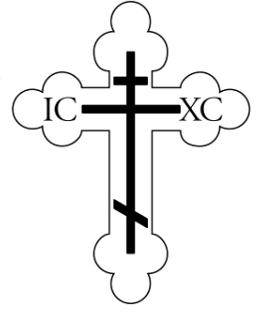
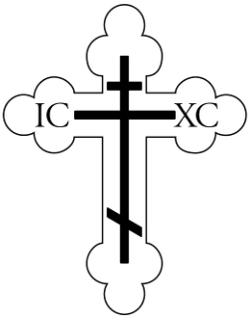


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Great Vespers: 6pm Saturdays

Divine Liturgy: 10am Sundays

Confession is available before or
after Vespers or by appointment

Welcome visitors!
Please join us in the
parish hall after Divine
Liturgy for coffee hour.

August 28, 2022

Venerable Job of Pochaev

Saint Job, Abbot and Wonderworker of Pochaev (in the world named Ivan Zhelezo), was born around 1551 in Pokutia in Galicia. At age ten he came to the Transfiguration Ugornits monastery, and at age twelve he received monastic tonsure with the name Job. The venerable Job from his youth was known for his great piety and strict ascetic life, and he was accounted worthy of the priestly office.

Around the year 1580, at the request of the renowned champion of Orthodoxy Prince Constantine Ostrozhsky, St Job was appointed the head of the Exaltation of the Cross monastery near the city of Dubno, and for more than twenty years he governed the monastery amidst the growing persecution of Orthodoxy on the part of the Catholics and Uniates.

At the beginning of the seventeenth century, St Job withdrew to Pochaev hill and settled in a cave not far from the ancient Dormition

monastery, famed for its wonderworking Pochaev Icon of the Mother of God. The holy hermit, beloved by the brethren of the monastery, was chosen as their Igumen. St Job zealously fulfilled his duty as head of the monastery, kind and gentle with the brethren, he did much of the work himself, planting trees in the garden, and strengthening the waterworks at the monastery.

St Job was an ardent defender of the Orthodox Faith against the persecution of the Catholics. Following the Union of Brest (1596), many Orthodox living in Poland were deprived of their rights, and attempts were made to force them to convert to Catholicism. St Job and others defended Orthodoxy by copying and disseminating Orthodox books.

Sometimes he completely secluded himself within the cave for three days or even a whole week. The Jesus Prayer was an unceasing prayer in his heart. According to the testimony of his disciple Dositheus, and author of the Life of St Job, once while praying in his cave, the saint was illumined by a heavenly light. St Job reposed in the year 1651. He was more than 100 years old, and had directed the Pochaev monastery for more than fifty years.

St Job's relics were recovered and transferred to the Cathedral of the Life-giving Trinity on August 28, 1659. Miraculous cures prompted the Holy Synod to uncover the relics a second time, which occurred on August 28, 1833. There was no sign of corruption, and an ineffable fragrance came forth from his grave.

HYMNS OF THE DAY

Tone 2 – Resurrectional Troparion

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal,
You slew hell with the splendor of Your Godhead.
And when from the depths You raised the dead,
all the powers of heaven cried out://
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!”

Tone 4 – Patronal Troparion

Today the faithful celebrate the feast with joy,
illumined by your coming, O Mother of God.
Beholding your pure image we fervently cry to you:
Encompass us beneath the precious veil of your protection.
Deliver us from every form of evil
by entreating Christ, your Son and our God//
that He may save our souls.

Tone 4 – Troparion for St. Job

Having acquired the patience of your Forefather,
and having resembled the Baptist in abstinence,
you shared the divine zeal of both
and were made worthy to receive their names.
You were a fearless preacher of the True Faith;
in this way you brought a multitude of monastics to Christ.
You strengthened all people in Orthodoxy,
Job, our venerable father; //
pray that our souls may be saved!

Tone 2 – Resurrectional Kontakion

Hell became afraid, almighty Savior,
seeing the miracle of Your Resurrection from the tomb!
The dead arose! Creation with Adam beheld this and rejoiced with You, //
and the world, my Savior, praises You forever.

Tone 4 – Kontakion for St. Job

You were a pillar of the True Faith;
a zealot of the commandments of the Gospel;
a denouncer of pride,
and a defender and teacher of the humble.
Therefore, those who honor you pray for the remission of their sins,
and that this, your holy habitation, be kept safe from all harm, //
Job, our father, who resembled the long-suffering Patriarch of old.

Tone 3 – Patronal Kontakion

Today the Virgin stands in the midst of the Church,
And with choirs of saints she invisibly prays to God for us.
Angels and bishops worship.
Apostles and prophets rejoice together, //
Since for our sake she prays to the eternal God.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Tone 2 – Sunday Prokeimenon (Psalm 117)

The Lord is my strength and my song; / He has become my salvation!

Tone 7 – Prokeimenon for St. Job (Psalm 115)

Precious in the sight of the Lord / is the death of His saints!

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9.2-12 (Sunday)

Brethren: If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. My defense to those who examine me is this: Do we have no right to eat and drink? Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working? Who ever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock?

Do I say these things as a mere man? Or does not the law say the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain." Is it oxen God is concerned about? Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things? If others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless, we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ.

Galatians 5.22 – 6.2 (St. Job)

Brethren: The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 18.23-35 (Sunday)

The Lord said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will

pay you all.' Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.

But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!'

So, his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. So, when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done.

Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him.

So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

Luke 6.17-23 (St. Job)

At that time, Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases, as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed. And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all.

Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said: "Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you shall be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of Man's sake. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven, for in like manner their fathers did to the prophets."

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

New Dep. Myra Schafer
Gity Karamouz
Katheryn Sofranoff
Brandon Mosak

Ev.Mem. Anna Yurchak ('34)
John Kabsa ('73)
Joseph York ('95)
Veronica Ponzio (2003)

Health & Salv.

Archpr. Peter

Mat. Anne

Kevin

Jon

Tanya

Jovan

Tom

Jennifer

Larry

Rollie

Joseph

Nadia

Mark

Jerry

Joseph

Linda

Claudia

Carol

Snezana

Ryan

Nathan

Kara

Djuro

Dominic

Declan

Hudson

Ayden

Hyland

Jason

Ted

James

Pamela

Alexander

Ronald

William

Wanda

Ivanka

Aaron

Karen

Sandra

Linda

Jim

John

Martha

Mark

Michelle

Irene

Michelle

Erika

Luke

Jo

Stephanie

Mary Ann

Robb

Desiree

Hanna

Jaroslava

Andrew

Andrew

Vadim

Hanna

Alex

Carl

Laura

Chrisan

Janice

Gerald

Olga

Janie

David

Sharon

Tanya

Renee

Carissa

Ashton

Doris

Laura

Duane

Elizabeth

Karen

Alexa

Miriana

Olga

Richard

Klaudia

Nicodemus

Nada

Mark

Catherine

Aaron

Ebony

Peggy

Sue

Victoria

Janet

Tom

Wilma

Luba

*If you know someone who needs prayer, please give their name to Fr Jacob

Special Petitions at the Augmented Litany:

We pray, O Lord our God, for all those who suffer from acts of war, especially for the victims in Ukraine. We pray for Your peace and Your mercy in the midst of the great suffering of Your people. Vouchsafe to accept the prayers of the Church, so that by Your goodness, peace may return to all peoples; O Lord, hear us and have mercy.

We also pray You, O Lord our God, to remember and have mercy on our Orthodox brothers and sisters in Russia and Ukraine, who are involved in violent conflict. Remove from their midst all hostility, confusion and hatred. Lead everyone along the path of reconciliation and peace, we pray You, hear us and have mercy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

After Coffee hour today we will celebrate **Vespers for the Beheading of St. John the Baptist**. Divine Liturgy is tomorrow at 10am.

Guys' Night Out is happening again this Tuesday at 6pm at Maxim's in Merrillville.

For Bible Study this week read Job 5-8.

Women's Book Group meets this Thursday at 6pm

Church School resumes on September 11! There will be a back to Church School party during coffee hour.

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon has set the date for the enthronement of His Grace Daniel as Bishop of Chicago and the Midwest for Saturday, October 1, 2022, the Feast of the Protection of the Virgin Mary. **All are encouraged to come and participate in the Liturgy and enthronement at Holy Trinity Cathedral beginning at 9am.** For this reason, there will be no Divine Liturgy at our parish for the feast. More details about the celebration of our parish feast day/anniversary weekend are forthcoming.

Mark your calendars:

Aug 29: Divine Liturgy for Beheading of John the Baptist @ 10am

Aug 30: Guys' Night Out at Maxim's Restaurant Merrillville @ 6pm

Aug 31: Bible Study @ 7pm

Sept 1: Divine Liturgy for the Church New Year @ 10am

Sept 7: Festal Vespers for the Nativity of the Virgin Mary @ 6pm

Sept 8: Divine Liturgy for the Nativity of the Virgin Mary @ 10am

Sept 11: Beginning of the Church School Year

Last week's gifts to the Lord: \$2,236

In Memoriam: Metropolitan Kallistos (Ware) of Diokleia

On Wednesday, August 24, 2022, His Eminence Metropolitan Kallistos (Ware) of Diokleia, world-renowned Orthodox scholar and a hierarch in the Archdiocese of Thyateira (Great Britain) of the Patriarchate of Constantinople, fell asleep in the Lord at the age of 87 after battling a grave illness.

Metropolitan Kallistos was born as Timothy Ware in England in 1934 and raised as an Anglican. After discovering Orthodox Christianity, he was received into the Church in 1958. He was educated at Oxford University. In 1963, he published his best-known book, “The Orthodox Church”, which continues, with many updates and revisions, to be a must-read, especially among seekers of the true faith. A companion volume, “The Orthodox Way”, was published by Saint Vladimir’s Seminary Press in 1979. He was ordained to the priesthood and tonsured a monk with the name Kallistos in 1966. That year, he also began a 35-year teaching career in Orthodox Studies at Oxford University. His translations of The Festal Menaion and The Lenten Triodion, done together with Mother Mary, continue to be widely used many decades later. In 1982, he was consecrated a bishop and elevated to the rank of metropolitan in 2007. Metropolitan Kallistos was an inspired homilist and revered spiritual father and, also, a prolific author and gifted speaker in academic circles.

Over the decades of his academic career and ministry, Metropolitan Kallistos traveled to America numerous times to participate in scholarly conferences, to lecture at seminaries - most frequently St Vladimir’s - and to speak at parishes. Decades ago, he forged professional relations and friendships with Orthodox scholars from America including Fathers John Meyendorff and Alexander Schmemmann and he shared and supported their vision for the mission of the Orthodox Church in America. Several generations of American Orthodox scholars completed their doctoral studies at Oxford University under the mentorship of Metropolitan Kallistos. In recognition of his achievements in both academia and church ministry, Metropolitan Kallistos was awarded an honorary doctorate by Saint Vladimir’s Seminary in 2011.

May Metropolitan Kallistos’ memory be eternal!

Glory to God for all things!