



***OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH***

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Sunday, October 15, 2023

Sunday of The Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19

Gospel: Luke 8:5-15

Sunday, October 22, 2023

Divine Liturgy – 8am

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15 – *For the repose of the soul of Pete Kohut, Sr.
-requested by Olga Skvarka*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 – *For the repose of the soul of Esther Grimm
-requested by Mary Ann & John Mysliwiec*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28 – *For the repose of the souls of Andrew & Anna
Mysliwiec
-requested by John & Mary Ann Mysliwiec*

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 15 – Divine Liturgy 8am

Sunday, October 22 – Divine Liturgy 8am

Saturday, October 28 – Divine Liturgy 5pm

SAINTS OF UKRAINE

This will be a continuing series in our bulletin that will introduce you to the many saints of Ukraine.

ST. OLGA OF KYIV

Olga of Kyiv, consort of Igor, second ruler of the Rurikid dynasty, is today recognised as one of Eastern Orthodoxy's greatest saints. A fierce and proud woman who protected her young son and avenged her husband's death, she was a crucial figure in the consolidation of the medieval kingdom of Kyivan Rus' as a political entity and in its peoples' conversion to Christianity.

Olga was born to Viking parents in Pskov, northern Russia, around the turn of the 10th century. She married Prince Igor young and may have been only 20 when the Drevlians, a neighbouring tribe, rose up against his rule and murdered him. Igor's death left his wife and three-year-old son alone and potentially helpless in a particularly dangerous and brutal corner of the medieval world.

Olga's legend was born of her actions in the weeks and months that followed. The Drevlians sent her emissaries to suggest she marry their leader Prince Mal. The Primary Chronicle, an 11th-century manuscript which is our main source for what follows, records Olga as greeting them deceptively, apparently to bide for time.

The account may be part-fictitious or at least exaggerated. Yet that is not the point: in medieval hagiography it is the morality of the tale that matters most.

"Your proposal is pleasing to me", Olga told her interlocutors. "Indeed, my husband cannot rise again from the dead. But I desire to honour you tomorrow in the presence of my people. Return now to your boat, and remain there [...] I shall send for you on the morrow [...]"

The hubristic Drevlian delegation took her at her word gleefully. But what they did not know was that she had arranged for a trench to be dug into which they and their boat were flung.

They were buried alive.

Olga summoned a second Drevlian embassy before the rest of the tribe had had time to learn of the first one's fate. When they arrived she commanded her people to draw a bath for them.

The Drevlians then entered the bathhouse but Olga ordered the doors to be bolted and the building set ablaze.

For a third reprisal, Olga went to the place where the Drevlians had killed her husband, telling those present she wished to hold a funeral feast to commemorate him. Once the Drevlians were drunk and incapacitated she had her men massacre them.

Finally, she laid siege to the Drevlians' base at Iskorosten (the modern-day Ukraine city of Korosten). She tricked those inside the city with an offer of peace: all they had to give up were three pigeons and three sparrows from each house.

But when Olga had the birds in her possession she had her men tie a sulphurous cloth to one of each one's legs. The birds flew back to their nests for the night and the sulphur set every building on fire simultaneously.

Olga ordered her soldiers to catch everyone who fled the burning city so they could be extirpated or taken into slavery.

Her revenge for her husband's death was at last complete.

WE WILL CONTINUE THE STORY OF St. OLGA NEXT WEEK

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-INS

Lord God, through the prayers of Mary, Our Mother, bring your healing presence to all who are sick, injured, or troubled. Amen

Mark Zien, Walter Zien, Karene Dzmura, Rosella George, Dawn Paluch, Sister Mary Bowman, Mary Rose Koreny, Betty Rushkevich, Sharon James, Barbara (Harasuik) Brayec, Deb Howe, Veronica Piehowicz, Marty Joe Michaels, Janice McCart, Barb Sago, Patti Kudlak Kettler, Pete Kohut, Jr., Jeff and Wendy Coulson, Linda Jasko, Isabella Wood, Matt & Michelle Piszczor, Jim Marnell, Fr. Michael Bliszczy, Elaine James, Don Platt, Stephanie Poch, Susan Durig, Susie Davis, Bob Mull, Tim & Karen Downing, Marge & Tom Waligura, Rose Linaweaver, Torrie Davis, Stephen & Joann Neal, Patricia Pockl, Tammy Yankoski, Charlie Lohr, Josh Slonaker, Jack Prettman, Hugette Burk, Ginger Kubala, Mark Michaels, Carol Gogal, Chris Koch, Tina Pascale, Sr. Jean Vidonic, Jessica & Abigail Baranek, Patty Schneider, Sheleva and Bowman Families, Barb & Bob Poch, Taytum Grace, Bob Bailey, Jeannie Burkett, Jack Singlewalt, Kathie Rinehart, Nadia Benson, Vera Oliver, Tim Haley Family, Nadia Marc, John Mysliwicz, Walter McMasters

If you would like to submit a name for our prayer list please write the name on a piece of paper and drop it in the collection basket.

Financial Report – Sunday, October 8, 2023

Weekly Collection: \$192.00 Second Collection: \$24.00

Candles: \$13.00

Total Collection: \$ 229.00

Pirohy: \$ 551.00