



Upcoming services

- Tuesday 8/17 – Akathist, 7pm
(online – [email Dn. Joseph for link](#))
- Thursday 8/19 – NO 3rd hour
- Saturday 8/21 – Vespers, 5pm
- Sunday 8/22 – Orthros and Liturgy, 9:30
- Tuesday 8/24 – NO Matins

Upcoming Meetings / Events

- Choir practice – Tues 8/17, 7pm
- Orthodoxy 101 – Sat 8/21, 6:30pm
[Google meeting link](#)

Coffee Hour

[To sponsor a coffee hour or join a clean team, please sign up here.](#)

Fall Parish Picnic

The fall parish picnic will be on Sunday, September 26, after Liturgy at Ridley Creek State Park. [Sign up here to attend and bring a dish!](#)

9th Sunday of Matthew

1 Corinthians 3:9-17

Matthew 14:22-34

Adopt a College Student

It's that time of year again! If you / your family are interested in "adopting" a college student for the upcoming academic year, [please complete and submit this brief form](#). We will be working to pair families and students by mid-September.

Planning Meeting, August 28

A planning meeting for the 2021-22 liturgical year will be held on Saturday, August 28, at 10:30am at St. George. Parish Council members and heads of ministries and committees are asked to attend. Additional information will be sent from the church office.

Fall Retreat, September 10-12

We will be hosting a fall retreat on September 10-12 with speaker Rita Madden. Save the date and stay tuned for more details!

Church History

This week we continue a series on the Essentials of Faith. The hope is that we can all learn and be edified and come to a "knowledge of the Truth" (1 Tim. 2:4), and to witness to the things of faith that were "delivered to the saints" (Jud. 1:3) in the Church, which is the "pillar and ground of Truth". (1 Tim. 3:15) May God bless the labor. These lessons are taken from Fr. Thomas Hopko's series The Orthodox Faith.

Orthodoxy in America, Part Two: Other Orthodox Jurisdictions

The Carpatho-Russian Orthodox in America

Less than half of the Carpatho-Russian, Byzantine-rite Catholics (Uniates) immigrating to America had returned to their Orthodox roots by the late 1920s. Yet many who remained Byzantine-rite were still disgruntled at the Latinizing efforts of the Latin-rite hierarchy in the

U.S.—especially the prohibition of married clergy. This was the context in which Father Orestes Chornock (1883–1977) led 37 Uniate parishes into Orthodoxy in the 1930s.

Father Orestes Chornock, born in the Transcarpathian area of central Europe, immigrated to America after his marriage and ordination to the priesthood. In 1911, he was installed as priest of Saint John the Baptist Carpatho-Russian Greek Catholic (Uniate) Church in Bridgeport, Connecticut, where he remained until 1947.

In 1924, the Vatican sent Bishop Basil Takach to enforce Latinization on the Greek Catholic Church in America, particularly in regard to the prohibition of married clergy. Various clergy and laity, led by Father Orestes, repeatedly protested against this attack on their religious heritage.

In 1936, with Father Orestes and his brother-in-law Father Peter Molchany providing leadership, the foundation was laid for a new Greek Catholic diocese independent of Bishop Takach, yet still loyal to Rome. But the Vatican refused to accept this arrangement, so by the fall of 1938 those in the new diocese declared their final break from the Roman Church. Two weeks later they were excommunicated by the Papacy.

The new diocese was accepted by the Patriarchate of Constantinople. Father Orestes was made the first bishop of this new Carpatho-Russian diocese. He was consecrated in Constantinople, and installed in Bridgeport by Archbishop Athenagoras of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese in America.

During his first year, Bishop Orestes supported the founding of a national Carpatho-Russian youth organization called American Carpatho-Russian Youth (ACRY), and convened the diocese's first convention, in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. In 1940, Bishop Orestes led in the formation of a diocesan seminary in New York City; this Christ the Savior Seminary was moved to Johnstown, Pennsylvania, in 1951. The headquarters of the diocese were also moved from Bridgeport to Johnstown, in 1947.

In its first decade of existence, the diocese endured many lawsuits over church property. The Roman Church claimed ownership of its properties on behalf of those who remained loyal to the Unia. The results of these lawsuits depended largely upon how the original charters of the parishes were worded.

In 1965 the Holy Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate honored Bishop Orestes for his service by elevating him to the dignity of Metropolitan. Metropolitan Orestes died in 1977. He was succeeded by Bishop John (Martin) (1931–1984). Upon Bishop John's death in 1984, Bishop Nicholas (Smisko) (1936–2011) became the third hierarch to lead the diocese. In 1997 he was elevated to the rank of metropolitan by the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Then in 2011 Metropolitan Nicholas died; he was succeeded by Bishop Gregory (Tatsis) (b. 1958).

In 2013 the diocese had 72 regular parishes and 13 mission parishes, along with Christ the Savior Seminary in Johnstown.

Wisdom of the Holy Fathers

The bigger our faith in heaven is the less our worries on earth are.

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