



# Orthodox Church of the Holy Cross

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## Happy Birthday



## Anniversaries

### Flowers

In memory of Vladimir & Roseann Olesnovich – given by Val Olesnovich

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### The Invisible Priest

*A comment reported on the Portland, Maine TV station, Channel 6:*

“We could take a cue from Orthodoxy, whose priests stand with their backs to their congregation, leading a liturgy that is neither clever nor impassioned, but simply beautiful, like stone smoothed by centuries of rhythmic tides. It’s an austere ritual, in the sense of – there’s nothing new here; it is sublime, in the sense of creating a clearer view into heaven. The priest can be any priest. Who he is, what he looks like, how he speaks, and what he thinks matter little. He hasn’t written the service that he officiates. It isn’t about him or his prowess. He’s an interchangeable functionary, draped in brocaded robes, obscured by incense, and as such, never points to himself, a flawed human, pointing ever and only to the Perfection of the Mysterious Divine. That is the role of every priest or preacher – invisibility, while making God seen.”

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## Sunday, May 21, 2022

Christ is risen! Truly, He is risen!

Khristós anésti! Alithós anésti!

¡Cristo ha resucitado! ¡En verdad ha resucitado!

Khristos voskrese! Voistinu voskrese!

**Epistle:** [Acts 11:19-26, 29-30](#)

**Gospel:** [John 4:5-42](#)

**5th SUNDAY OF PASCHA** — Samaritan Woman. Martyr Basiliscus, Bishop of Comana (ca. 308). Commemoration of the Second Ecumenical Council (381). St. John (Vladimir), Ruler of Serbia (1015). Monastic Martyr Paul of the Lavra (Mt. Athos—1818).

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### Liturgical and Events Schedule

- *All services are Live Streamed unless otherwise noted.*
- *Masks are no longer mandatory.*

#### Sunday, May 22

10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy followed by last day of Sunday School

#### Wednesday, May 25

7:00 PM: “Singing the Song of Victory in Four Gospel Melodies: The Gospel of St. John” by zoom

#### Saturday, May 28

5:00 PM: Great Vespers

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## BISHOP'S VISIT

His Eminence, Archbishop Michael (Dahulich) will be spending the weekend with us...

### Saturday, June 4

5:00 PM: Vespers & Healing Service  
6:00 PM: Light meal following service

### Sunday, June 5

9:30 AM: Greet Archbishop Michael followed by Divine Liturgy  
NOON: Coffee Hour

...please be sure to join us!

Next week Fr. John will be sending out by email two surveys to determine how many parishioners will be attending the two receptions (Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon) for Archbishop Michael. Please be sure to respond!

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## Two Great Outings!

Holy Cross Church of Medford, NJ & St. Stephen's OCF are co-sponsoring two great outings in June and July.

- Thursday June 30 at 6:05 PM the OCF will be attending the Phillies versus Atlanta Braves game. . **Tickets: \$34.00****Deadline: May 22, 2022**
- Tuesday, July 12 at 3:00 PM the OCF will be attending the Bible Show "DAVID" at the Site & Sound Theatre in Lancaster County. **Final Payment: \$69.50 due on or before Sunday, May 29.**

Call or text (OCHC) Judy Clyde (856-278-6156) or (St. Stephen's) Paul Fedoronko (610-348-0636). PLEASE make your reservations during May.

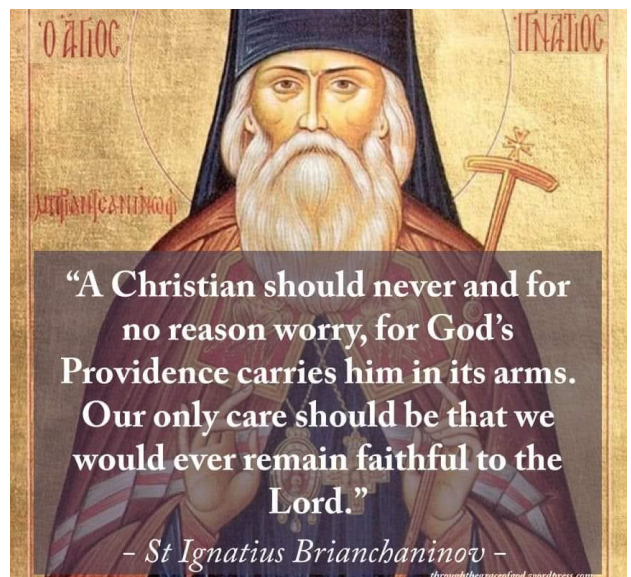
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## Vacation Planning – Make a List

- Location of Orthodox Churches to attend on the Sunday(s) you are away.
- Give some thought to visiting Orthodox Churches or Monasteries on vacation. They may be on the way to where you are going.
- If you are prepared to receive the Holy Mysteries in a church you are visiting, communicate with the priest of the church before the Sunday you are there. It is considered improper to just come to the chalice, without the priest knowing you in advance, who you are, what parish you belong to and when you last went to confession.
- On vacation, God is still with you; we should be sure we are still with Him as exemplified in our conduct, speech and sense of purpose.
- Pack an icon, prayer book and Bible.
- Fasting days: SS Peter & Paul (June 20-29) & Dormition (August 1-14) are observed even on vacation.
- Remember your parish offering while you're gone!



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