Abraham. Saints Joachim and Anna vowed to dedicate the child which the Lord might give them, to the service of God in the Temple.

Childlessness was considered among the Hebrew nation as a Divine punishment for sin, and therefore the righteous Saints Joachim and Anna had to endure abuse from their own countrymen. On one of the feastdays at the Temple in Jerusalem the elderly Joachim brought his sacrifice to offer to God, but the High Priest would not accept it, considering him to be unworthy since he was childless. Saint Joachim in deep grief went into the wilderness, and there he prayed with tears to the Lord for a child. Saint Anna wept bitterly when she learned what had happened at the Jerusalem Temple. Never once did she complain against the Lord, but rather she prayed to ask God's mercy on her family.

The Lord fulfilled her petitions when the pious couple had attained to extreme old age and prepared themselves by virtuous life for a sublime calling: to be the parents of the Most Holy Virgin Mary, the future Mother of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Archangel Gabriel brought Joachim and Anna the joyous message that their prayers were heard by God, and of them would be born a most blessed daughter Mary, through Whom would come the Salvation of all the World.

The Most Holy Virgin Mary surpassed in purity and virtue not only all mankind, but also the angels. She was manifest as the living Temple of God, so the Church sings in its festal hymns: "the East Gate... bringing Christ into the world for the salvation of our souls" (2nd Stikhera on "Lord, I Have Cried", Tone 6).

The Nativity of the Theotokos marks the change of the times when the great and comforting promises of God for the salvation of the human race from slavery to the devil are about to be fulfilled. This event has brought to earth the grace of the Kingdom of God, a Kingdom of Truth, piety, virtue and everlasting life. The Theotokos is revealed to all of us by grace as a merciful Intercessor and Mother, to Whom we have recourse with filial devotion.

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/1999/09/08/102541-the-nativity-of-our-most-holy-lady-the-mother-of-god-and-ever-vi>



2022 Upcoming dates & events

Local

- September 25 Beginning of the Church School at our Parish. Blessing of the Students. Classes are every Sunday after the Liturgy and will be held at the Pavilion while our basement classrooms are being renovated.
- September 25 Ukrainian Relief Dinner & Prayer Service
Service **4:00 PM** • Dinner **5:00 PM**
ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
419 South Dithridge St. Pittsburgh 15213
- September 25 **Preperation of our Parish Hall.** Please help us to set everything up on Sunday after Liturgy.
- October 8 Quarter Auction at the Orthodox Center at **10AM** to Benefit FR. Olynyk Scholarship Fund
- October 9 Panahyda for **Rev Stephen Musiychuk** at his grave at Sts Peter & Paul Cemetery **after the Sunday Liturgy**

National

- October 13-15 23rd Regular Sobor of the UOC of USA,
South Bound Brook / Somerset, NJ

**Celebration of 100 Years Anniversary
of Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian
Orthodox Parish in Lyndora, PA.**

