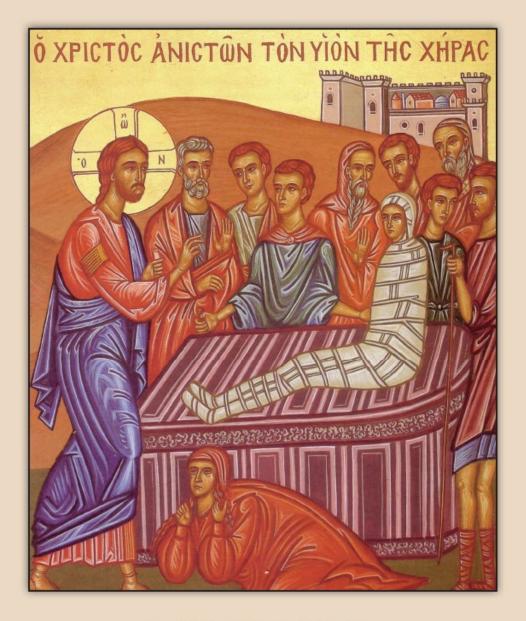
# NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Christ Raising the Widow's Son

#### WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

The Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus Sat, Oct 7th:

6:30 pm: Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom. Intention for God's Blessings on Our Living and Deceased Parishioners.

Sun, Oct 8th: The 19th Sunday After Pentecost; of the Venerable Mother Pelagia

> 9:00 am: Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (Ukr.); Intention for +Diane Sawruk, 1 Year Anniversary.

Mon, Oct 9th: The Apostle James the Lesser

No Divine Services (9:00 am Matins/3rd Hour at Holy Ghost, West Easton).

Tue, Oct 10th: The Martyrs Eulampus and Eulampia

9:00 am: Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom. Intention for +Pearl Hutsko (40th Day), by Rev. Paul J. Makar.

6:30 pm: Moleben for Peace in Ukraine; Assumption of the BVM Ukrainian

Orthodox Church, Northampton, PA.

Wed, Oct 11th: The Deacon and Apostle Phillip

No Divine Services (9:00 am Matins/3rd Hour at Holy Ghost, West Easton).

Thu, Oct 12th: The Martyrs Probus and His Companions

9:00 am: Matins/3rd Hour.

7:00 pm: St. Josaphat Pastoral Council Meeting (Ad Hoc Meeting, St. Josaphat Rectory Classroom, Members Only).

The Martyrs Carpus and His Companions Fri, Oct 13th:

9:00 am: Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom. Intention for +Olha Trytyak (40th Day).

The Venerable Mother Paraskevia Sat, Oct 14th:

10:00 am: UNWLA Branch 91 Meeting (Church Hall)

12:00 pm—5:00 pm: Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church Tricky Tray

Fundraiser (Holy Ghost Church Hall, West Easton, PA)

6:30 pm: Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom. Intention for God's Blessings on Maria and Tyler on the Occasion of their Marriage, by Rev. Paul J. Makar.

Sun, Oct 15th: The 20th Sunday After Pentecost; of the Venerable Father Euthymius the New

9:00 am: Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (Eng.); Intention for +Elise

Pires (3rd/9th Days), by Rev. Paul J. Makar.

12:00 pm—4:00 pm: Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church Tricky Tray

Fundraiser (Holy Ghost Church Hall, West Easton, PA—Closed Prize Drawing Starts at 4:30 pm and Will be Livestreamed on the Holy Ghost Facebook Page)

### **PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- 1. With the arrival of Father Paul's assistant, Father Andrii in West Easton this month, St. Josaphat's will be returning to the original 10:00 am Divine Liturgy schedule starting on Sunday, October 29th. Please be sure to mark your calendars.
- 2. We are looking to replace the old and worn priest and altar boy vestments that are currently in use. This will require the purchase of three pairs of priest vestments (est. \$700-800 per set, total est.

\$2400.00) and three sets of altar boy vestments (est \$125.00 per stichar, require 6-8 stichars per set for a total of \$3000.00). If you, or your family, would like to donate for the purchase of new priest and altar boy vestments for St. Josaphat Church, please contact Father Paul for more information.

- 3. Barry Bennington Associates of Scranton, PA, has erected scaffolding in the sanctuary of the church and has begun restoration of the damaged plaster and artwork from last year's vandalism. These repairs are estimated to be ongoing over the next several weeks.
- 4. The Soyuz Ukrainok of the Lehigh Valley, UNWLA Branch 91, will have their next meeting on Saturday, October 14th, 2023, at St. Josaphat's Church Hall. New members are welcome.
- 5. Our sister parish, Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church, will be hosting their Annual Tricky Tray fundraiser on the weekend of October 14th and 15th, 2023. Flyers are provided in the back of the church with more information. All are invited to come, bid on prizes, purchase good food for take out and have fun. Bidders need not be present to win. For more information, please contact Father Paul at St. Josaphat Rectory.
- The St. Josaphat Tryzub Association have started selling tickets for their annual St. Josaphat Dinner, tentatively scheduled for Sunday, November 12th. For information, please see David Kadingo, or any Tryzub Member.
- 7. The Ukrainian Catholic/Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood of the Lehigh Valley will have their next weekly Moleben for Peace in Ukraine on Tuesday, October 10th, 2023, at Assumption of the BVM Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Northampton, PA. All are encouraged to come and pray with us.

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

October 19th: St. Josaphat Church Cleaning

October 25th: UAV (Ukr. American Veterans) Post 41 Meeting – Holy Ghost Chapel, West Easton.

October 29th: Theology on Tap (Weyerbacher Brewery).

November 5th: Daylight Savings Time Ends.

**November 5th:** Catechetical Sunday/Begin Eastern Catholic Catechism (ECC) Classes

November 12th: Annual St. Josaphat Dinner

# 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:

Anna Kapustiak Amelia Balandovich Ethel Bednarchek Bob Silvert

Slava Harasymovych Oleh Balaziuk Mike Wetherill Rev. John Ciurpita

Rev. Paul Wolensky Very Rev. Mitred Archpriest Roman Mirchuk

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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!

# The Sayings of the Desert Fathers

Whoever hammers a lump of iron, first decides what he is going to make of it, a scythe, a sword, or an axe. Even so we ought to make up our minds what kind of virtue we want to forge or we labor in vain.

Abba Anthony

### Sunday Propers: The 19th Sunday After Pentecost; of the Venerable Mother Pelagia

**Troparion (2):** When You went down to death, O Life Immortal, You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity. When You raised the dead from the nether world, all the powers of heaven cried out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to You!

**Kontakion (2):** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. You rose from the tomb, O Almighty Savior, and Hades, seeing this wonder, was stricken with fear; and the dead arose. Creation saw and rejoices with You, and Adam exults. And the world, my Savior, sings Your praises for ever.

**Theotokion (2):** Now and for ever and ever: Amen. The tomb and death could not hold the Mother of God, unceasing in her intercessions and an unfailing hope of patronage, for as the Mother of Life she was transferred to life by Him Who had dwelt in her ever-virgin womb.

**Prokimenon (2):** The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation.

**Verse:** The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death.

Epistle (2 Cor 11,31-33;12,1-9): Brethren: The God and Father of the Lord Jesus knows, he who is blessed forever, that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus, in order to seize me, but I was lowered in a basket through a window in the wall and escaped his hands. I must boast; not that it is profitable, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know someone in Christ who, fourteen years ago (whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows), was caught up to the third heaven. And I know that this person (whether in the body or out of the body, I do not know, God knows) was caught up into Paradise and heard ineffable things, which no one may utter. About this person I will boast, but about myself I will not boast, except about my weaknesses. Although if I should wish to boast, I would not be foolish, for I would be telling the truth. But I refrain, so that no one may think more of me than what he sees in me or hears from me because of the abundance

#### Тропарі і Кондаки: 19-а Неділя по Зісланні Св. Духа; Св. Преподобна Мати Пелагія

**Тропар (2):** Коли зійшов Ти до смерти, Життя безсмертне, тоді ад умертвив Ти сіянням Божества; коли ж і померлих з глибин підземних Ти воскресив, всі сили небесні взивали: Життєдавче, Христе Боже наш, слава Тобі!

Кондак (2): Слава Отино, і Сину, і Святому Духові. Воскрес Ти з гробу, всесильний Спасе, і ад побачивши чудо, зжахнувся та й мертві встали; а творіння, бачивши, радіє з Тобою, й Адам веселиться, і світ, Спасе мій, повсякчас Тебе оспівує.

Богородичний (2): І нині, і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінь. У молитвах невсипущу Богородицю, і в заступництві несхитне уповання не втримали в собі гріб і смерть; бо як Матір Життя покликав до життя Той, Хто в лоно вселився повсякчас дівственне.

**Прокімен (2):** Господь - моя сила і моя пісня, і Він став моїм спасінням.

**Стих:** Тяжко покарав мене Господь, та не передав мене смерті.

**Апостоль (2 Кор 11,31-33;12,1-9):** Браття, Бог і Отець Господа Ісуса, - благословен вовіки! - знає, що я не говорю неправди. В Дамаску правитель царя Арети стеріг місто дамащан, щоб мене схопити; та мене спущено віконцем у коші з муру, і я втік з його рук. Чи треба хвалитися? Воно й не личить, але я таки приступлю до видінь та до об'явлення Господа. Я знаю чоловіка в Христі, що чотирнадцять років тому, - чи то було в тілі, не знаю, чи то було без тіла, не знаю, Бог знає, - був узятий у рай і чув слова несказанні, яких годі людині вимовити. Таким буду хвалитися, собою ж не буду хвалитися, хіба лиш моїми немочами. А коли захочу хвалитися, я не буду безумний, бо кажу правду; але я стримуюся, щоб про мене хтось не сказав більше, ніж у мені бачить або від мене чує. А щоб не згордів надмірно висотою об'явлень, дано мені колючку в тіло, посланця сатани, щоб бив мене в обличчя, щоб я не зносився вгору. Я тричі благав Господа ради of the revelations. Therefore, that I might not become too elated, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, an angel of Satan, to beat me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it might leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me.

**Alleluia Verse (2):** The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you.

**Verse (2):** Lord, grant victory to the king, and hear us in the day that we shall call upon You.

Gospel (Lk 7:11-16): At that time, Jesus journeyed to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd accompanied him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. A large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, he was moved with pity for her and said to her, "Do not weep." He stepped forward and touched the coffin; at this the bearers halted, and he said, "Young man, I tell you, arise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, exclaiming, "A great prophet has arisen in our midst," and "God has visited his people."

**Communion Verse:** Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia (3x).

нього, щоб від мене відступився, та він сказав мені: "Досить тобі моєї благодаті, бо моя сила виявляється в безсиллі." Отож, я краще буду радо хвалитися своїми немочами, щоб у мені Христова сила перебувала.

**Апостольські Стих (2):** Вислухає Тебе Господь у день печалі, захистить Тебе ім'я Бога Якова.

**Стих (2):** Господи, спаси царя і вислухай нас, коли будемо взивати до Тебе.

Свангелія (Лк 7,11-16): Того часу, Ісус пішов у місто, що зветься Наїн, а за ним ішли його учні й сила народу. Коли ж вони наблизились до міської брами, якраз виносили мертвого сина, єдиного в матері своєї, що була вдовою; і було з нею досить людей з міста. Побачивши її, Господь зглянувся над нею і сказав до неї: "Не плач." І приступивши, доторкнувсь до мар, і ті, що несли, зупинились. Тоді Ісус сказав: "Юначе, кажу тобі, встань!" І мертвий підвівся і почав говорити. І він віддав його матері. Страх огорнув усіх, і вони прославляли Бога та й говорили: "Великий пророк устав між нами," і: "Бог навідався до народу свого."

**Причасний Стих:** Хваліте Господа з небес, хваліте Його на висотах. Алилуя, алилуя, алилуя.

Please don't leave this bulletin in the pew or in the trash when you are finished. We kindly ask you share this bulletin with your loved ones. Let your family  $\mathcal{E}_{T}$  friends know of the spiritual treasure that God has for all people here at St. Josaphat Church, Bethlehem PA!

## The Precepts of the Church [Part 5]

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The Precepts of the Church are rules that all faithful who are Baptized and Chrismated are bound to follow in addition to the Ten Commandments as well as believing with full faith and assent of will to the articles of the Nicaean/Constantinopolitan Creed. The power for making these rules comes from Our Lord, Jesus Christ, and includes everything necessary for the government of the Church and the direction of the faithful in order that they may attain eternal salvation

Precept #5: To Contribute to the Support of Your Pastor

While this precept might be rewritten to read, "to contribute to the support of the church," the meaning generally remains the same. In the days of the Old Testament going all the way back to the time of the Israelites wandering for 40 years in the desert, all Israelites were tithed based on the increase of their flocks and other wealth. In other words, 11 out of the 12 tribes were required by law to give one tenth out of the increase of their wealth for the support of the tribe of Levi, who were designated by God to be the priests and caretakers of the temple and religious worship. In God's promise to Moses and Aaron, the tribe of Levi was not to receive a share of the promised land that was given to the remaining 11 tribes of Israel; instead, the tribe of Levi was given the honor of leading all of Israel in worship of God and thus, their support was, as commanded by God, to be given them from their brother tribesmen in the form of a tithe.

Tithing still is part of the Church today, having been passed down now for hundreds of years. Because a priest gives up certain civil rights that other people possess, he is to live a simple life on the sustenance that the parish can give to him. This obviously brings up questions, such as: how can some priests live simply and on a sparse budget, while others drive fancy cars and have only the best that money can buy in their rectories? This would take an entire bulletin to discuss, but the point is that a priest is indeed entitled to remuneration for the work he does—first and foremost (especially if the priest is celibate), because he has consecrated his life to God for you and executes his duties in praying for you and also for enforcing the rules of worship to keep our prayer in line with what God has given His Church.

Second, the support you give to your parish goes to the maintenance of the Church property and plant. It also goes for works of charity to aid the community, such as feeding the poor, aiding the homeless, pastoral and spiritual counseling people with a myriad of problems, support of the diocese in their works, and so on.

The rule for tithing is still written in law in the Pastoral Guide of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia, which essentially states that those who are able to, are required to donate 3% of their total annual income for the support of the church. This was the basis for "Church Dues" that some churches still assess at a very reduced rate. Today, this rule is not strictly enforced (other religious organizations, such as the Orthodox and Protestant churches, or Synagogues, are VERY strict—if you do not donate, you will not be welcome and won't be able to receive benefits except the most basic of services), but we do contribute on a free will basis via our Church envelopes (or via donation stipends for Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings, etc.). Yet, your free will donations are critical for the maintenance and running of this church—it is estimated that, if every registered family donated, without fail \$20.00-\$25.00 per week, almost all expenses would be covered and fundraisers would only be an occasional thing to raise funds for a large capital expense, such as a new roof or hall renovation.

Unless one is sick and infirm, homebound and without work, homeless and without sustenance, or away on military deployment, one should make every effort to contribute at least a small amount. It still is a rule that if one does not attend church and does not contribute to the support of their church, they are not eligible to participate or vote at parish meetings, nor are they eligible for certain ecclesiastical services (such as having a Church funeral). Without this precept, we could not have a church—refusal to follow this precept essentially tells God that you don't want a Church.

## Birthdays for October 2023 May God Grant You Many Нарру Years!! Многая Літа!!

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# Glory to Jesus Christ! Слава Icycy Xpucmy!

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!

# Jesus, the Lord of Life

How do you respond to the misfortunes of others? In a number of places the gospel records that Jesus was "moved to the depths of His heart." Our English word "compassion" is a weak translation of the Hebrew word for "sympathy."

Why was Jesus so moved on this occasion? Jesus not only grieved the untimely death of a youth, but he showed the depth of his concern for a woman who lost not only a husband, but an only child as well. The scriptures make clear that God takes no pleasure in the death of anyone (e.g., Ezekiel 33:11); God desires life, not death. Jesus not only had compassion, He also had power – the ability to restore life and make whole again. Jesus, however, incurred grave risk by approaching the bier, since contact with a

dead body made one ritually impure. His touch not only restored life but brought freedom and wholeness to soul as well as body.

This miracle is reminiscent of the prophet Elisha who raised another mother's son (see 2 Kings 4:18-37). Jesus claimed as His own one whom death had seized as its prey. By His word of power He restored life for a young man marked for death. Jesus is Lord not only of the living but of the dead as well. Jesus triumphed over the grave and He promises that because He lives, we also shall live in Him (John 14:19). Do you trust in the Lord's power to give life and hope in the face of misfortune and despair?

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