

# The Word of Sts. Peter & Paul



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Pray For Ukraine

## Church in Diaspora

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The Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Diaspora convened its 12th Clergy-Laity Congress (SOBOR) on Friday, February 2, 2024, marking a significant moment in the ongoing journey of this ecclesiastical community scat-



tered across the globe. Under the spiritual leadership of His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, the Prime Hierarch of the UOC in Diaspora and Archbishop Daniel, the Sobor delved into pivotal matters, notably the establishment of 30 new Ukrainian Orthodox parishes in Germany.

The Sobor commenced with a momentous celebration – the Divine Liturgy for the feast

of the Meeting of the Lord, also known as the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple. It commemorates the biblical account of Mary and Joseph bringing the infant Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem, fulfilling the ritual requirements for the consecration of the firstborn. The venerable liturgical celebration symbolizes the encounter between the old and the new, the fulfillment of prophecies, and the beginning of Christ's public ministry.

Against this sacred backdrop, the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Diaspora commenced its Clergy-Laity Congress, invoking divine blessings and seeking spiritual guidance for the journey ahead. With the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, Archbishop Daniel presided over the Divine Liturgy, emphasizing the importance of grounding the Sobor in the spiritual essence of their Faith.

As the faithful partook in the Eucharist, the Sobor's agenda began to unfold, guided by the principles of faith, unity, and service. The plenary sessions of the Sobor provided a platform for discussions on the role of the Church in preserving cultural identity, fostering community engagement, and addressing the evolving needs of the Diaspora. Metropolitan Antony and Archbishop Daniel emphasized the importance of adaptability while staying true to the core tenets of Orthodox Christianity, ensuring that the Church remains a relevant and supportive institution for its members. The news of the expansion of parishes in Germany underscored the vibrant growth and resilience of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Diaspora. It signifies a commitment to fostering spiritual communities and providing a sense of belonging for the Ukrainian faithful residing in Germany. These new parishes not only serve as places of spiritual worship but also as cultural and communal hubs, bridging the gap between the faithful and their ancestral roots.

Amidst the ecclesiastical developments, the Sobor turned its attention to the pressing issue of pastoral service to Ukrainian refugees during these tumultuous times of war. The Russian invasion of Ukraine has resulted in a significant displacement of people seeking refuge and solace across various parts of the world. Notably, the pastoral care extended to Ukrainian refugees in Australia, New Zealand, Belgium, France, and Germany took center stage in the discussions.

In Australia and New Zealand, the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Diaspora has been actively engaged in offering spiritual support to Ukrainian refugees, providing a haven for those displaced by the ravages of war. *To be Continued*



## Liturgical Schedule



Saturday February 3	Vespers at 5:00pm
Sunday February 4 8:15 Matins 9:00am Hours <b>10:00am Di- vine Liturgy</b>	<b>35th Sunday Tone 2</b> Apostle Timothy of the Seventy (ca. 96). Monk-martyr Anastasius the Persian (628). Martyr Anastasius the Deacon of the Kyiv Caves (12th c.). Mark 16.1-8 (2nd Matins Gospel) 1 Timothy 1.15-17 Luke 18.35-43
Sunday February 11 8:15 Matins 9:00am Hours <b>9:30am Di- vine Liturgy</b>	<b>36th Sunday after Pentecost Tone 3</b> St. Ignatius of Antioch (Translation of relics) Martyrs Romanus, James, Philotheus, Hyperechius, Abibus, Julian and Paregorius (297) Martyrs Silvanus, bishop of Emesa, Luke the Deacon, and Mocius (Mucius) the Reader (312). St. Laurence, recluse of the Kyiv Caves and bishop of Turov (1194). Mark 16:9-20 (3rd Matins Gospel) 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1 24 Matthew 15:21-28 Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Hieromartyr Ignatius Mark 9:33-41 Hieromartyr Ignatius
Friday February 15 9:30am	Feast of Meeting of the Lord Matins: Lk. 2:25-32; Heb. 7:7-17; Lk. 2:22-40;
Sunday January 28 8:15 Matins 9:00am Hours <b>9:30am Di- vine Liturgy</b>	<b>37<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. Tone four.</b> Holy Martyr <u>Agatha</u> of Palermo in Sicily (251). <u>St. Theodosius</u> , archbishop of Chernihiv (1696). Martyr <u>Theodoula</u> of Anazarbus in Cilicia, and with her Martyrs Helladius, Macarius, Boethos, and Evagrius (304). St. Polyeuctus, patriarch of Constantinople (970) ( <i>Greek</i> ). New Martyr Anthony of Athens (1774) Matins Luke 24:1-12 1 Timothy 4:9-15 Luke 19:1-10

## ***Seraphim Group***

Seraphim Gathering:

Thursday, February 15th

We will meet after the 9:30 Service for the Feast Day of The Meeting of Our Lord.

Breakfast type foods will be served...coffee cakes, etc.

If you would like to bring something to share please let me know and thanks!!

Wishing Everyone a Blessed & Happy New Year!!

Love, Debbie Pierog

Deb12153@aol.com (708)710-6009 text or call

I have two candle requests for this Sunday's bulletin. Please & Thank you!

## ***Church Humor***

Bent over and obviously in pain, the old man with a cane hobbled laboriously through the sanctuary and into the pastor's office while the choir was practicing.

Ten minutes later he came out, walking upright and moving with grace and speed.

"Good gracious," the choir director exclaimed. "Did the pastor heal you by faith?"

"No," the old man said with a smile. "He just gave me a cane that wasn't six inches too short!"

## ***Sisterhood of St. Anne***

God bless our Volunteers!

Working days:

March 3 Sunday after Divine Liturgy

March 4 Monday at 8:30am

March 5 Tuesday at 8:30am & at 5:30pm

March 11 Monday at 8:30am

March 12 Tuesday at 8:30am & at 5:30pm

March 13 Wednesday at 5:30pm

March 16 Sunday after Divine Liturgy

March 17 Monday at 8:30am

March 18 Tuesday 19 at 5:30pm

March 20 Wednesday at 8:30am & at 5:30pm

March 21 Thursday - Easter Sale



## ***Parish Council***

Annual meeting of the parish will take place on Sunday March 10, 2024.

Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council is every second Sunday of the month. Next meeting is Sunday February 18, 2024 after Sunday coffee hour.

## ***Parish Organizations reports***

Organization financial reports are due by 2/11/24. Reports and supporting documents can be turned into the church back office. This will allow the audit committee enough time to perform their duties.

## ***2023 donation statements***

2023 donation statements will be ready by January 15, 2024. In an effort to save paper and postage, reports will be emailed upon request. Requests for a statement can be made by texting or emailing John Grzyski (708) 704-6401 or [jngrzyski@hotmail.com](mailto:jngrzyski@hotmail.com)

A paper statement can be mailed if a donor does not have an email.

Thank you,  
John Grzyski

## ***Sunday's Second Collection***

For the month of January special second collection is dedicated to Parish College Scholarship Fund.



## ***Bible Study***

Next Bible Study group meeting is Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 7:00 pm. Via Teams. We are going to work on the Four Gospels. Resources; Orthodox Study bible.

*If you are interested in joining the study, please see Fr. Vasyil*



## ***Seven Day Vigil Candles***

For the health and quick recovery of husband Volodymer by Halyna Kashpar  
God's blessings and restored Good health for Mike Moran by the Tufano Family  
For the health of David Lindquist by John Batura  
For the health of Elena by John Batura  
For the health of Patti Faye by John Batura  
For the health of Fr. Vasyl by the parish



-In memory of my father Pavlo on his birthday by Halyna Kashpar  
In memory of my mother Polina. Memory Eternal. Heavenly Kingdom! Halyna Kashpar  
In memory of my sister Joanne Yatzyszyn Kelly on the 5th anniversary of her death by John Yatzyszyn  
In memory of my sisters Betty Grega on the 2nd anniversary of her death by John Yatzyszyn

### ***Donations in memory***

Nina Gregosanc in memory of Susanna & Paul Jemec—\$100.00  
Lorraine Ehlert in memory of Sue McDonnell- \$25.00

### ***50/50 Club***

***We are looking for a volunteer who*** would like continue the legacy of Mike Gbur and the 50/50 club. A volunteer, who with the help of the parish council will manage the 50/50 club.

#### **What is 50/50 Club**

Membership is only \$5.00 a month or \$60.00 a year. It's like a lottery. There is a monthly drawing every last Sunday of the Month. A member of the club, doesn't have to be a parishioner of Sts. Peter and Paul can win from \$130.00 to \$200.00 every month. The more members the club has the more money a winner gets.

In our history we had prizes of \$500.00 a month.

All of the proceeds from the club are donated to the parish.

Becoming a member of the club you support your Parish.

*If you would like to head the 50/50 club please see Fr. Vasyl or Patricia Wolsko.*

## ***Soup- er Bowl Sunday***

It's the time of the year again for

### **Soup-er Bowl Sunday February 11**

We are going to have our Annual Soup-er Bowl Sunday to raise funds for St. Andrew's Society Soup Kitchens for elderly in Ukraine

Eat in or take out!

*We are looking for volunteers– Soup chefs to shine with their talents create their masterpieces – soups and share with the parish family. If you don't know how to cook, you can donate supplies: Paper bowls, utensils, crackers, oyster crackers etc.*

In the past 12 years our humble parish has raised over or close to \$2000.00 each time!!!



*To sign up please see PM Olenka.*

## ***Prayer Corner for the Month of February***

***We ask all of you to remember in your prayers the following individuals, who are in need of God's healing and grace:***

Michailo, Gail, Elena, Allie Branch, Mike Moran, Christopher Flavin, Even, Edward, Dave, Pat Lewandowski, Michael Melnyk, Lilia, Andy, Irene, Bohdan, Ralph Palm, Nikolai, David, Irine, Zoriana, Lev, Irene Belkow, Alla Grzymyski, Kathy Grzymyski, Nicole, Elena, John & Patti, Barbara Patronik, Katie Bruce, Michael Kimak, Chloe McKinney, Yuriy Zmysly, Dorothy Seliga, Halyna & Wolodymer Kashpar, Mykola, Priest Vasyl Dovhan, Frankie, Alexander, Anatoli & Pamela, Paul & Melissa, Olga, Janet, Sam and Natalia.

**Pray for soldiers in Ukraine:** Yaroslav, Pavlo, Slavko, Mikola, Victor, Taras, Yuriy, Stepan, Volodimer, Mykola, Svitlana, medic Stella, Oleg, Yuriy, Dmitro, Bohdan, Roman, Mykola, Kostia, Vitaliy, missing in action Volodimer, wounded Roman.

**Pray for Our expecting mother:**

Pavai, Olha, Anhelina.

*If there is anyone who is in need of prayers, and you want to add them to the prayer corner, please notify Fr. Vasyl*

## Coffee Hour Schedule



### **We are back to sponsored coffee hours**

***You can sponsor coffee hour monetarily by donating \$50.00 to cover the cost of one coffee hour.***

If you would like to volunteer, please let PM Olenka or Fr. Vasyl know.

*February 4— Lilia Cepynsky*

*February 11— Soup-er Bowl Sunday Deserts by Kulyk Family*

*February 18 - open*

*February 25 - Albert & Team*

*March 3 - Donna Nevels & Pat Beck*

*March 10— Sisterhood of St. Anne*

### **Mark your calendars**

- ◆ Sunday - February 11, 2024 — Soup-er Bowl
- ◆ Saturday, February 24, 2024 at 1:00pm  
Prayer for Peace in Ukraine  
(Marking second year of war in Ukraine)
- ◆ Sunday, February 25, 2024 Dinner Fundraiser for Ukraine  
Screening of the Movie “Freedom on Fire”

## ***Допомога новим імігрантам/ Help for Refugees***



***Безкоштовне виповнення*** усіх документів для новоприбулих (TPS, Social Security. Work permit, Benefits) кожний Пенеділок та Середа 10:00-16:00 у Церковній залі. За інформацією просимо звертатись до Пм. Оленки Сендега “Асоціація Самопоміч.”

***Безкоштовні уроки*** Англійської мови кожний Четвер о 6:00 вечора. Більше інформації 708-361-5165.

***We offer free*** of charge consultation as well as filling up applications for Social Security, work authorization, benefits and TPS for new immigrants. *For more info see PM Olenka.*

***Our Parish offers*** ESL (English as a Second Language classes in the evenings for adults as well as children free of charge. Every Thursday at 6:00pm at the Church hall.

*For more information, please see Pat Wolsko.*