

# The Word of Sts. Peter & Paul

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## *Food for thought*

### *Parish Council President*

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*President*

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### *Brotherhood of St.*

*Constantine*

*President*

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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.

*Continued from the previous Bulletin*

The prayers of a person at home differ from those in church, since personal prayer is not the same as the communal prayer of the Church. The two types of prayer are different and should not be confused.

When we go to church to pray, we do not go there to say our private prayers. Our private prayers should be said at home, in our room, in secret, and not in church (Mt 6.5–6). This does not mean that we do not bring our personal cares, desires, troubles, questions and joys to the prayer of the Church. We certainly can, and we do. But we bring ourselves and our concerns to church to unite them to the prayer of the Church, to the eternal prayer of Christ, the Mother of God, the saints and the brothers and sisters of our own particular church community.

In church we pray with others, and we should therefore discipline ourselves to pray all together as one body in the unity of one mind, one heart and one soul. Once again this does not mean that our prayers in church should cease to be personal and unique; we must definitely put ourselves into our churchly prayer. In the Church, however, each one must put his own person with his own personal uniqueness into the common prayer of Christ with his Body. This is what enriches the prayer of the Church and makes it meaningful and beautiful and, we might even say, “easy” to perform. The difficulty of many church services is that they are prayers of isolated individuals who are only physically, and not spiritually, united together.

The formal Church services are normally rather long in the Orthodox Church. This is so because we go to church not merely to pray. We go to church to be together, to sing together, to meditate on the meaning of the faith together, to learn together and to have union and communion together with God. This is particularly true of the Divine Liturgy of the Church (see “The Divine Liturgy,” below). If a person wants merely to pray in the silence of his heart, he need not—and, indeed, he should not go to the church services for this purpose. The church services are not designed for silent prayer. They exist for the prayerful fellowship of all God’s people with each other, with Christ and with God.

### *Gods Garden*

Why do I always have to be the one that starts to do laundry and there's no detergent? I guess it was time for me to do my "Dollar Store" run, which included light bulbs, paper towels, trash bags and Clorox. So off I go. I scurried around the store, gathered up my goodies, and headed for the checkout counter only to be blocked in the narrow aisle by a young man that appeared to be about sixteen-years-old. I wasn't in a hurry, so I patiently waited for the boy to realize that I was there. This was when he waved his hands excitedly in the air and declared in a loud voice, "Mommy, I'm over here."

It was obvious now, he was mentally challenged, and also startled as he turned and saw me standing so close to him, waiting to squeeze by. His eyes widened and surprise exploded on his face



## Liturgical Schedule



Today

**First Sunday of the Great Lent: Triumph of Orthodoxy. Tone five.** Great Lent. Food Oil  
St. Meletius, archbishop of Antioch (381).  
St. Meletius, archbishop of Kharkov (1840).



Hebrews 11:24-26, 11:32-12:2  
John 1:43-51

Reader of the Hours - Sandra Hladky  
Reader of the Eng. Epist. – Sandra Hladky  
Reader of the Ukr. Epist. – Halyna Kashpar

Wednesday, February 28

Pan Orthodox Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:00pm St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church  
6330 W. 127th St. Palos Heights, IL 60463  
Reflection by Fr. Herman Kincaid

Saturday, March 3

Vespers & Confessions at 5:00pm

March 4  
Sunday

**Second Sunday of the Great Lent. Tone six.**

Great Lent. Food with Oil  
Synaxis of all Venerable Fathers of the Kiev Caves (movable holiday on the 2nd Sunday of the Great Lent).

St. Gregory Palamas the Archbishop of Thessalonica Apostles Archippus and Philemon of the Seventy, and Martyr Apphia (1st c.).

St. Theodore of Sanaxar Monastery (1791).  
Martyrs Maximus, Theodotus, Hesychius, and Asclepiodotus of Adrianopolis (305-311).

Venerables Eugene and Macarius, presbyters, confessors at Antioch (363).

Venerable Dositheus of Palestine (6th c.), disciple of St. Abba Dorotheus.



Hebrews 1:10-2:3

Hebrews 7:26-8:2 (Saint)

Mark 2:1-12

John 10:9-16 (Saint)

Reader of the Hours - Karen Jakubczak

Reader of the Eng. Epist. – Karen Jakubczak

Reader of the Ukr. Epist. – PM Olenka

as I said, "Hey Buddy, what's your name?"

"My name is Denny and I'm shopping with my mother," he responded proudly. "Wow," I said, "that's a cool name; I wish my name was Denny, but my name is Hal." "Hal like Halloween?" he asked.

"Yes," I answered. "How old are you Denny?"

"How old am I now Mommy?" he asked his mother as she slowly came over from the next aisle.

"You're fifteen-years-old Denny. Now be a good boy and let the man pass by."

I acknowledged her and continued to talk to Denny for several more minutes about summer, bicycles and school. I watched his brown eyes dance with excitement because he was the center of someone's attention. He then abruptly turned and headed toward the toy section. Denny's mom had a puzzled look on her face and thanked me for taking the time to talk with her son. She told me that most people wouldn't even look at him, much less talk to him. I told her that it was my pleasure and then I said something. I have no idea where it came from, other than by the prompting of the Holy Spirit. I told her that.... There are plenty of red, yellow and pink roses in God's garden,

However.... "Blue Roses" are very rare and should be appreciated for their beauty and distinctiveness.

You see, Denny is a "Blue Rose" and if someone doesn't stop and smell that rose

with their heart and touch that rose with their kindness, then they've missed a blessing from God.

She was silent for a second, then with a tear in her eye she asked, "Who are you?" Without thinking I said,

"Oh, I'm probably just a 'daffodil or maybe even a dandelion,' but I sure love living in God's garden."

### *Sisterhood of St. Anne*

God bless our volunteers.

We are working in a week again

Pierogy working days are:

Sunday Feb 25 - make cheese balls

Monday February 26-8:00am—Noon

Tuesday February 27- 8:00am—Noon

Wednesday February 28- 8:00am—Noon

Thursday, March 1-Sale Noon—4:00pm



**General Annual meeting is Sunday March 11, 2018** following the Divine Liturgy.

I ask all of the parish members to mark their calendars and attend the meeting. If the life of our parish community, your parish family is important to you, participate at the meeting!!!

**I kindly ask the officers of the parish organizations to submit their reports (preferably electronically) by Sunday February 25, 2018 Fr. Vasyl**

## *Sunday School Teacher's corner*

*Summary of the Sunday School Lesson February 18, 2018*

The Sunday before Great Lent is called Cheesefare Sunday or Forgiveness Sunday. Forgiveness is difficult work for anyone at any age. Letting go of the hurt and anger we feel when someone hurts us is challenging. God wants us to forgive others—even people who do bad things to us over and over—because God forgives us over and over. It doesn't matter how much we think someone who did bad things to us owes us. Forgiving those things will never come close to how much or how many times God forgives us. We then did an object lesson using vinegar, salt and pennies to demonstrate how asking and receiving forgiveness cleanses us. We placed the dirty pennies (representing our sins and the wrongs we have done) into the solution. After a few minutes we removed them and dried them off. The result was a shiny & bright penny. This represented the forgiveness we receive from God. We become clean & bright—our spiritual cleansing shining through! Forgiving others and ourselves makes perfect “cents”!

~Yours in Christ, Miss Karen



## ***Sunday of Orthodoxy TODAY***

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

## *Seven Day Vigil Candles*



For the health of our son Mark after the surgery by  
Paul & Dorothy Seliga  
For the health and God's blessing of newly baptized Amelia  
Grace by Machnikowski Family  
For the health of my husband Paul Seliga by Dorothy Seliga  
God's blessings for Good health and happiness always for the  
Oberts family, Anne, son Bill, Nicholas & Michelle. Also, spe-  
cial intention prayers for the Oberts family. Anne Oberts  
For the health of my parents Polina & Pavlo in Ukraine by  
Halyna Kashpa  
For the health of Alla Grzymiski by Fr. Vasyl

Michael Cheroim and His Family in loving memory of  
his sister Alexandra Pawlenko  
In memory of Lubomyr Cepynsky by his Wife Lillian  
Cepynsky



## *Words of Gratitude*

Dear fellow

Church members,

Saying thank you and sending my sincere appreciation . I have  
reseived many get well cards, phone calls, candle offering and  
kind concerns while at rehab and since returning home. This has  
been most helping and encouraging. Hope to return to Sts. Peter  
and Paul Church and community soon.

God Bless you.

Lorraine Ehlert



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Sr. UOL Chapter

## **Lenten Fish Fry**

on Friday March 9, 2018

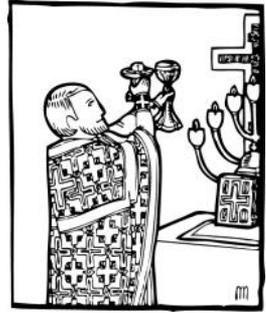
Fried Fish or coconut shrimp or calamari,  
tatter tots, great homemade coleslaw, bread,  
beverage and desert.

Donation - only \$13.00 adult  
Children 10 year & under - Free



## *Pan Orthodox Pre-Sanctified Liturgies*

The Orthodox churches of the Palos area will come together to celebrate the Presanctified Liturgies of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Wednesdays of Lent at 7:00pm. 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, February 28th** at 7:00 pm  
St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church  
6330 W. 127th St. Palos Heights, IL 60463  
Reflection by Fr. Herman Kincaid

**Wednesday, March 7** at 7:00 pm  
Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church  
8410 W. 131st St. Palos Park, IL 60464  
Reflection by Fr. Danial Doss

**Wednesday, March 14th** at 7:00 pm  
Sts. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church  
6980 S. County Line Rd.  
Burr Ridge, IL 60527  
Reflection by Fr. Paul Jannakos

**Wednesday, March 21st** at 7:00 pm  
St. Luke Orthodox Church (OCA)  
10700 S. Kean Ave  
Palos Hills, IL 60465  
Reflection by Fr. Vasyl Sendeha

*Pan-Orthodox Akathist  
to the Mother of God*  
Tuesday, March 27th  
at 7:00 pm  
St. Mary Antiochian  
Orthodox Church  
6330 W. 127th St. Pa-  
los Heights, IL 60463

## *Monthly Memorial Panahyda*

**February 25:** In memory of Olga Kozlow Bordner. Requested by Jeannette M. Gard.

In memory of Sophie Orich by the Orich and Bartlett Families.

**March 4:** In memory of Klavin Edward II on the anniversary of his steeping into eternity. Requested by Klavin Family.



## Coffee Hour Schedule



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

Today -- -- Masur Family

March 4 Sr. 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](mailto:harrymolars@aol.com)*

## Church Humor

Everything I need to know about life, I learned from Noah's Ark.

One: Don't miss the boat.

Two: Remember that we are all in the same boat.

Three: Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.

Four: Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.

Five: Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.

Six: Build your future on high ground.

Seven: For safety's sake, travel in pairs.

Eight: Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.

Nine: When you're stressed, float a while.

Ten: Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.

Eleven: No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

## Know your community's Lenten options

Local business-owner, Fedra, of "Simple Taste" serves mouth-watering, homemade Mediterranean Cuisine with several options to observe a healthy and true Lent.

**\*Saints Peter & Paul Orthodox parishioners can Show This Coupon** when dining in, at "Simple Taste", during Lent, for **FREE FALAFELS!**\*

**Hours: 7 days/week; 10am-10pm**

**Location: 12246 S. Harlem Avenue, Palos Heights, IL 60463**

To name a few delicious dishes:

~Baba Ghanoush (eggplant garlic tahini)

~Fresh Hummus and Pita Bread

~Quinoa pilaf, freekah pilaf, basmati rice

~Salmon, Tilapia, Sea bass, & Shrimp

~Grape Leaves

~Many flavorful and filling salad entrees

~Vegetarian Plates & Kabobs

~Lentil soup