

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of Christ Healing the Gadarenes*

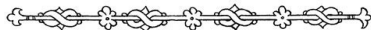
## **WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS**

- Sat, July 1st:**           **The Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian**  
6:30 pm: Vigil Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom; Intention for Health and God's Blessings on Our Living and Deceased Parishioners.
- Sun, July 2nd:**           **The 5th Sunday After Pentecost; the Feast of the Deposition of the Robe of the Mother of God in the Church of the Blachernae in Constantinople**  
9:00 am: Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (Eng.); Intention for Kyr +John (Stock), Prot. No. 332/2022 O.
- Mon, July 3rd:**           **The Martyr Hyacinth**  
9:00 am: Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom; Intention for +Maria Lepeta, by daughter, Mary Denardo.
- Tue, July 4th:**           **The Hierarch Andrew of Jerusalem—INDEPENDENCE DAY**  
9:00 am: Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom; Intention for God's Blessings on Our Country, The United States of America.
- Wed, July 5th:**           **The Venerable Father Athanasius of Athos**  
9:00 am: Daily Matins/3rd Hour.  
6:30 pm: *Moleben for Ukraine; Assumption of the BVM Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Northampton, PA*
- Thu, July 6th:**           **The Venerable Father Sisoes the Great**  
9:00 am: Daily Matins/3rd Hour.
- Fri, July 7th:**           **The Venerable Fathers Thomas and Acacius**  
NO DIVINE SERVICES
- Sat, July 8th:**           **The Great-Martyr Procopius**  
6:30 pm: Vigil Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom; Intention for Health and God's Blessings on Our Living and Deceased Parishioners.
- Sun, July 9th:**           **The 6th Sunday After Pentecost—The Hieromartyr Pancratius of Taormina**  
9:00 am: Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (Ukr.); Intention for +Yaroslav and Ola Cehelsky, and +Owen Kidd, by Nadiya Cehelsky-Kidd.

### **PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. As we all get ready to relax and have an enjoyable 4th of July holiday, please be sure to say a prayer of Thanksgiving to God for our country, the United States of America. Please be safe as you travel to your family and friends, and may God bless our land and keep us safe from all enemies, foreign AND domestic.
2. The Ukrainian Catholic/Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood of the Lehigh Valley will have their next weekly Moleben for Peace in Ukraine on **Wednesday, July 5th, 2023, at 6:30 pm**, at Assumption of the BVM Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Northampton, PA—NOT on Tuesday, July 4th. We will resume our normal Tuesday Molebens next week on July 11th at 6:30 pm at St. John's in Northampton. All are encouraged to come and pray with us.
3. **IMPORTANT:** The St. Josaphat Tryzub Association meeting originally scheduled for Monday, July 3rd, is moved to Monday, July 10th, at 7:00 pm.

4. WEDDING BANNS (I): David Walter Surman, Jr., of Allentown, PA, and Christina May Smith, of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church, Bethlehem, PA, desires to receive the Mystery of Matrimony at St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church, Bethlehem, PA. If any one knows of any reason why this couple should not be joined, they are bound in conscience to make this reason known to Father Paul or to the Promoter of Justice of the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia.
5. Wednesday, July 12th, is the next Noodle Sale being held at Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church, West Easton. Sign up sheets are in the back of the Church; you may also order noodles via email at [foodsales@holyghostucc.com](mailto:foodsales@holyghostucc.com).
6. We are still planning to have our Theology on Tap event for July 16th at Weyerbacher's Brewery after the scheduled 11:00 am Divine Liturgy at Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church at 1:00 pm. The theme will be "Why Go To Church?" All are invited to attend.



**Sunday Propers:**  
**The 5th Sunday After Pentecost;**  
**The Feast of the Deposition of the Robe of**  
**the Mother of God in the Church of the**  
**Blachernae in Constantinople**

**Тропарі і Кондаки:**  
**5-а Неділя По Зіслання Святого Духа;**  
**Положення чесної ризи Пресвятої**  
**Владичиці нашої Богородиці у Влахерні.**

**Troparion, Tone 4:** When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel\* the glorious news of the resurrection\* and cast off the ancestral condemnation,\* they proudly told the apostles:\* "Death has been plundered!\* Christ our God is risen,\* granting to the world great mercy."

**Тропар (глас 4):** Світлу про воскресіння розповідь від ангела почувши\* і від прадідного засуду звільнившись,\* Господні учениці, радіючи, казали апостолам:\* Здолано смерть, воскрес Христос Бог,\* що дає світові велику милість.

**Troparion, Tone 8:** Protection of humans, ever-Virgin Mother of God\* as a mighty bulwark for your city\* and you gave your pure body's robe and sash.\* They remained incorrupt by your giving birth without seed.\* For in you are nature and time made new.\* Therefore, we pray you, give peace to your city,\* and – to our souls – great mercy.

**Тропар (глас 8):** Богомати і Діво,\* Твою славу величаємо,\* Твоєї помочі благаємо,\* Твою чудотворну ікону почитаємо.\* Ти – Мати благодати,\* Ти – надія світу,\* нашими молитвами не погорди в наших нуждах,\* і від усіх бід Ти нас звільни.

**Kontakion, Tone 4:** *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.* O pure one, full of the grace of God,\* you have given your sacred robe as a garb on incorruption to all who believe.\* It covered your sacred body,\* O protection of all mankind.\* We feast its deposition with love, and in awe we cry:\* Rejoice, O Virgin, boast of Christians.

**Кондак (глас 6):** +*Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові.* Мати наша, Неустанна Помоче,\* дай нам в турботах довір'я, в болях – полегшу,\* в скорботах – потіху, в боротьбі – поміч.\* Подай християнам з'єднання, церковним служителям – ревність,\* грішникам – прощення, праведним – витривалість,\* вмираючим – спасіння,\* душам в чистилищі очищення і вічну славу випроси.

**Kontakion, Tone 4:** *Now and for ever and ever. Amen.* My Saviour and Deliverer from the grave\* as God raised out of bondage the children of the earth\* and shattered the gates of Hades;\* and as Master, He rose on the third day.

**Кондак (глас 4):** *І нині, і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінь.* Спас і мій визволитель,\* як Бог, із гробу воскресив землян від узів\* і розбив брами адові\* та воскрес на третій день, як Владика.

**Prokeimenon, Tone 4:** How great are Your works, O Lord\* You have made all things in wisdom.

**Прокімен (глас 4):** Які величні діла Твої, Господи! Все премудро сотворив Ти.

**Verse:** Bless the Lord, O my soul: O Lord my God, You are exceedingly great.

**Epistle (Romans 10:1-10):** Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I can testify that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they have not submitted to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

**Alleluia Verse:** Poise yourself and advance in triumph and reign in the cause of truth, and meekness, and justice.

**Verse:** You have loved justice and hated iniquity.

**Gospel (Matthew 8:28-9:1):** *At that time when Jesus came to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, two demoniacs coming out of the tombs met him. They were so fierce that no one could pass that way. Suddenly they shouted, "What have you to do with us, Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now a large herd of swine was feeding at some distance from them. The demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go!" So they came out and entered the swine; and suddenly, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea and perished in the water. The swineherds ran off, and on going into the town, they told the whole story about what had happened to the demoniacs. Then the whole town came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood. And*

**Стих:** Благослови, душе моя, Господа! Господи, Боже мій, Ти вельми великий.

**Апостол (Рм 10,1-10):** *Браття, бажання мого серця і моя молитва до Бога за них, щоб вони спаслися. Я бо їм свідчу, що вони мають ревність Божу, та вона нерозважна. Не розуміючи Божої справедливості й шукаючи установити свою власну, вони не покорилися справедливості Божій. Бо мета закону – Христос, на оправдання кожного, хто вірує.*

Мойсей про праведність, що від закону, пише: той, хто його виконує, буде ним жити. Справедливість же, що від віри, так говорить: не кажи у твоїм серці: хто зійде на небо?, тобто Христа звести додолу, або: хто зійде з безодню?, тобто щоб вивести Христа з мертвих. Що, отже, вона каже? Близько тебе слово: в твоїх устах і в твоїм серці, тобто слово віри, що ми проповідуємо. Бо коли ти твоїми устами визнаватимеш Господа Ісуса і віруватимеш у твоїм серці, що Бог воскресив його з мертвих, спасешся, бо серцем вірується на оправдання, а устами визнається на спасіння.

**Апостольські Стих (злас 4):** Натягни лук і наступай, і пануй істини ради, лагідности і справедливості.

**Стих:** Ти полюбив правду і зненавидів беззаконня.

**Євангеліє (Мт 8,29-9:1):** *Одного разу, коли Ісус прибув на той бік, до землі Гадаринської, перестріли Його два біснуваті, що вийшли з могильних печер, дуже люті, так що ніхто не міг переходити тією дорогою. І ось, вони стали кричати, говорячи: Що Тобі, Сину Божий, до нас? Прийшов Ти сюди передчасно нас мучити? А оподаль від них пасся гурт великий свиней. І просилися демони, кажучи: Коли виженеш нас, то пошли нас у той гурт свиней. А Він відповів їм: Ідїть. І вийшли вони, і пішли в гурт свиней. І ось кинувся з кручі до моря весь гурт, і потопився в воді. Пастухи ж повтікали; а коли прибули вони в місто, то про все розповіли, і про біснуватих. І ось, усе місто вийшло назустріч Ісусові. Як Його ж угледіли, то стали благати, щоб пішов Собі з їхнього краю! І, сівши до човна, Він переплинув, і до міста Свого прибув.*

after getting into a boat he crossed the sea and came to his own town.

**Communion Hymn:** Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. I will take the cup of salvation; and I will call upon the name of the Lord. Alleluia (3x).

**Причасний Стих:** Хваліте Господа з небес, хваліте Його на висотах. Чашу спасення прийму і ім'я Господнє призову. Аلیلуя (х3).



## THE LIVES OF THE SAINTS

### **The Deposition of the Robe of the Mother of God at the Church of the Mother of God at Blachernae in Constantinople. Sunday, June 2nd, 2023.**

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The Placing of the Venerable Robe of the Most Holy Theotokos at Blachernae: During the reign of the Byzantine Emperor Leo the Great (457-474), the brothers Galbuis and Candidus, associates of the emperor, set out from Constantinople to Palestine to venerate the holy places. In a small settlement near Nazareth they stayed in the home of a certain old Jewish woman. In her house they noticed a room where many lamps were lit, incense burned, and sick people were gathered. When they asked her what the room contained, the pious woman did not want to give an answer for a long time. After persistent requests, she said that she had a very precious sacred item: the Robe of the Mother of God, which performed many miracles and healings. Before Her Dormition the Most Holy Virgin bequeathed one of her garments to a pious Jewish maiden, an ancestor of the old woman, instructing her to leave it to another virgin after her death. Thus, the Robe of the Mother of God was preserved in this family from generation to generation.

The jewelled chest, containing the sacred Robe, was transferred to Constantinople. Saint Gennadius, Patriarch of Constantinople (August 31), and the emperor Leo, having learned of the sacred treasure, were convinced of the incorrupt state of the holy Robe, and they certified its authenticity. At Blachernae, near the seacoast, a new church in honor of the Mother of God was constructed. On June 2, 458 Saint Gennadius transferred the sacred Robe into the Blachernae church with appropriate solemnity, placing it within a new reliquary.

Afterwards, the maphorion (i.e., the outer robe) of the Mother of God, and part of Her belt were also put into the reliquary with Her Robe. This circumstance also influenced the Orthodox iconography of the Feast, in connecting the two events: the Placing of the Robe, and the Placing of the Belt of the Mother of God in Blachernae. A pilgrim, Stephen, visiting Constantinople in about the year 1350, testifies: "We arrived at Blachernae, where the Robe lies upon an altar in a sealed reliquary."

More than once, during the invasion of enemies, the Most Holy Theotokos saved the city to which She had given Her holy Robe. Thus it happened during the time of a siege of Constantinople by the Avars in 626, by the Persians in 677, by the Arabs in the year 717, and by tribes of Rus-Ukraine led by Askold in 860 (which is thought to set in motion the events that led to the Baptism of Kyivan-Rus in 988).

It is at the Church of the Blachernae where also many prayers were composed in honor of the Mother of God, chiefly the Akathist Hymn to the Mother of God (of which the authorship is disputed, although some attribute this to the patriarchs Sergius or Photius of Constantinople, or also to Romanos the Melodist). Many of the kontakia verses we have today in our Church were composed by Romanos the Melodist at this church. Also this church is known for homilies that have been delivered by various saints and patriarchs of Constantinople that remain with us to this day.

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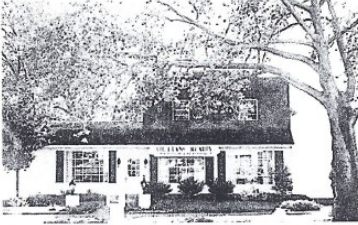
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***Please remember to pray for the sick, for those who are shut-in, and for all those who have requested, or are in need of, our prayers:***

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*If anyone knows of someone in need of our prayers, or who is sick or shut in and cannot make it to church, please contact Father Paul via email or telephone as listed on the cover of this bulletin if you wish to have their name added to our prayer list. Thank you and God bless you!*

### **St. Josaphat Calendar of Events – Mark Your Planners!**

- July 10th:** St. Josaphat Tryzub Meeting (7:00 pm, Church Hall)  
**July 12th:** Holy Ghost Noodle Sale (No Pyrohy)  
**July 16th:** Summer Theology on Tap (Weyerbacher’s Brewery) - Theme: Why Go To Church?  
**July 24th-28th:** TENTATIVE-Holy Ghost Children’s Summer Camp  
**August 1st:** *The Dormition Fast (Spasivka) Begins/Small Blessing of Holy Water*  
**August 1st:** Church Cleaning.  
**August 6th:** *Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, Jesus Christ (Holy Day of Obligation)*  
**August 9th:** Holy Ghost Noodle Sale (No Pyrohy)  
**August 15th:** *Feast of the Dormition of the God-Bearer, the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation; Dormition Fast/Spasivka Ends).*  
**August 17th:** St. Josaphat Pastoral Council Meeting (Members Only)

How atheists think Christians will react to discovering intelligent life on other worlds:



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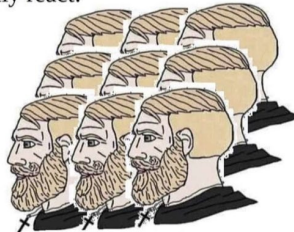


NO THAT MEANS MY RELIGION IS FALSE SOMEHOW!!!

How Christians will actually react:



GO MY ARMY OF PREIST AND CONVERT ALL WHO ARE WILLING TO LISTEN!



**Yes**

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### ***Glory to Jesus Christ! Слава Ісусу Христу!***

*We welcome you to our parish family and invite you to worship with us in a most ancient Church of the Christian East. We are happy to have you with us, and we are honored to share our Ukrainian Catholic tradition of prayer and spirituality with you, your family, and your friends. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to bring them to Father Paul or one of our parishioners. Our doors and our hearts are open to you. May God's blessings be with you always!*

### ***Conquering Demons***

The divine nature of the only begotten Son was already scorching the demons in unspeakable flames. Christ was shutting up the fiercest demons in blocked roads. He was undoing the devil's tyranny. "You have come before the time," they cried out. They knew from the Scriptures that Christ was going to come and would judge them. Treating the incarnation as if it had happened at the wrong time, they pleaded that he had come in an untimely way. This misrepresentation is not surprising. In their deceptiveness, they did not hesitate to say even this. Yet, although they know that vengeance is to fall upon them, they still say haughtily, "What have you to do with us?" They know that the final Judge in fact has a

score to settle with them, inasmuch as they had broken his commandments.

*St. Cyril of Alexandria*

Make an effort, then, to meet more frequently to celebrate God's Eucharist and to offer praise. For, when you meet frequently in the same place, the forces of Satan are overthrown, and his baneful influence is neutralized by the unanimity of your faith. Peace is a precious thing: it puts an end to every war waged by heavenly or earthly enemies.

*St. Ignatius of Antioch*

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