

*Twelve Years*

When the woman with a hemorrhage learned that the Lord said to the leader of the synagogue, "Believe, and your daughter will live," she thought to herself that he who could bring back the soul of a little girl of twelve into her body would also be able to take away an illness of twelve years and expel it from the body. When she heard him say, "Believe firmly and your daughter will live," this woman reflected, "I can give the faith he requires as the price." The healing came forth from his mouth, and he negotiated as its price the faith expressed by the woman's mouth. He gave clear healing and demanded a clear price. The healing that came out from his lips could be heard publicly, and he required from the lips a faith openly professed. Although the woman professed before

everyone, they did not believe her, especially since her pains were hidden. When the Lord opened the eyes of the blind man, they called him a madman, and when he restored Lazarus to life, certain people, even among those who had seen for themselves, did not believe. This is why he restored the little girl of twelve years to life. He who was able to put the continued vitality of twelve years in the body back into its place was also able to arrest and banish from its place a flow of blood that continued for twelve years. He who was able to alleviate one illness was also able to banish another. He who was able to vivify all the dead members of this little girl was also able to heal the woman's womb.

*St. Ephrem the Syrian*



*Icon of Raising the Daughter of Jairus*



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**Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever! Слава Ісусу Христу! Слава навіки!**

**Reader Great Vespers: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays, 5:00pm**  
**Divine Liturgy in English, Sundays 10:30am**  
**Holy Mystery of Repentance (Confession): Sundays, 9:45am**

**NOVEMBER 9, 2025 – 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (TONE 5);**  
 THE HOLY MARTYRS ONISIPHORUS AND PORPHYRY; OUR VENERABLE MOTHER  
 MATRONA; THE VENERABLE THEOCTISTA OF LESBOS.

**GIVING REPORT** – The in-pew collection for Nov 2 was \$690.44.

**WEEKDAY DIVINE LITURGY** – Join us for the Divine Liturgy on **Wednesday, November 12, 6:00pm**, for the Feast of the Hieromartyr Josaphat, Archbishop of Polotsk. Confession is available at 5:30pm.



With a history of more than a thousand years, the Kyivan Church glories in a vast assembly of saints. In the words of Patriarch Josyf, “the Ukrainian Church’s witness of faith in Christ and his one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church, was confirmed by the bloodied seal of a fearless profession, and suffering; by martyrdom and the mountains [of bodies] of our sacrificed people.” Truly, the “blood of martyrs,” known and unknown, became the “seed of the Church.” Among the

martyrs of our Church, a special place of honour is given to the hieromartyr **Josaphat, Archbishop of Polotsk**, who suffered for the unity of Christ’s Church in the time of the Union of Brest. His personage as a passion-bearer is an example of self-sacrifice for the sake of reconciliation. Like Saints Borys and Hlib, he preferred to sacrifice his own life than to see the shedding of his brothers’ blood.

The martyrdom of the Church continued in the following centuries. In 1709, the Basilian monks of Polotsk embraced a martyr’s death at the hands of the Russian Tsar, Peter I; and in 1768 the 68 martyrs of Berdychiv died for their faith. In the nineteenth century, two great waves of persecution took place, in 1839 and in 1875. This martyrdom was crowned by the glorification of the Pratulyn martyrs—simple villagers, who stood faithfully by their home church in Pratulyn (and in the vicinity of Kholm) to their death, killed by the bullets fired by tsarist police. Great was also the martyrdom of the Church in the twentieth century during the reign of the atheistic regime. In 1946, when the activity of the UGCC was prohibited, churches were expropriated, possessions confiscated, and persecution of the faithful began. All the bishops of the UGCC in Ukraine were arrested. Many priests, monks, nuns, and laity were murdered, while others were imprisoned and sent into exile.

The relics of Saint Josaphat, archbishop of Polotsk, journeyed for several centuries, evading desecration, until in 1963 they found a place of veneration in Saint Peter’s Basilica in Rome. (*Christ Our Pascha Catechism*, 322-324, 619)

**St Philip’s Fast - Nativity Fast** - begins Saturday, November 15. This is a voluntary fasting period. *Christ Our Pascha Catechism* teaches: “Liturgically the Church re-creates the expectation of the Saviour in the history of salvation by means of the Fast that begins on November 15, the day after the feast of the apostle Philip. This Fast lasts until the Nativity of Christ, and is appropriately called the Nativity Fast, or popularly, Saint Philip’s Fast (in Ukrainian, *Pilipivka*). During the course of this Fast, the Church prepares us for the luminous feast of the Nativity of Christ, reminding us of the consequences of Adam’s sinful lack of self-control: ‘Refusing to fast, the first Adam tastes of the death-bearing tree.’” Stay tuned for information about our annual Philip’s Fast Parish Charity Project.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Nancy & Jon Anderson, Julie, Lisa Behnke, Alison Bernhoft, Yevhenia Borys, Robert Matthew, Carrie Chuff, Elizabeth Deegan, Clara Anne Duda, Fr Michael Duesterhaus, Robert Dulaine, Pat Fagan, Danylo (Neyko) Fedoryka, Emma Flournoy, Katie Flynn, Lilian Garland, Jerry Gawron, CR Gaush, Samuel Gaush, Josie Hacker, Brigid and Marlena Hess, Ellen Hitchens, Janet Hitchens, Oksana Horszynska, Ihor Hulawyj, Sarah Kelt, Dixie Lane, Catherine Luckey, Destiny Makins, Michael Marshner & Family, Bridget McDonald, Laura McMahan, Vince McLaughlin, Thomas Pavick, Robert Rice, Chris Saboe, Betsy Sayre, Truman L Sayre, Jr, CJ & Theresa Sidrow, Amy Smith, Karena Tapsak, and Fr George Worschak. *Teresa Fedoryka is our prayer coordinator; please email bulletin prayer requests to ssjoachimandannauc@gmail.com.*

## Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

*Tone 5 propers, pp. 345—348*

**Troparion, Tone 5.** Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word,\* co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,\* and born of the Virgin for our salvation.\* For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death\* and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.*

**Kontakion, Tone 5.** You, my Saviour, descended to Hades,\* and as the Almighty, You shattered its gates.\* With Yourself You, as the Creator, raised the dead and shattered the sting of death,\* and delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Mankind.\* And so we cry out: “Save us, O Lord.”

*Now and for ever and ever. Amen.*

**Theotokion, Tone 5.** Rejoice, O rampart and protection of those who have recourse to you!\* Rejoice, O tranquil haven and Virgin,\* who gave birth in the flesh to your Maker and God!\* Fail not to intercede for those\* who sing and worship the Child you bore.

**Prokeimenon, Tone 5.** You, O Lord, will guard us and will keep us\* from this generation and for ever. *verse:* Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer left a just man.

**Epistle Galatians 6:11-18.** Brothers and Sisters, see what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make trouble for

me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

**Alleluia, Tone 5.**

*verse:* Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing for ever; from generation to generation I will announce Your truth with my mouth.

*verse:* For You have said: Mercy shall be built up for ever; in the heavens Your truth shall be prepared.

**Gospel Luke 16:19-31.** The Lord told this parable: “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

**Communion Verse.** Praise the Lord from the heavens;\* praise Him in the highest.\* Alleluia, alleluia,\* alleluia.