

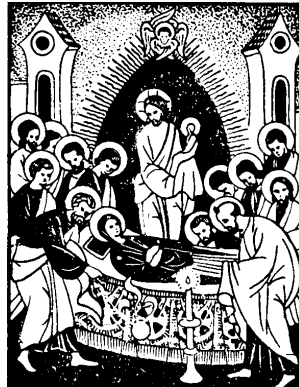
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Sunday, July 4, 2010

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Slava Isusu Khristu!

Слава Ісусу Христу!

Glory forever!

Slava na Viki!

Слава на Вікі

Schedule of Services for July 4 - 11, 2010

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<http://stnicholaslakewood.org/StMarys>

Sunday, July 4

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Resurrectional Tone 5; The Holy Martyr Julian of Tarsus in Cilicia (3rd-4th c.); The Holy Bishop-Martyr Terence (or Tertius), of Iconium (1st c.)

8:00 a.m. - The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth for Stephen C. Verbanets Sr. Offered by M/M Turanis

Sunday, July 11

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, Resurrectional Tone 6; The Translation of the Honorable Relics of the Holy and Wonderworking Unmercenaries Cyrus and John (412)

8:00 a.m. - The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth for Stephen C. Verbanets Sr. Offered by M/M Robert Lizanich

Milestones

This Tuesday Stephen Pachniuk celebrates his 59th birthday, and on Friday Jerry Shapkiw celebrates his. May our Lord grant them and their families peace, health, salvation, and longevity for many, blessed years, for Christ is Risen, на многая і благая літа!

Pennsylvania Senator Arlen Specter in an interview on the topic of cloning was asked when life begins. He replied, "I have not found it helpful

to get into the details." Remarkd pro-life veteran Jean Garton, "How's that for a clever-sounding, slippery version of the old line, 'Don't confuse me with the facts?' PHL, Scranton Chapter Newsletter

On this **Fourth of July** the American people will celebrate the 234th anniversary of their declaration of freedom from the British Empire. The word freedom is tossed around a lot in our society. But what is freedom to a believer in Jesus Christ? *It is the will of God that by doing good you may silence the ignorance of foolish people. Be free, yet without using freedom as a pretext for evil, but as slaves of God. Give honor to all, love the community, fear God, honor the civil authority. (1 Peter 2:15-17) Those who follow the flesh with its depraved desire and show contempt for lordship promise freedom, though they themselves are slaves of corruption, for a person is a slave of whatever overcomes him. For if having escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of (our) Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, you can again become entangled and overcome by them, your final condition is worse than the first. For it would have been better for us not to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing it to turn back from the holy commandment handed down to us. (2 Peter 2:19-21)*

Early in the summer of 1776 at a meeting of the Continental Congress on July 2, 1776, the colonies voted to announce and declare, that they would accept nothing less than absolute freedom from England. Two days later on July 4th, after making some minor adjustments to the text, the final wording was ratified and signed by the 56 members, representing the 13 colonies. John Adams who was a member of the drafting committee was so excited with the vote on July 2nd that he wrote his wife back home in Massachusetts a letter saying: "The second of July 1776 will be the most memorable day in the history of America; I believe it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival, with shows, games, sports, balls, bon fires and illuminations, from one end of the country to the other, from this time forward and forever more..." After the declaration was signed couriers took copies of it to George Washington who was with his troops in New York - and on July 9th the declaration was read before the militia troops who were out in the fields.

Do not underestimate how bold a declaration this was. The Americans were challenging the most powerful empire of the world at the time. And the Americans entered the war without a Navy or an Army. Their fighting forces consisted only of militia units in the various colonies. These citizen soldiers were ready to defend their home and families when danger threatened. The colonies could call up militia men for service ranging from a few days to a few months. On the other side, England had an army of well trained highly disciplined soldiers. They made a bold declaration - they had pledged their life and their allegiance to their country.

