

# St. Demetrius Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral



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**Epistle** Rom. 5:1-10

Tone 2

**Gospel:** Mt. 6:22-33

**July 11<sup>th</sup> – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost –**

**Synaxis of Halych Saints. Synaxis of Odessa Saints**

**TODAY'S SERVICES: Today's Greeter: TBD**

Sun. 9:00am Divine Liturgy – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Synaxis of Halych Saints. Synaxis of Odessa Saints Translation of the relics (412) of the Holy and Wonderworking Unmercenaries Cyrus and John (311). Ven. Xenophon, abbot of Robeika. Ven. Paul the Physician of Corinth (7th c.).

THANK YOU TO FATHER JOHN HALUCZSZAK FOR SERVING TODAY!

**SERVICES FOR THE WEEK:**

Sun. 9:00am Divine Liturgy – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Altar Servers:** Subdeacon J.D. Cairns, Qorey Carter, Ryan Fealy

**Reader:** Subdeacon Thomas Bodnar or Subdeacon J.D. Cairns

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:** David Deli, Richard Hycuna, Diane Decibus Morgan, John Piropato, John Zelenak, Hilda Zuccaro, Thomas Zuccaro, Joseph Nardi, Olga Piropato, Nancy Grabie, Mary Wrubleski, Margaret York, Ronald York, Ann Holoob, Jeanette Stokes, Pani Mary Ann, Bruce Wadiak, Patty Tucker, Michelle Goldberg, Raymond Wizna, Catherine Ann Bylinski, Anna Muzyka, Kathleen Ward, Olivia Zazworsky, Andrew, Christopher, Sarah, Arthur, Debra, James, Gloria, David, Alexander and Sophia, Jpseph & children Karina, Oskar, Tessa, Robert, Jacob, and Jonathan, remembering all the sick, the suffering, those in hospitals and nursing homes, and all the men and women in the US Military, especially Vitaly Pacej, who serve our country and all of us. Please keep them in your prayers daily, asking God's protection upon them all.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:** Qorey Carter and Jeanette Stokes and all those celebrating birthdays or special intentions, may the Lord grant you all "Many Blessed Years, Mnohaya Lita!"

**THE LIGHT OF THE BODY IS THE EYE (Holy Fathers on Matthew 6:22-23)**

**St. Athanasius the Great**

When the eye is evil the body becomes dark, but the Creator is not to blame for this—because everything that God has made is very good (cf. Gen. 1:31)—but rather the corrupt and ill-intentioned morals of the one to whom the eye belongs. And you, wise reader, in hearing about the evil eye understand it to be not the eye in the head, but the evil thoughts in the unenlightened heart. And if it so happens that the bodily eye can become darkened by strong suppurations and from headaches, physical blindness nevertheless does not make a man foreign to future and eternal blessedness.

**St. Macarius the Great**

The eyes are the light of the body, and when the eyes are healthy, the whole body is illuminated; and when something gets into the eyes and they are darkened, the whole body is in darkness—so were the apostles placed as the eyes and light for the whole world. Therefore, the Lord commanded them, "If you will be the light of the world, stand steadfast and do not lie, then the body of the world will be enlightened. But if you—the light of the world—are darkened, then "that darkness will be great"—that is, the world. Thus, having become light, the apostles received light for those who believed, enlightening their hearts with the heavenly light of the Spirit with which they themselves were enlightened.

**St. Nilus of Sinai**

It is said, the light of the body is the eye (Matt. 6:22). For the mind that has its thoughts on high is the eye of the soul, and its sight strongly disseminates its light throughout the construct of all things. But if drunken amidst useless cares that draw the mind downward into the abyss of destruction you incline your mind to what is coarse and pitiful, then will the mind be in any shape to present itself as something good, or to suggest something profitable to its own thoughts? Therefore every evil habit, which everywhere, like at night, brings the mind perplexity and onerous struggle, necessarily leads to darkness and confusion.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Father James and PM Denise will be hosting a joint celebration at the pavilion / center – weather dependent.

**Annual Cairns Family Pig Roast / St. Demetrius Parish Picnic**

Festivities will kick off at 2 PM. Anyone who wants to contribute desserts, please contact PM Denise @ 732-309-8182 or [deniseacairns@gmail.com](mailto:deniseacairns@gmail.com)

**ALL EMERGENCIES:** PLEASE MAKE SURE TO CALL FATHER JAMES for any and all emergencies – for hospital, nursing home, or home visitations. PLEASE call his Cell number 732-619-3259, if necessary, please leave a voice message, Father will return your call. THANK YOU.