

The Word of Sts. Peter & Paul



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Pray For Ukraine

From the Patriarchate

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Dear brothers and sisters,

It is clear that in a world in crisis, with numerous conflict zones worldwide, we need to intensify our prayers to the Triune God for peace and justice. We are particularly concerned about the unjustified war in Ukraine and the need for a peaceful end to the conflicts in the Middle East. We cannot fail to mention other cases in Africa, Asia, and Central America, where Christian communities are at stake. Our prayers are with the most vulnerable and those in need. May the Lord of Peace enable the world to live in peace again, as the Psalmist says, “I will listen to what God the Lord says; he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants” (Ps. 85:8).

Especially the present Ukrainian crisis, due to the unprovoked Russian aggression in February 2022, is the epicenter of a geopolitical earthquake and a spiritual threat. Europe has awakened from a deep illusion, according to which war on its continent was a thing of the past. Materially and intellectually unprepared,

Europe has adapted rapidly to this unexpected situation, intellectually assisted by its new members. The outcome of this war will undoubtedly condition the future evolution of both Europe and the world.

The religious space organized around a Kyiv-Moscow axis is the initial creation of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople and of the Byzantine Empire. This process started more than a thousand years ago with the baptism in 988 of Vladimir, ruler of the Kyivan Rus, an enormous area linking the Baltic with the Black Sea. During the long period since then, the political map of this region has known successive changes, through which Ukraine and the Ukrainian identity painfully emerged. All along those historical tides, Eastern and Western Christianity crossed, leaving behind a mixed religious environment.

Russia also emerged from this initial creation. In 1589, its Church obtained from the Ecumenical Patriarchate its elevation to the Patriarchal dignity. However, already after the fall of Constantinople to the Ottomans in 1453, the unfounded ideology that Moscow could succeed Constantinople as the spiritual leader of the Orthodox world started to make its way. According to its proponents, Moscow would become the “Third Rome,” after the “fallen Second,” Constantinople. However, there has never been a “First” and a “Second Rome;” therefore, there can never exist a “Third Rome.” There is only the Elder Rome and the New Rome -Constantinople.

The present incarnation of ethnophyletism is the fundamentalist ideology of *Russkii mir*, the “Russian World.” This expression describes a supposed sphere of civilization including Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, as well as ethnic Russians all around the world, politically and religiously led and directed by the Moscow center. The “Russian World” is presented as the answer to the “corrupt West.” This ideology is the main instrument for a “spiritual” legitimation of the invasion of Ukraine.

This current development has its roots in the 20th century, when the Orthodox Church demonstrated a real plasticity toward political contexts ranging from State religion to oppression under official atheism. *To be continued in the next bulletin*

Liturgical Schedule

<p>Sunday April 14 8:15 Matins 9:00am Hours</p> <p>9:30am Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>Fourth Sunday of the Great Lent. Tone four. Great Lent. Food with Oil Venerable John Lestvichnik (<i>movable holiday on the 4th Sunday of the Great Lent</i>). Venerable Mary the Egyptian (522). Venerable Gerontius, youth, canonarch of the Kiev Caves (14th c.). Venerable Macarius, abbot of Pelecete (840). Matthew 28:16-20 (1st Matins Gospel) Hebrews 6:13-20 Mark 9:17-31 Ephesians 5:9-19 (Vener. John Lestvichnik) Matthew 4:25-5:12 (Vener. John Lestvichnik)</p>
<p>Wednesday April 17 6:30pm</p>	<p>Presanctified Liturgy with potluck at our church. <i>Please bring a Lenten dish to share.</i></p>
<p>Saturday April 20 6:00pm</p>	<p>Vespers and confessions</p>
<p>Sunday April 21 8:15 Matins 9:00am Hours</p> <p>9:30am Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>Third Sunday of the Great Lent: Adoration of Cross. Tone three. Great Lent. Fish Allowed The Annunciation of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary. Venerable Parthenius of the Kiev Caves Luke 1:39-49, 56 Matins Gospel Hebrews 4:14-5:6</p>
<p>Wednesday April 24 6:30pm</p>	<p>Presanctified Liturgy with potluck <i>Sts. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church 6980 S. County Line Rd. Burr Ridge, IL 60527</i></p>
<p>Friday April 26 6:00pm</p>	<p>Akathist to the Passions of Christ Memorial service. Sorokousty</p>
<p>Saturday April 27 6:00pm</p>	<p>Vespers and confessions</p>

50/50 Club is officially resumed

We are excited to restart 50/50Club. Junior UOL along with their parents will run the club.

The last drawing of 50/50 was on February of 2023.

We will start selling tickets on **Sunday April 21, 2024** as well as provide more information on the rejuvenated club.

All of the members who have paid for the months after February of 2023 will be reinstated for future months basing on the amount they prepaid for.

First drawing will take place on Sunday **May 26, 2024**.

All of the proceeds from the Club will go to Scholarship Fund of our parish.

Please be supportive and participate.

Support children of our parish family.

Ivan Bryndzia & Vitalii Kulyk

Sunday School Corner

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECAP FOR 4/7:

Last week Olha Kulyk presented her lesser known Orthodox Saint to the class. The Martyr Agapius, who was from Gaza, was martyred in the year 304 AD. He and other Christians suffered under the emperor Dionysius in the city of Caesarea in Palestine. Those who refused to renounce their Christianity and offer sacrifice to idols were tortured and executed. Agapius entered the Kingdom of Heaven when he was thrown into a pit to be killed by wild beasts. Some other accounts say he was beheaded.



May his memory be eternal and our faith be as strong.

Blessings, Ms. Karen and Ms. Debbie

Parish Council

Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council is every second Sunday of the month. Next meeting is TUESDAY May 14, 2024 on Teams.

Special General meeting of the parish (Voting on the Revised Calendar) is Sunday April 21 after the Divine Liturgy.

College Scholarship Application

With the support of our Parish Council and our church parishioners, we are 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. The recipient will be announced at our annual St. Thomas Day dinner.

Patricia Wolsko

Sunday's Second Collection

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



Sisterhood of St. Anne

God bless our Volunteers!

Next pierogie sale will be April 25

Updated schedule

No work the week of April 15.

We accomplished our task last week.

Working days:

Monday April 22 from 8:30am – Noon

Tuesday April 23 at 5:30pm

Wednesday April 24 from 8:30am-Noon

Thursday April 25—sale



Seven Day Vigil Candles

For the health and recovery of Alexis Russel

by Mark Masur & family

For the health and God's blessing of Mike Cheroim
and Mary Wisniowski by Gbur & Lang Families
God's blessings and restored Good health for Mike
Moran by the Tufano Family



For the health of Dave Lindquist by John Batura

For the health of Patti Faye by John Batura

For the health of Mark Disko by John Batura

For the health and God's blessings of Katie Bruce

by PM Olenka



For the health of Mike Cheroim by Fr. Vasyl

Prayer Corner for the Month of April

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 Grzymyski, Kathy Grzymyski, Nicole, 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: Taras, 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, Veronika, 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. Vasyl

Seven Day Vigil Candles

In memory of the servant of God, Monte, on the 8th anniversary of his repose by Janet Milton. May his memory be eternal!



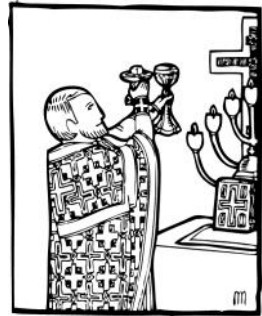
In memory of our parents Pavlo & Polina and parents Ivan & Emilia by Kashpar Family

In memory of Gregory Beck & John Mulholland by Pat Beck

Pan Orthodox Pre-Sanctified Liturgies

The Orthodox churches of the Palos area will come together to celebrate the Presanctified Liturgies on Wednesdays of Lent at 6:30 pm.

Each parish will take turns to welcome local Orthodox clergy and laity and provide a Lenten potluck dinner after the Liturgy. Also, a brief Lenten reflection will be offered by one of our priests. Please mark your calendars.



Wednesday, April 10 at 6:30 pm

*Sts. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church
6980 S. County Line Rd.*

Burr Ridge, IL 60527

Wednesday, April 17 at 6:30 pm

*Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church
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Monthly Memorial Service



*Every Friday of Great Lent
Akathist to the passions of Christ followed by Memorial service—Sorokousti at 6:00pm*

April 7

In memory of my mother Stephanie Luchyn requested by Lorraine Ehlert

In memory of Caroline Podlecki and Robert Redmerski requested by Carol Redmerski

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.

April 21— PM Olenka

April 28 – open

May 5—Pascha

May 12— Mother’s day brunch prepared by men of the parish

May 19— Chicken and Lamb Roast

May 26— open

Mark your calendars

Sunday, April 21—Special Annual Meeting regarding Church Calendar

Sunday May 19 – Visit of His Eminence Archbishop Daniel

Sunday June 23— Pentecost—Day of the First Confession

Sunday July 14—Parish Feast Day

Допомога новим імігрантам/ Help for Refugees

Безкоштовне виповнення усіх документів для новоприбулих (Re-parole, TPS, Social Security, Work permit, Benefits) кожний Понеділок 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.