

The Word of Sts. Peter & Paul



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Pray For Ukraine

Two years of war

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Reflection on the Second Anniversary of Invasion of Ukraine by His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, president of the Consistory.

Beloved brothers and sisters in the Lord!

As we mark the solemn occasion of the second anniversary of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, our hearts are heavy with sorrow for the ongoing suffering endured by our beloved ancestral homeland and her people. We stand in prayer and solidarity with all those affected by this senseless violence and aggression.

As disciples of Christ, we are called to stand

against all forms of injustice and oppression. In this time of darkness, let us shine the light of truth and justice by bearing witness to the suffering of our Ukrainian brethren and advocating for their rights and dignity.

We condemn in the strongest possible terms the heinous crimes committed against the Ukrainian people, including acts of violence, displacement, and cultural cleansing. The genocide perpetrated by the Russian forces has inflicted deep wounds upon the soul of Ukraine, and its effects will be felt for generations to come.

As members of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, we reaffirm our unwavering support for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine. We condemn in the strongest terms the illegal occupation of Ukrainian territories and the continued violation of human rights by the aggressor.

We urge the international community to uphold its commitment to peace and justice and to take further decisive action to hold the perpetrators accountable. Silence and avoidance to act, in the face of such grave crimes only serve to perpetuate the cycle of violence and suffering.

In this time of trial, let us turn to prayer, seeking solace and strength from the Almighty for our brothers and sisters enduring the hardships of war. Let's continue to extend our hands in solidarity and support to those who are displaced, injured, or grieving the loss of loved ones.

As we offer our prayers and support, let us also renew our resolve to be ambassadors of peace and reconciliation in our communities and beyond. Together, let us strive to build a world where justice, compassion, and respect for human dignity prevail.

May God grant comfort to the afflicted, strength to the weary, and peace to the troubled land – our ancestral homeland Ukraine.

+ *Archbishop Daniel*



Liturgical Schedule



Sunday
February 25
8:15 Matins
9:00am Hours
**9:30am Di-
vine Liturgy**

Sunday of the Publican & the Pharisee
Tone 5. St. Anthony II patriarch of Constanti-
nople. St. Eugene monk of Alexandria
Luke 24:12-35 Matins Gospel)
2 Timothy 3:10-15
Luke 18:10-14

Saturday
March 2

Vespers at 5:00pm

Sunday
March 3
8:30 Matins
9:00am
Hours
**10:00am
Divine
Liturgy**

Sunday of the Prodigal Son. Tone 6.
Apostles Archippus and Philemon of the Seventy,
and Martyr Apphia (1st c.).
Martyrs Maximus, Theodotus, Hesychius,
and Asclepiodotus of Adrianopolis (305-311).
Venerables Eugene and Macarius, presbyters,
confessors at Antioch (363). Venera-
ble Dositheus of Palestine (6th c.), disciple of St.
Abba Dorotheus. Venerable Rabulas of Samosata
(530). Venerable Conon, abbot in Palestine (555).
Luke 24:36-53 (6th Matins Gospel)
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
Luke 15:11-32

Sunday
March 10
8:15 Matins
9:00am Hours
**9:30am Di-
vine Liturgy**

Sunday of the Last Judgment (Meatfare).
Tone seven. St. Porphyrius, bishop of Gaza
(420). Martyrs Sebastian and Christodoulos (66
) St. Photina, the Samaritan woman, and her
sisters Anatola, Phota, Photis, Parasceva,
and Cyriaca; her sons Photinus and Joses;
and Sebastian the Duke, Victor, Christodu-
lus — all martyred under Nero (66)
The Scripture Readings
John 20:1-10 (7th Matins Gospel)
1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2
Matthew 25:31-46

Sunday School Corner



Recap of Sunday School Lesson on Sunday February 18

We continued our lesson on the Saints. We learned by looking at icons how to recognize the category each Saint belongs to. These usually have to do with the type of clothing worn, items being held &/or the gestures they make with their hands. In Orthodox iconography there are standard characteristics that help us recognize these categories. For example Apostles are often wearing a yellow ribbon on their shoulder, which signifies the great mission they accomplished. They hold a scroll or book. The Apostles who preached, but didn't write text hold a rolled scroll. The Apostles who wrote text hold a book. Martyrs are shown wearing a red cloak or other type of red clothing, which symbolizes their blood that was shed for the love of Christ. They hold a cross which is a sign of their martyrdom. They may also hold the instruments of the martyrdom or if they were a warrior, they will hold their weapons. Their free hand is often depicted raised. This signifies denouncing evil, and worldly glory in favor of the Heavenly Kingdom. These examples represent two of the five categories of Orthodox Saints.

Take a moment to look around our church and see if you could identify an Apostle or a Saint who was martyred. Their sacrifices were not made in vain. May their memories be eternal!

~Yours in Christ,

Ms. Debbie & Ms. Karen

Parish Organizations reports

Reports of parish organizations and council officers are due on Sunday March 3, 2024, so they can be included in the Annual meeting packet.

Donation Statements

2023 donation statements are ready. 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 Grzymiski (708) 704-6401 or jngrzymiski@hotmail.com

A paper statement can be mailed if a donor does not have an email. Thank you,
John Grzymiski

Parish Council

Annual meeting of the parish will take place on Sunday March 10, 2024 after the Divine Liturgy. Your participation is vitally important for the future of our parish family. Quite a few major decisions will have to be made at this year's meeting. Participants of the meeting will vote on crucial changes in the life of our parish.

Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council is every second Sunday of the month. Next meeting is Sunday March 17, 2024 after Sunday coffee hour.

College Scholarship Application

With the support of our Parish Council and our church parishioners, we are again offering a scholarship to a graduating high school student, who is a member of Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church to help with the cost of furthering their education. Applications are available from Pat Wolsko and must be returned by March 24. The recipient will be announced at our annual St. Thomas Day dinner.

Sunday's Second Collection

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



Sisterhood of St. Anne

God bless our Volunteers!

Working days:

February 27 at 5:30pm

February 28 at 5:30pm

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



Seven Day Vigil Candles

For the health and God's blessings of Richard Kimak by Gbur/Lang family
For the health of my husband Volodimer on his Birthday. God's blessings by Halyna Kashpar
For the health of my sister Evhenia on her birthday. God's blessings 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 Patti Faye by John Batura
For the health of Fr. Vasyl by the parish
For the health and God's blessings of Katie Bruce by Gbur/Lang Family
For the health and God's blessings of Mike Beck by Gbur/Lang Family



In memory of Elena by John Batura
In memory of Elena Batura by Tom & Alvine Gbur
For the health and God's blessing Mike Beck
In memory of Elena Batura by Fr. Vasyl
In memory of my sister Joanne Yatzyszyn Kelly
by John Yatzyszyn
In memory of my sisters Betty Grega by John Yatzyszyn
In memory of Slen, Nina, Maria, Geneview, Janet by Olga Piskoun

Donations in memory

Volodymyr & Olena Burakova—\$100.00
Gayle Woloschak—\$50.00

Bible Study

Next Bible Study group meeting is
Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 7:00 pm.
Via Teams. We are going to work on the Four Gospels. Resources; Orthodox Study Bible.



50/50Club

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

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, 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 Grzynski, Kathy Grzynski, Nicole, Elena, John & Patti, Barbara Patronik, Katie Bruce, Michael Kimak, Chloe McKinney, Yuriy Zmysly, Dorothy Seliga, Halyna & Wolodymer Kashpar, Mykola, Priest Vasyly 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:

Olha, Anhelina, Kelly, Olena

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

Monthly Memorial Service January 28



In memory of Joseph Redmerski

requested by Carol Redmerski

In memory of Dean Manson, Andrea Manson, Joseph Kowalesik, Anna Kowalesik, Rosemary Ashack, Peter Manson, Tessie Manson

7 requested by Rose Manesis

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. Vasyly know.

February 18 - Yurii Sendeha, Tania Dushenko, Yulia Kulyk

February 25 - Albert & Team

March 3 - Donna Nevels & Pat Beck

March 10— Sisterhood of St. Anne

March 17—Jr. UOL Cheese-fare Sunday

Larson & Pierog Families

Mark your calendars

- ◆ Saturday, February 24 at 1:00pm Prayer for Peace in Ukraine
Marking second year of war in Ukraine.
- ◆ Sunday, February 25 - Dinner Fundraiser for Ukraine Screening of the Movie “Freedom on Fire”
- ◆ Sunday, March 10 - Annual Meeting of the parish
- ◆ Sunday, March 17 - Forgiveness Sunday Cheese-fare

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.