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25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST HOLY APOSTLE PHILIP

Schedule of Services

November 14—November 21

Sunday, November 14—Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost; Holy Apostle Philip

9:25 a.m. Matins

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy *For parishioners, founders, donors, decorators of our church and for their relatives*

Monday, November 15

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, November 16

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, November 17

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Thursday, November 18

No Divine Liturgy

Friday, November 19

Day of Alleluia

Saturday, November 20

No Divine Liturgy

Sunday, November 21—Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost; Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple

9:25 a.m. Matins

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy *For parishioners, founders, donors, decorators of our church and for their relatives*



WELCOME TO ALL PARISHIONERS & GUESTS WHO HAVE JOINED US TODAY

Whether you're searching for a new church home or just visiting, we're glad you're with us today. If you are looking for God, have a prayer request, looking for more information about the Eastern Catholic Church, would like to join our parish, or would like to speak with Fr. Vasyl, we invite you to fill out a visitor's card and drop it in the offering basket as your offering today. Please join us for our coffee hour in the Parish hall following the Divine Liturgy. We want to get to know you! God bless you!

"Be mindful always of God. That is how our mind will acquire agility. Agility of mind comes from vigilance. Vigilance is passionate love for God. It is always having your heart and mind focused on Christ, even if you are engaged in other tasks. Vigilance requires love and yearning for Christ. You will acquire remembrance of God through the prayer 'Lord Jesus Christ...through the prayers of the Church, through the hymns and through bringing to mind the acts of God and recalling passages from Holy Scripture and from other spiritual books.'"

Elder St Porphyrios

Please remember in your prayers:



For health and salvation: Fr. Chris Zuger, Tony and family, Michael Baron, Brenda Washicko, Ed, Dennis, Max, Pani Mary, Mary, Vasyl Zhabko, John and Faye, Jessica, Sophia, Diane Pierce, Vincent Carich, Carol Pavlakovich, Tusita Docie & Scott Docie, Sarah Docie, Emily Docie, Mia Docie

For repose of the departed: +Bishop Gerald N Dino, +Fr. Frank Knusel, +Frank Sliwinski, Jr., +Lawrence & Lucille Carich, +Ivan & Matilda Carich, +Josip & Amanda Grabovac, +George Pavlakovich, +Bud & Virginia Arnold, +Israel Castillo Lara

Please let Father know if you would like to add new names to our prayer list.

ANSWERING GOD'S CALL: "Go and do likewise." Our Lord teaches the rich young man that showing mercy to all is the way to best fulfill the two greatest commandments, of loving God and loving our neighbor. For each of us, to "go and do likewise" will look different based on our unique gifts from God. Some of us are called to show mercy by serving the Church as priests, deacons, monks and nuns. If that may be your calling, contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@ephx.org.

2021-22 Fall / Winter Curriculum EASTERN CATHOLIC.ORG

All courses are offered as live webinars, free of charge. Register at EasternCatholic.org/Events.

GENESIS

An Eastern Christian Perspective

Andrew Hayes, Ph.D.

Wednesdays, November 17 @ 8 - 9 p.m. ET

Why Do We Keep Phillip's Fast?

Unlike the Great Fast before the Feast of the Resurrection (Pascha), the Phillipian fast is seldom known or practiced in the Byzantine Church. Often it is confused with the Roman Catholic practice of Advent.

Since the Nativity / Theophany events hold less importance than Pascha - the Feast of Feasts - (the Resurrection), a detailed structure never evolved for the Phillipian Fast. Yet the Phillipian Fast is an ancient practice in preparation for the Incarnation and Theophany of the Lord Jesus Christ. This 40 day fast is important and should be preserved and practiced. The Phillipian Fast can help us to better understand and appreciate all of God's saving plan.

Without the structure and public events to guide us, the practice of the Phillipian Fast has gradually fallen off. Theologically, the birth and the public ministry of Christ are inextricably linked. The Phillipian Fast was created to prepare us to receive Christ into the world and begin His public ministry. They are two sides of a single coin. The Phillipian fast prepares us to receive the public ministry of Christ announced at Theophany. On arriving at Bethlehem and the Nativity on December 25th, we begin to prepare for the Theophany. We do not stop at the Nativity. In our joy at God's arrival, we press forward and see the Theophany. With Theophany we experience the beginning of Christ's revelation to us of the mysteries of God. Most important of all, this event points out the Mystery of the Trinity, a mystery long hinted in the Old Testament.

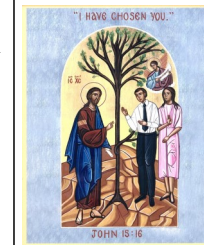
Thank you for your donation!



God save you!

Potluck: We will be celebrating Thanksgiving Feast on Sunday, November 28th. It will be a potluck Sunday. You can bring a bit of a traditional dish to share in our church community. Also we will have a potluck Sunday on St. Nicholas Day, on December 5th.

Christmas schedule: The liturgy schedule for Christmas will be coming soon.



Pray for Vocation!

We all have a responsibility to foster future leaders of the Church; priests, sisters, deacons, and laity alike, dedicated to serve God's people. One way we can all be involved in vocation ministry is through

prayer. Beginning on Sunday, November 7, a special effort of Prayer for Vocations for all of the Byzantine Catholic Churches in the United States began. Everyone in the parish is invited to have this icon in their home for a week of special prayer for vocations. Please sign up on the sheet that you can find in our parish hall.

Thank you for your prayerful support to those who have recognized the calling of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Thank you also for the intentional prayers for those who are on their way to hearing the voice of Christ.