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*We invite you to a celebration
of the Resurrection of Christ*



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Tone 8 Troparion (Resurrection)

You descended from on high, O Merciful One! You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!// O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

Tone 8 Troparion (St. Mary of Egypt)

The image of God was truly preserved in you, O Mother, for you took up the Cross and followed Christ. By so doing, you taught us to disregard the flesh for it passes away; but to care instead for the soul, for it is immortal.// Therefore your spirit, O holy Mother Mary, rejoices with the angels.

Tone 4 Troparion (The Annunciation)

Today is the beginning of our salvation, the revelation of the eternal mystery!

The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin as Gabriel announces the coming of Grace.

Together with him let us cry to the Theotokos: "Rejoice, O Full of Grace, // the Lord is with you!"

Tone 8 Kontakion (Resurrection)

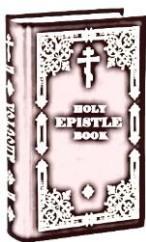
By rising from the tomb, You raised the dead and resurrected Adam. Eve exults in Your Resurrection,// and the world celebrates Your rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Tone 8 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

Pray and make your vows / before the Lord, our God! (Ps. 75:10a)

V. In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel. (Ps. 75:1)

God is wonderful in His saints, / the God of Israel. (Ps. 67:35a)



The Reading is from the Letter of St Paul to Hebrews 9:11-14

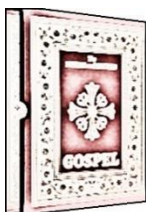
Brethren: But Christ came *as* High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Alleluia and Verses Tone 8

V. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

*V. Let us come before His face with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia



The reading is from the Gospel according to Mark 10:32-45

Now they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him: "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver

Him to the Gentiles; and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again.” Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, “Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask.” And He said to them, “What do you want Me to do for you?” They said to Him, “Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They said to Him, “We are able.” So Jesus said to them, “You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but *it is for those* for whom it is prepared.” And when the ten heard *it*, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John. But Jesus called them to *Himself* and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

(Instead of “It is truly meet...,” we sing the following) Hymn to the Mother of God

All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace: the assembly of angels and the race of men. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a Child – our God before the ages. He made your body into a throne, and your womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace. Glory to you!

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! (Ps 148:1)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

MEMORY ETERNAL

PLEASE PRAY FOR RESTING OF THE SOULS

Eleanor K. Laise, Julian Naumenko, Patricia Huly, David Scharba, John Senediak, Ann & George Klein, Sophia Karpa, Iryna Farion, Charles Demetrios, Nun Antonina, Elaine Cartier, Betty Ewanish, Mary Gula, Mykola Prychodczenko, Oleksander Dmytro. Victims of the war in Ukraine.

PRAYER LIST

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING, COMFORT, AND SPIRITUAL PEACE

Metropolitan Anthony, Archbishop Daniel, Walter Malys, Tom Drabick, Walter Duzzny, Lori, Christine Kline, Arlene Hawryluk, Jerry Zets, Larry, Darlene Moon, Jeff Smith, Soldier Ivan, Bernard Gnat, Dolly Mehalco, Jeff Ulbrich, Richard Scharba, Brittany, Matt, Stephen Shonn, Thelma Zemko, Artur Bohuslav, Bohdan, Lori Hayda,



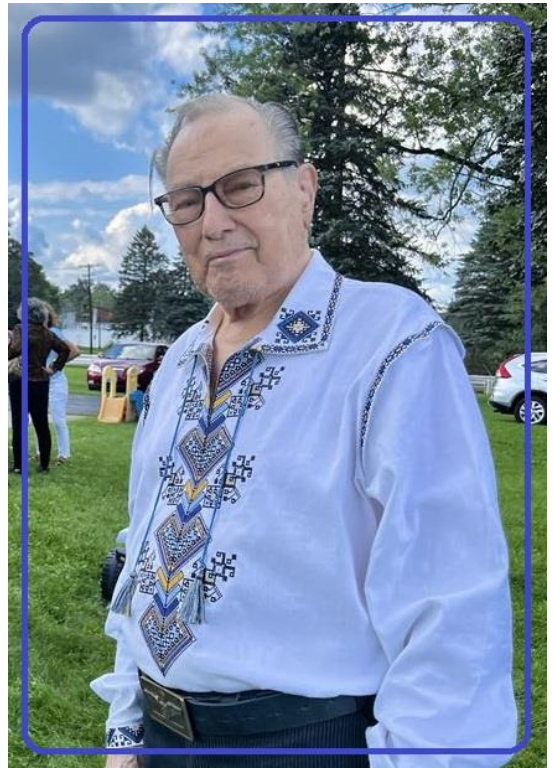
Shirley Duffy, Michele (Senediak) Caulder, Dobrodiyka Lilya, Sandy, Marilyn O’Leary, Alice Dobransky, Harold Owens, Dave Zylka, Marianne Carmack, Nicholas Yurchyk, Pauline Witkowski, Eileen Maluk, Peter Anderson, Albert Auden, Michael Gino Maluk, Boris & Kathleen Vuksanovich, Kathy Zebel. People Suffering from any Illnesses. Ukrainian people suffering from war.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS	
1 Jeff Ulrich	19 Anna Blair
2 Mary Lou Senediak	22 Mark Ames
3 Linda Pupa	23 Michael Crown
5 Mary M. Lane	24 Michael Zemko
8 Karen Semchee	26 Michael C Demetrius
9 Ben Mischev	27 Peter Anderson
9 Steven Novicky	27 Eileen Maluk
10 Emily Whalen	28 Michael Ace Maluk
11 Jason Zets	28 Richard Yuschak
14 Sam Rusnov	28 Samantha Moon
18 Joe Buzzelli	30 Wayne Tiedeman

THE STORY OF MY LIFE

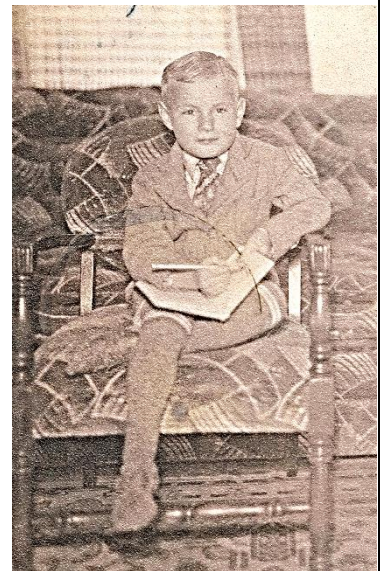
Benny William Mischey

"THE STORY OF MY LIFE"



first cousins that he grew up with and loved like siblings, especially his cousin, Barbara. Benny and his brother were the youngest of the cousins and very much adored. He was a bright and energetic child, playing jokes and occasionally getting into mischief, as little boys often do.

Benny William Mischey, also known as Ben, Big Ben or The Clock Man, was born April 9, 1933 in Oshawa, Canada to Anastasia and Peter Mischey. His mother was a homemaker and his father worked in a gold mine and then later a factory where metals were processed. He had a younger brother, "Hank" (Eugene) and many





He enjoyed helping his mother around the house and had a very close relationship with her. His mother was a wonderful cook and occasionally wrote short stories and poems, which Benny would perform on stage with much humor and charisma. He loved to build model airplanes and learned to sing, dance, play the piano and the accordion, all of which he still enjoys doing.



He grew up down the street from the Kirkland Lake amusement park and enjoyed spending time there with his friends. As a teenager he played hockey and loved cars, even once "borrowing" one to take on a "joy ride" through a junk yard with his buddies. He worked with his aunt in her bakery growing up and also as a soda jerk in an ice cream parlour. To this day, he makes sure that his sundaes always have hot fudge on both the top AND the bottom, because



that is the "right way" to make a sundae. He spent one year of high school at Western Tech before completing his education and graduating from Central Tech High School in 1951.

In addition to Oshawa and Kirkland Lake, Ben also lived in Toronto until he joined the U.S. Air Force in 1952 at the tender age of 19. He left his Canadian home and was first stationed in Youngstown. While at the air base, he heard about a Ukrainian event over the radio that was being held at a local parish, Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church. Feeling homesick, he decided to attend and took a bus arriving late to

the church function, only to find that the parish priest was none other than Father William Olynyk, whom he had actually served with as an altar boy in Canada. This was a joyful surprise for them both and a wonderful reunion. Benny immediately knew he had found a new church family and a place he belonged.

Over the next 4 years, Ben served in the military, as an Airman First Class and was stationed in Greenland for his final 2 years. Before leaving for Greenland, he got married to Alice Mae Zemko, a fellow parishioner, whom he met at a church picnic, and later started a family. Ben has 2 daughters, Holly and Laura, one granddaughter, Alyssa, and 3 great grandchildren, Nathan, Jordan and Keira. His family has always been his greatest pride and joy.



Benny attended classes at Youngstown State University and worked at Youngstown Welding and Engineering until he retired in 1993. Over the years he turned his fun hobby of tinkering with clocks in his home into a wonderful, local business that he still owns and operates nearly 50 years later. He is well known and respected in the community and often featured in local newspapers and television. His family is very proud of his legacy.

In 2023 for his 90th birthday, his daughters had a military banner made and displayed on Mahoning Ave. in Austintown, near the Korean War Memorial Park and just a few streets away from his clock shop. Be sure to keep a watch for it when it will be on display again from Memorial Day through Veteran's Day this year. Benny is currently the longest term member of the local Colonel J. Hillman Masonic Lodge, approximately 70 years. He serves as the Sunrise Eastern Star Door Guard, a very distinguished and important position, as meetings can't be held without this service.



Over the years, Benny has been a very dedicated parishioner. He served as an alter boy as a child, formerly taught Ukrainian dancing to many students, has served on the church board for many years and volunteers his



time to call Bingo every week. He has traveled to Ukraine several times and was pivotal in helping family immigrate to the United States, and has been a huge and continuing supporter of the Ukrainian orphanage.

Ben mostly enjoys spending time with his daughters and grandchildren and is always game for just about any activity or event. He loves animals and besides childhood pets, he had 2 shelties named Prince and Lady and a kitten named Andy. He currently has a beloved, black



cat named Jasper whom he adopted in 2019. Jasper has been a true blessing and joy in his life. Jasper loves when “Daddy” plays the piano and will come and sit



next to him while he plays. He also enjoys time with his many “grand cats” who love to see him when he visits.

Benny likes to travel and, in addition to Ukraine, he has been to many other countries and places within the United States. He likes to serve his church, watch hockey and attend the games whenever possible and spend time with friends. He helps his daughter with her nonprofit, The Little Black Cat Collective, which is also located at his clock shop and is a huge asset to the organization.

Ben would share with younger generations that you should always live life to the fullest and have a good sense of humor. Spend time with your family and learn their history and stories. They will be treasured memories to carry in your heart for always. Lastly, embrace and always be proud of your heritage.

- ***Benny William Mischey, April 2025***



Liturgical Schedule & Feast Days



SERVICE AND FEAST DAY SCHEDULE

* (*HEARING CONFESSIONS ON SUNDAYS BEFORE LITURGY 8:30AM - 9:15AM*)

- Sunday, April 6, 9:30 AM – **Divine Liturgy, 5th Sunday of Great Lent, Venerable Mary of Egypt, Fellowship in Memory of Mykola Prychodczenko**
- Sunday, April 6, 5:00 PM – **Sunday Lenten Vespers – at St. Nicholas**
Greek Orthodox Church 220 North Walnut Street, Youngstown, OH
- Thursday, April 10, 6:00 PM – **Penitential Canon of St Andrew**
- Friday, April 11, 6:00 PM – **Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts. Potluck Dinner**
- Sunday, April 13, 9:30 AM – **Divine Liturgy, PALM SUNDAY.**

THE ENTRY OF THE LORD INTO JERUSALEM.

“Holy Week & Pascha Journey” by Church School Children (in Church after the service)

PASSION WEEK:

- Great Wednesday, April 16, 6:30PM – **Sacrament of Holy Unction**
- Great Thursday, April 17, 9:30AM – **Divine Liturgy, the Mystical Supper**
- Great Thursday, April 17, 6:30PM – **The Service of the 12 Passion Gospels**
- Great Friday, April 18, 6:30PM – **Great Vespers. Procession with the Holy Shroud**
- Great Saturday, April 19, 6:30PM – **Blessing of baskets at the Orthodox Center.**

Upcoming dates & events

- Every Friday during the Great Lent – **Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts. Potluck Dinner after**
- April 6 – **Fellowship in Memory of Mykola Prychodczenko**
- April 6 – **Sisterhood Meeting** following the fellowship
- July 23-27, 2025 - UOL Convention in Florida – SAVE the DATE – July 23-27, 2025.

Church School Calendar

* Church School – Apr 6 * Holy Week & Pascha Journey in Church – Apr 13 * Church School – April 27

Pyrohy Schedule

ORDER BY DATE:	WORK DAY	WORK DAY	PICK-UP DAY
April 7	April 8	April 10	April 11
May 12	May 13	May 15	May 16

Choir Rehearsal Schedule:

April, WED, Apr 9 at 7pm

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD	On Mar 16	On Mar 23
General:	\$ 2034.00	\$ 1016.00
Renovation:	\$ 31.00	\$ 78.00
Online Donations on Tithe.ly	\$ 35.00	\$ 20.00

The Annunciation of the Mother of God

The Annunciation marks one of the most profound moments in salvation history—the moment when heaven and earth intersected through the “yes” of a young girl from Nazareth. When the Archangel Gabriel announced to Mary that she had been chosen to bear the Son of God, the fate of the world hinged on her response.

Mary’s reaction is deeply human. She is troubled, she questions, “How can this be?”—and yet, she listens. And in her humility, she utters the words that echo through all generations: “Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word.” (Luke 1:38)

This moment is not just about divine intervention—it is about trust. Mary did not understand everything, but she trusted God. In that moment, she became the new Eve—the one whose obedience would undo the disobedience of the first. Through her, the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

The Annunciation calls each of us to a personal response. God still speaks. He still calls. He still invites us to participate in His divine plan. Like Mary, we may not have all the answers. We may be afraid or unsure. But if we respond with a trusting heart, miracles can be born from our faith.

Mary’s yes is a model of surrender and courage. She teaches us that even the smallest among us can be used for God’s greatest purposes, and that through humility, openness, and trust, Christ can be born into the world again—this time through our own lives.

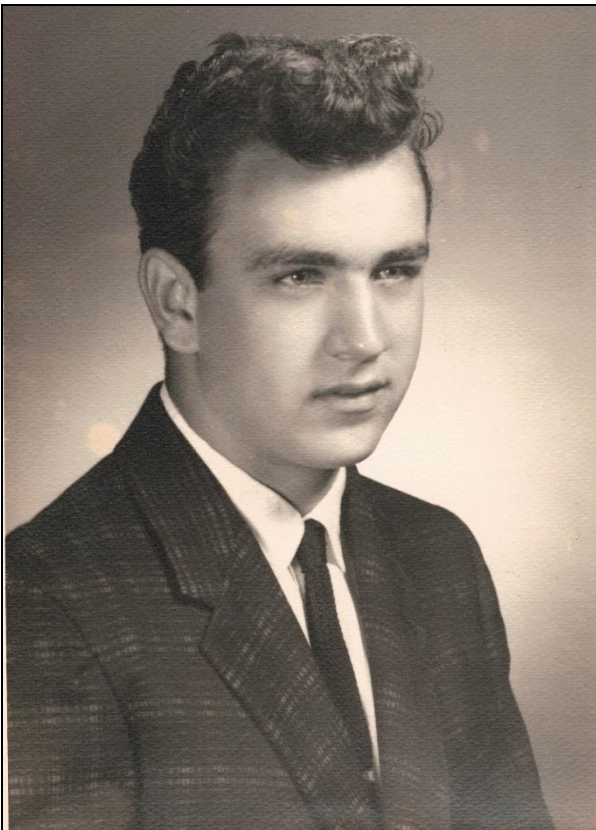


*“Obedience is the burial of the will
and the resurrection of humility”*

- St. John Climacus

*“He who has cut off his self-will has reached the haven of rest,
for nothing torments the heart so much as self-will”.*

- St. Silouan the Athonite



IN MEMORY OF

**LOUIS (LOU)
WESOLOWSKY**

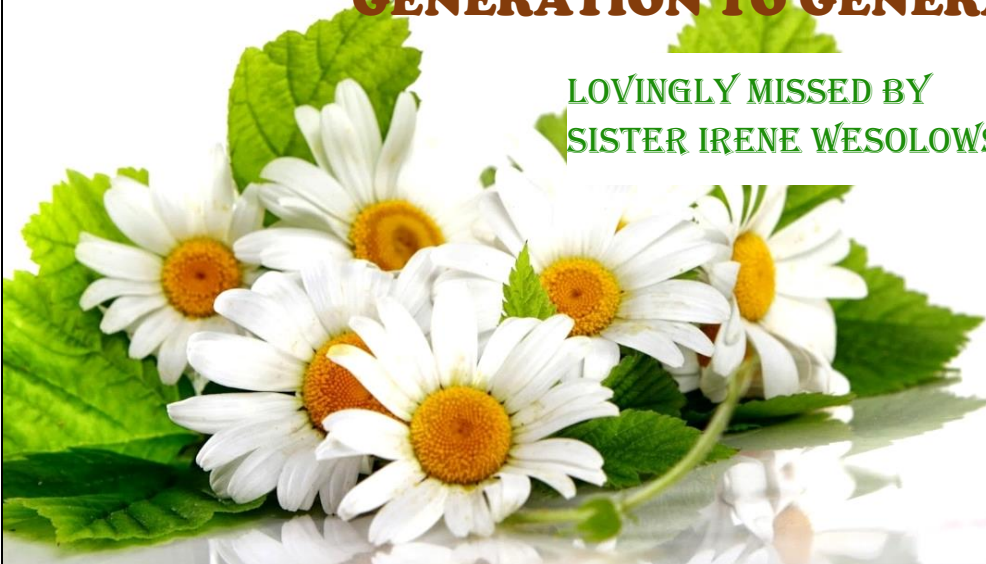
ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF
HIS PASSING AWAY

1945 - 1965



**"HIS MEMORY BE FROM
GENERATION TO GENERATION"**

LOVINGLY MISSED BY
SISTER IRENE WESOLOWSKY HUSTIC



Reflection on St. Mary of Egypt

The story of St. Mary of Egypt is one of the most radical and inspiring journeys of repentance in the history of the Church. From a life of sin and self-indulgence to one of complete surrender to God, her life reminds us that no soul is ever too far from the mercy of Christ.



Mary began her life in rebellion, giving herself over to passions and pleasures without restraint. By her own account, she was not even motivated by money—just the desire to sin. But God, in His great love, used a moment of spiritual hunger—her desire to enter the Church of the Holy Sepulchre—as the beginning of her transformation.

Blocked from entering the church by an invisible force, Mary became aware of the weight of her sins. She turned to the Theotokos in humility, asking for help—and received it. From that moment on, she devoted her entire life to repentance, fleeing into the desert and spending nearly fifty years in silence, prayer, and struggle.

Her story tells us several powerful truths:

- There is no sin greater than God's mercy. Mary's past did not define her future. Her repentance did.
- True transformation requires humility and perseverance. Mary didn't just say "I'm sorry"—she lived her repentance with sincerity and depth.
- God meets us in the wilderness. In the silence of the desert, Mary found communion with God that many never reach even in the busiest of churches.

When the monk Zosimas found her, he encountered not a fallen woman, but a saint who radiated divine grace, whose body defied natural laws, and whose soul had become completely united with God.

St. Mary of Egypt reminds us, especially during Lent, that no matter how far we've wandered, God is always waiting to welcome us back. But that return requires our honesty, our humility, and our willingness to let go of our old ways.

Her life becomes a call to us: if she could be saved—so can we. If she could become a saint—so can we.



Orthodox Christianity 101

CHURCH AS THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST

'There can be no Christianity without the Church', wrote a martyred Russian Orthodox bishop at the beginning of this century. The Church is Christ's Kingdom, purchased by the price of His blood and into which He leads those whom He has chosen as His children and who have chosen Him as their Father.

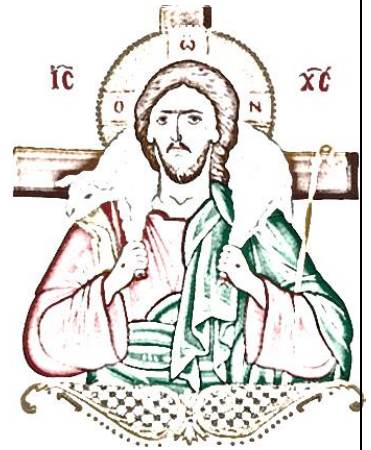
The Greek word *ekklesia*, meaning 'Church', 'assembly of people', comes from the verb *ekkaleo*, 'to call'. The Christian Church is an assembly of those called by Christ, of those who have believed in Him and live by Him. Yet the Church is not merely a society or fellowship of people united by their faith in Christ, it is not just a sum total of individuals.

Gathered together, the members of the Church comprise a single body, an indivisible organism.

The first to refer to the Church as the body of Christ was St Paul: 'For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit... Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it' (1 Cor.12:13; 27). Through the sacraments, and especially the sacrament of communion in the Body and Blood of Christ through the eucharistic bread and wine, we are united with Him and we become one body in Him: 'Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread' (1 Cor.10:17). The Church is the eucharistic body of Christ: the Eucharist unites us to Him and to each other. And the closer we are to God, the closer we are to each other; the more we are filled with love for Christ, the stronger our love for our neighbour. In being united to God through a life in the sacraments, we are united to each other, we overcome our usual lack of communication and alienation, we become members of an undivided organism tied to each other in a union of love.

The mystery of the Church was prefigured in the people of Israel, who was chosen and set apart from the other peoples. According to its own understanding, the Christian Church is the only legitimate heir to the biblical religion of revelation. This revelation is preserved and continued in the Church's Tradition, which includes both the Old and the New Testaments, the memory of Jesus Christ's earthly life, of His miracles and teaching, His death and resurrection. It also includes the experience of the primitive Church, the teachings of early Fathers and Ecumenical Councils, the lives of Christian saints and martyrs, the liturgy, the sacraments, and the entirety of spiritual and mystical experience, transmitted from generation to generation. In other words, Tradition in Orthodox understanding means the continuity of theological teaching and spiritual experience within the Church from Old Testament times up to the present.

It is absolutely essential for a Christian to be a member of the Church, to be connected with the revelation of God which is preserved in the Church's sacred Tradition, in its living memory. The experience of God is what is given to individuals, but the revelation of God belongs to the whole body of the Church. The personal experience of each individual believer is to be incorporated into the collective memory of the Church. Every person is called to share his experience with others, and to examine it against the revelation which is given to people as a body, as a community. In this way the Christian becomes united with other Christians and the house of the Church is formed from individual stones.

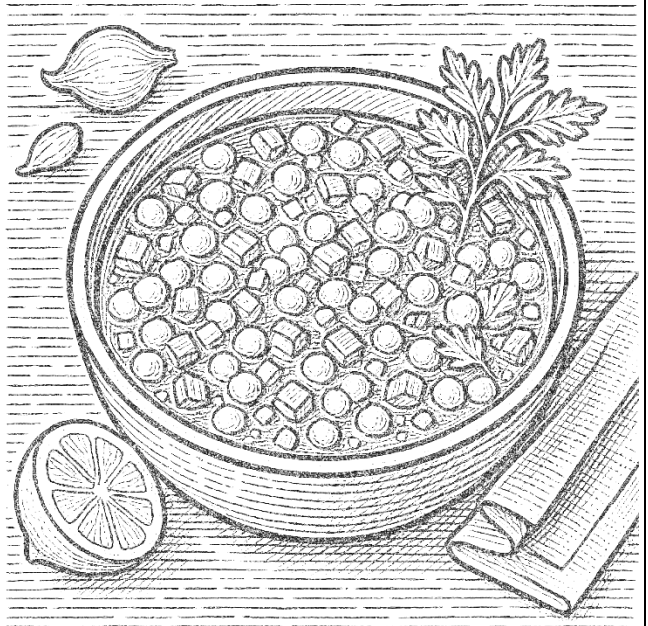


Chickpea Stew

(Greek-style “Revithada”)

Ingredients:

- 2 cups cooked chickpeas (or 1 can, drained and rinsed)
- 2–3 tbsp olive oil (omit or reduce if oil-free fasting)
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 2–3 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 carrots, diced
- 1 celery stalk, diced (optional)
- 1 can (14 oz) diced tomatoes
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 1 bay leaf
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 cups vegetable broth or water
- Juice of half a lemon
- Fresh parsley for garnish



Instructions:

1. Sauté vegetables: In a pot, heat the olive oil (if using), then sauté the onion until translucent. Add garlic, carrots, and celery, and cook for another 5 minutes until softened.
2. Add chickpeas and spices: Stir in the chickpeas, oregano, bay leaf, salt, and pepper. Let the flavors combine for a minute.
3. Add tomatoes and broth: Pour in the diced tomatoes and vegetable broth. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer for 25–30 minutes, or until the veggies are tender and the stew thickens slightly.
4. Finish with lemon: Stir in the lemon juice to brighten the flavor. Remove the bay leaf.

To Serve:

Serve: Garnish with fresh parsley. Serve with crusty bread or over rice.

Please share your favorite recipe with our parishioners. Email the recipe to stspeterpauluoc@gmail.com
And it will be published in our Sunday Bulletin

- *Bon Appétit Everyone* -

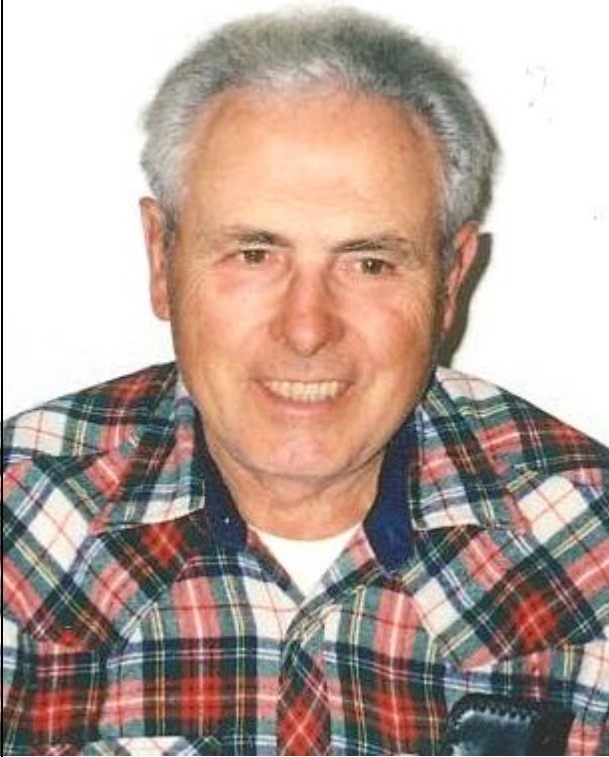
IN MEMORY OF



**MYKOLA
PRYCHODCZENKO**

**ON THE 1ST ANNIVERSARY
OF HIM PASSING AWAY**

+ APRIL 6, 2024



MEMORY ETERNAL

**“BLESSED ARE THOSE WHOM YOU HAVE
CHOSEN AND RECEIVED, O LORD”**

**SADLY MISSED BY
THE ANDERSON FAMILY:
ANNA, DAVID, PETER, KATHERINE,
NICHOLAS, LINDSAY, SOPHIA, CHARLOTTE
AND WAYNE TIEDEMAN.**

