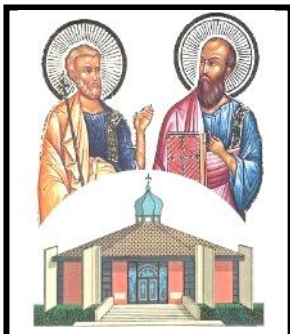


The Word of Sts. Peter & Paul



December 23, 2018

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It is with praise to God, great joy and satisfaction that the Ecumenical Patriarchate announces the successful completion of the work of the Unifying Synod (Sobor)—foundational of the new Orthodox Autocephalous Church of Ukraine—which was convened in Kyiv today, December 15th, 2018. Metropolitan Epiphanius of Pereiaslav and Belotserkovsky was elected as its Primate.

His Beatitude, the newly-elected Primate, contacted His All-Holiness, the Ecumenical Patriarch, expressed his respect and asked the wishes and blessings of the Mother Church for fruition of his primatial ministry, which starts under good auspices.

In this context, it is announced that Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew invited His Beatitude Epiphanius to concelebrate the Divine Liturgy at the Phanar on the great feast of Theophany and to deliver to him the Tomos of establishment of the new sister Autocephalous Church. At the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the 15th of December, 2018

From the Chief Secretariat of the Holy and Sacred Synod. 17 December 2018

Council of Bishops of UOC of USA greet newly elected His Beatitude Epiphaniy

To: His Beatitude Epiphaniy

Metropolitan of Kyiv and All Ukraine

Orthodox Church of Ukraine

Your Beatitude: CHRIST IS AMONG US!

The day of December 15, 2018 in the life of the Holy Orthodox Church of Ukraine will always be treasured in history as the day when the faithful of the Church, with the blessing of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I and the Holy Synod of the Patriarchate of Constantinople, were blessed with the establishment of a Pomisna-Local Ukrainian Orthodox Church and the election of the Primate-Metropolitan of Kyiv and All Ukraine in the person of Your Beatitude. We look forward to your service to the Gospel and Body of Christ in God-loving Ukraine, which will be guided by the Holy Spirit and lead to the final ecclesiastic unity in the Holy Orthodox Church of Ukraine.

“This is a day the Lord has made!” It is the day that the hierarchs, clergy and faithful of our Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA have prayed and worked for throughout our 100 year history. Metropolitan John (Theodorovych), our first primate and the only hierarch who survived martyrdom of all the other hierarchs of the first formation of Ukrainian autocephaly (1921) served our Holy Church and the cause of Autocephaly for 50 years. Our second Primate-Metropolitan Mstyslav, from the second formation of autocephaly (1942) served our Holy Church for 43 years. He later became the first Patriarch of Ukraine in the

third formation of autocephaly (1990) and never wavered in the struggle for an independent Pomisna Church of Ukraine. Our third Primate-Metropolitan Constantine strove continually throughout his 40 years of service – 20 as Metropolitan – to our Holy Church for the recognition of Autocephaly for Ukraine. We, as the present hierarchs of the UOC of the USA have worked diligently over the past 24 years ensuring that the question of Autocephaly for the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Ukraine would never fade away. Our clergy and faithful have never weakened in their faith that this day would come. “We rejoice and are glad” (Ps. 117:24) in this day and thank God for your election your Beatitude, to the Primacy of the fully autocephalous Ukrainian Orthodox Church. Glory to God for all things!

We all must realize, however, that this is a time in the history of Ukraine and the world that requires gentle healing, firm leadership and great love. Our prayer for you, Your Beatitude, is that you will continue to be graced by God with the gentle healing faith exhibited by the saints of all Rus-Ukraine, that you will be given the strength to exercise firm leadership in the example of the Holy Fathers of the Church and that you will be enabled to unconditionally open yourself in service to the bishops, priests and faithful who are entrusted to your paternal spiritual care. Our Lord will certainly assist you in carrying this heavy burden-responsibility and the powerful prayers of your spiritual children will sustain you always.

In behalf of the clergy and faithful of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, we express to you our most sincere greetings as you begin this certainly difficult, but spiritually and fundamentally important, mission in the life of the Church. We enthusiastically look forward to our common work with you in brotherly love, peace, and harmony as we seek to fulfill God’s Holy Will for all Ukrainian Orthodox Christians.

Dear Brother in Christ and co-celebrant in Christ's Vineyard, we pray in the depth of our hearts and souls that the joyful Light of the Bethlehem Star will always lead you to Christ our Lord in all your blessed service in His Name seeking the salvation of souls. We know that alone, human desire is insufficient to fulfill this service to which you have been called. As we have seen throughout the history of mankind, we cannot rely upon the wisdom of mankind as our source of strength. May your real strength come from the Wisdom of God in the Holy Trinity, for He is Good, Compassionate, Merciful, Just and loves us beyond our ability to fully comprehend.

With prayers in Christ our Lord,

+Antony, Metropolitan

+Daniel, Archbishop

Sunday Services in two Languages

Every First Sunday of the Month there will be All English Divine Liturgy at 9:30am followed by All Ukrainian Pro-Liturgy at 11:30am. Next Special Sunday is February 3, 2019.

Due to the feast of Nativity of Our Lord there will be only one bilingual service on January 6, 2019 at 9:30am and Holy Supper "Sviata Vechera" at the Hall at 5:30pm followed by Nativity Eve Service at 7:00pm

Seraphim Group



Seraphim Group is a group of seniors and their friends that meets at least every second Tuesday of the month. The group enjoys variety of activities. From get together in the Church hall for lunch and games to outings to the movies and local restaurants or attractions. Everyone is welcome to join them for great time in the friendly atmosphere of fellow parishioners and friends.

Next meeting is Tuesday January 15, 2019 Seraphim Group Christmas Party. **Bring a dish to share.** Come and join us. Bring a friend. For more info see Debbie Pierog— President of the Seraphim Group Deb12153@aol.com
708-710-6009 Text or Call

Announcements

Parish Council

Monthly Parish Council meeting is every third Sunday of the month after the Coffee Hour. Next meeting is Sunday January 20, 2018 *Representatives from parish organizations must be present. Guests are welcome.*



Sisterhood of St. Anne

God bless our volunteers!
We thank you for your hard work.

There was a lot of work to prepare for Pre – Christmas December 6 and the Christmas sales December 20. The result was overwhelming! Complete sold out by 3:00 PM. Thank you for your hard work. Thank you for fellowship
May God bless you this Christmas season with health, happiness and love!

Sunday School



We are going to have a special Mitten tree this year in our Church Hall. Special Collection of New gloves, mittens, scarfs and hats for the homeless at the local PADS shelter. All sizes are appreciated. Please drop of your donations in the box located in the vestibule of our Church building or handed it to one of the teachers of Sunday School. Kids will decorate the tree with the mentioned items. Help the homeless to keep warm this winter.

Eighth Annual Cookie Walk



Our Eighth Annual Cookie Walk was **Unbelievable Successes** thanks to you our talented and generous bakers who baked at home and donated their creation as well as to a hard working team, who baked at the church hall premises. In the evenings.

We have raised over \$1,700.00 for Caregiving Committee. All proceeds to charity.

May God bless you and reward you for your generosity and dedication hundredfold.

With Gratitude PM Olenka

Seven Day Vigil Candles



God's blessing and health for our son Mikola on his
Birthday by Kashpar Family

For the health of my ill mother Polina by Halyna Kashpar

For the health of my ill father Pavlo in Ukraine by Halyna
Kashpar

For the health of Chantal Deady by Pat Beck

For the health of Cindy Koziarz by Pat Beck

For the health of Christine Finnigan y Pat Beck

For the ealth of Sharon Flanagan by Pat Beck

For the health of my mother Oksana by Fr. Vasyl



In memory of John & Irene Beck by Pat & Mike Beck

In memory of William & Anne Mulholland by Pat & Mike Beck

In memory of Ivan by Maria

Nativity Dinner



Celebrate Nativity

with your parish family

Divine Liturgy at 9:30am

Monday January 7th, 2019

Annual Nativity Dinner

to follow After the Divine Liturgy

Donation to cover partially the cost of the caterer

\$17.00 per adult (18+)

\$10.00 per Child (6-17)

Children 5 and under free

PLEASE R.S.V.P sign in on the sheet in front of the church,
via email rev.vasyl@yahoo.com

or call the Rectory 708-361-5165 by December 30, 2018



Snow Removal Winter 2018-2019

WEEK OF 12/23 THRU 12/29 ----- ELIAS GORDON

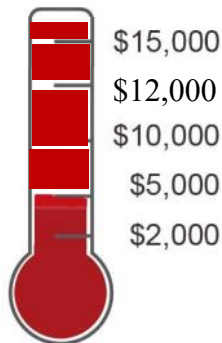
WEEK OF 12/30 THRU 1/05 ----- ELIAS GORDON

As in the past years, we need volunteers to remove snow if it is less
then 2 inches. If it is more then 2 inches the snow removal company
will do it. If you would like to volunteer, please see Rich Ganske

Church Temple Main Chandelier



We are working on replacing Main Chandelier at the Church Temple. Current one is too small for our temple as well as in very poor condition. We have collected so far \$15,465.00 towards this project. Every little bit helps.



In memory of William & Olga Oryhon by Dr. Jeremy & Ana Oryhon—\$500.00

Linda Sereda —\$2000.00 - In memory of my deceased family members, especially my Father, Michael Sereda; my Mother Josephine Sereda and my Brother, Micahel Sereda Jr.

We have reached our goal!

Thank you very much for your generosity!

Coffee Hour Schedule



Today –Kashpar Family & Olga Piskoun (Lenten)

December 30 -- **Vitalii & Ulia Kulyk thank you for volunteering**

01/06/2019 Eve Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

After Liturgy in the morning — coffee only

Holy Supper at 5:30 pm Potluck

01/07/2019 Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Nativity Dinner

01/13/2019 Nina Coker & Maria Iordanov

01/20/2019 Janet Milton and Pat Wolsko

01/27/2019 Sandra Hladky & Jeanne Maack

02/03/2019 **SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY” - SOUP MAKERS**

02/10/2019 Donna & Jim Nevels

Nativity Season Schedule

Sunday, December 30 at 9:30 am Divine Liturgy

Sunday, January 6 at 9:30 Divine Liturgy (Only one Liturgy)

at 5:30 pm Eve of the Nativity of Jesus Christ. *Lenten Potluck dinner “Svitij Vechir “Holy Supper followed by Vigil Service 7:00pm*

Monday January 7 at 9:30 am Divine Liturgy on the Feast of the Nativity According to the Flesh of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ. Nativity Dinner at the Church Hall.

Monday, January 8 at 9:30 am. The Second Day of Nativity. Synaxis of Theotokos

Sunday, January 13 at 9:30am Divine Liturgy. Sunday Before Theophany

Monday, January 14 at 9:30am the New Year Julian calendar and the Feast of St. Basil the Great

Friday, January 18 at 6:00pm Eve of the Theophany Vespers and Great blessing of the water

Saturday, January 19 at 9:30 am Divine Liturgy and blessing of the water. The Holy Theophany. The Baptism of Our Savior Jesus Christ.

Sunday, January 20 at 9:30 am Divine Liturgy Sunday after Theophany. House blessings

Sunday, January 27 at 9:30 am Divine Liturgy