

The Word of Sts. Peter & Paul

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Prayer

Prayer is essential to Christian life. Jesus Christ himself prayed and taught men to pray. One who does not pray to God cannot be a follower of Christ.

In the Orthodox Church all prayer is Trinitarian. We pray in the Holy Spirit, through Jesus the Son of God, and in his name, to God the Father. We call God “our Father” because Jesus has taught us and enabled us to do so. We have the capability of addressing God as Father because we are made sons of God by the Holy Spirit (see Rom 8).

In the Church we also address prayers to Christ and the Holy Spirit, the Divine Persons who are one with God the Father and exist eternally in perfect unity with him, sharing his divine being and will.

In the Church we also pray to the saints—not in the same way as we pray to the Persons of the Holy Trinity, but as our helpers, intercessors, and fellow-members of the Church who are already glorified with God in his divine presence. Foremost among the saints and first among the mere humans who are glorified in God’s Kingdom is Mary, the Theotokos and Queen of

Heaven, the leader among our saintly intercessors before God. We can also pray to the holy angels to plead our cause before God.

In the traditional catechism of the Church three types of prayer are listed: asking, thanking, and praising. We can add a fourth type which can be called lamenting before God, questioning him about the conditions of life and the meaning of our existence, particularly in times of tragedy and confusion. We very often find all four kinds of prayer in the Bible.

To be continued in the next bulletin.

Sunday School Teacher's corner

Last Sunday, January 28, 2018, children in the combined classes of Miss Debbie & Miss Karen discussed the parable of the Publican & the Pharisee.

This lesson was about a man who thought he was better than everyone else. In the story that Jesus told, two men went to the temple to pray. One of the men was a Pharisee. He be-



longed to a religious group that was very strict in obeying the many laws of their faith. The Pharisee stood up in the temple and prayed loudly about himself: "I thank you God, that I am not a sinner like everyone else. I don't cheat, I don't sin, and I'm certainly not like that tax collector over there! I fast twice a week and give you a tenth of all my income."

The tax collector knelt at a distance and would not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he bowed his head in sorrow, saying, "Oh, God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner."

We then compared the two sinners to everyday balls.....

The beach ball (the Pharisee) is puffed up, displaying an array of colors in a fancy design for all to see. It is like eye-candy. When attempting to fly, especially upwards to heavens, it is tossed to and fro by the waves of air, pushing it in several directions without ever arriving at the destination. It is weightless. It is too plastic, and possibly too perfect. Worse yet, when the air is let out and deflated.....there's nothing left.

The tennis ball (the Publican) is used, worn, abused and been

Liturgical Schedule

Sunday of the Prodigal Son. Tone two.

Remembrance of all the departed who suffered in the years of persecution for faith in Christ.

Apostle Timothy of the Seventy (ca. 96).

Monk-martyr Anastasius the Persian (628).

Today

Martyr Anastasius the Deacon of the Kiev Caves (12th c.). Martyrs Manuel, George, Peter, Leontius, bishops; Sionius, Gabriel, John, Leontus, Parodus, presbyters; and 377 companions in Bulgaria (814). St. Joseph Samakus the Sanctified of Crete (1511) (Greek).

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Luke 15:11-32

Romans 8:28-39 Martyrs

Luke 21:8-19 Martyrs

Reader of the Hours - open

Reader of the Eng. Epist.– Harry Oryhon

Reader of the Ukr. Epist.– Natalia Cepynsky



Saturday, February 10

Soul Saturday 5:00 pm Vespers
and Memorial Service

Sunday of the Last Judgment (Meatfare).

Tone three. Translation of the relics of Hieromartyr Ignatius the God-bearer, bishop of Antioch (107). Martyrs Romanus, James, Philotheus, Hyperechius, Abibus, Julian and Paregorius at Samosata (297). Martyrs Silvanus, bishop of Emesa, Luke the Deacon, and Mocius (Mucius) the Reader (312). New Martyr Demetrius of Chios (1802) (Greek). Venerable Aphrahates of Persia, monk (370). St. Barsimaeus the Confessor, bishop of Edessa (2nd c.).

February 11

Martyrs Sarbelus and his sister Bebaia of Edessa (115) (Greek).

1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2

Matthew 25:31-46

Reader of the Hours - Open

Reader of the Eng. Epist.– Open

Reader of the Ukr. Epist.– Halyna Kashpar



through the dirt. It does have character, in fact, too much. It's scarred, maybe damaged. Might not be very good at playing the sport of tennis anymore, but when you throw it, it's like a rock. It streams through the air, landing just as far as you've thrown it. Its destination is more reliable even if it arrives not as pretty, at least you know where it's going. It might unravel, but there's substance inside.

Which does God desire us to be like? A prideful person is a big turn off, to others and to God! Remember when we are tempted to brag about ourselves, we need to remember that other people are not impressed—and neither is God! “Those who exalt (think very highly) about themselves will be humbled, but those who humble themselves will be exalted (will be thought of very highly).”

Which one shall we strive to be?



or



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: Margaret, Eleanor, Ethel Smith, Michael P, Stephanie Luchyn, Catherine Hladky, Andrew Hladky, Wally and Ann Podlecki, Valentina Schacht, Susan Hendrixson, Rayan, Dean Manson, Vera Beggs, Pavlo & Polina, Barbara Patronik, Elias, Roxana, Irene, Katheryna Czerniak, Lilian Cepynsky, Josephine Hobert, Anthony Bendy, Katie Bruce, Maria Omelian, Patti Faye, Toni Marie Klavin, Hazel Gardiner, Michael Kimak, Chloe Mckinney, Yuriy Zmysly, Paul Jr & Dorothy Seliga, Wolodymer Kashpar, Nick Kapusta, Priest Vasyl Dovhan, Priest Bazil Zaveruha, Priest David Clooney, Frankie, Zachary, Alexander, Paul, Dolores.

If there is anyone who is in need of prayers, and you want to add them to the prayer corner, please notify Fr. Vasyl. If you would like me to visit with the Sacraments of the Holy Confession and Eucharist, please call the rectory to set up an appointment. I will gladly visit everyone Fr. Vasyl



Parish Council

Parish Council meeting is every third Sunday of the Month.
Next meeting is February 18, 2018 after the Coffee Hour.
Representatives from parish organizations must be present.

Sisterhood of St. Anne

God bless our volunteers. We were short staffed, but we have accomplished the work load. We are working in a week again to stuck up for the Easter Sale.



Pierogy working days are:

Sunday February 11 - make cheese balls

Monday February 12—8:00am—Noon

Tuesday February 13- 8:00am—Noon

Wednesday February 14- 8:00am—Noon

NO sale.

50/50 Club

Congratulation to Carol Redmerski – winners of 50/50 for the month of January 2018.

We wish all of our members Happy and Healthy New Year and Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ!

Join the 50/50 Club in our parish. Membership is only \$5.00 a month or \$60.00 a year. You can win from \$130.00 to \$200.00 every month. The more members we get the more money you can win. In our history we had prizes of \$500.00 a month.

Plus, all of the proceeds from the club are donated to the parish.

Since the beginning, the 50/50 Club, has donated over \$99,000.00 to the parish!

Become a member and support your Parish Church.

For more information please see the president of the 50/50 club Mr. Michael Gbur or call the rectory

Remember Our Shut-ins

Valentina Schacht, Vera Beggs, Josephine Hobert, John Spivak, Stephanie Luchyn, Gerald Nemeth, Tony Zerebny. *If you or someone that you know is admitted to the hospital, nursing home or is in need of pastoral care, please let me know. Fr. Vasyl*

Seven Day Vigil Candles

God's blessings for the health of Nieces and Nephews by Katie Bruce & Barbara Bruce

For the health & God's blessing for sister-on-law, Ann

Podlecki on her Birthday by Pani Mary Donahue

Many Years for God-daughter Judy Strilko on her birthday by Pani Mary Donahue



God's blessings for the health of PM Olenka and baby Amelia Grace by Katie & Barbara Bruce

For the health of Jim Nevels by Katie Bruce & Barbara Bruce

For the health of JoJo Hobert by Katie Bruce & Barbara Bruce

For the health of Lilian Cepynsky by Katie Bruce & Barbara Bruce

For the health of Wally and Ann Podlecki by Katie Bruce & Barbara Bruce

For the health of my parents Polina & Pavlo in Ukraine by Halyna Kashpa

For the health of Our Brother Nick Kocelko by Masur Family

For the health and blessings of Ann Podlecki on her 90th Birthday by Stan & Karen Jakubczak

For the health of the Sendeha family with God's blessing on their new little addition to the family (Amelia Grace) by Tom Gbur



For the health of our son Mikola & Olga by Kashpar Family

For the health of Ana, Viorel, Mihail, Dima, Denis, Vasile, Oxana, Ciprian, Andreea, Victor, Nadina, Cristina, Valeriu, Nicolae, Elena, Sergiu, Victor, Silvia, Cheorghii, Irina, Efim, Ana & Victor by Valeriu

For the health and God's blessing of Family members by Alvine & Mike Gbur

For the health and healing of Loraine Ehlert by PM Olenka

In memory of Lubomir by Lilla Cepynsky

In memory of Vasile, Ion, Olea, Ion, Volinta, Ion, Stefan and vera by Valeriu

In memory of Dimitrios

Michael Cheroim and His Family in loving memory of his sister Alexandra Pawlenko

In memory of my father, Nicholas Podlecki on the 67th anniversary of his falling asleep in the Lord by Pani Mary Donahue

Soup –er Bowl Sunday



UOL Chapter – Soup-er Bowl Sunday
 Once again this year, Senior UOL chapter is sponsoring and organizing Soup-er Bowl on TODAY after Divine Liturgy. Please come and share a bowl of soup for a good cause. All proceeds will be donated to Soup Kitchen in Ukraine.

Church Humor



“Welcome to our church-
 even though you are sitting
 in my family pew.”

Sunday of Orthodoxy

All Orthodox faithful and clergy of Chicago Land area are invited to participate at Pan Orthodox Vespers on Sunday February 25, 2018 at 6:30pm
 at Ss. Constantine & Helen Church located at 11045 S. Roberts Rd. Palos Hills, IL

Retreat in the Neighborhood

The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago Department of Religious Education & the Greek Orthodox Church of St. Demetrios in Elmhurst invite the faithful of the Chicago area to join us for a special retreat with The Bible Answer Man—Hank Hanegraaff on Saturday, February 17, 2018 at the Greek Orthodox Church of St. Demetrios 893 North Church Rd. Elmhurst, IL. Registration & fellowship. 10:30 am. First session at 11:00 am. Lunch. Second Session at 1:15pm . \$20.00 per person.

Coffee Hour Schedule



We kindly remind to provide and set aside snacks/food/ drinks for our children who attend Sunday School.

Today --“SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY”

February 11 -- Sandra Hladky and Jeanne Maack

February 18 -- Pancake Flip Cub Scouts 3729

February 25 – Sr. UOL Potluck

March 4 SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY UOL Lenten Pot Luck)

March 11 -- ANNUAL MEETING – Sisterhood Luncheon

March 18 -- Larson, Pierog and Zmysly families (Lenten)

March 25 -- Gordon Family (Lenten)

If you would like to volunteer for the Coffee Hour or need to change your scheduled date, please see Dr. Harry Oryhon call 708-301-5565 or email harrymolars@aol.com

In the neighborhood



Comedy Game Show by Ray Fischer and Friends.

February 9, 7:00pm at Hackney's Irish Pub 9550 W 123rd St. Palos

Park, IL Food, Drinks & Raffles \$100.00 Cash Prize

Support Our Parishioner. Great entertainment by prominent Chicagoland Comedians. \$5 per person or \$25 per table.

Clean Comedy. More info: 630-532-2483

Snow Removal Winter 2018



WEEK OF 02/04 THRU 02/10 -- MARK MASUR

WEEK OF 02/11 THRU 02/17 -- FATHER VASYL

WEEK OF 02/18 THRU 02/24 -- GEORGE CEPYNSKY

WEEK OF 02/25 THRU 03/03 --JOHN GRZYMSKI



If unable to make your scheduled week, please find the replacement and let Fr. Vasyl know.