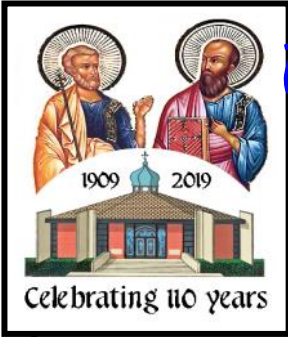


# The Word of Sts. Peter & Paul



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## *A word from the Hierarchs*

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TO: THE BELOVED CLERGY AND FAITHFUL OF OUR HOLY UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE USA  
 RE: THE ONSET OF A NEW VIRUS STRAIN CALLED CORONAVIRUS OR COVID-19

Dear Brothers and Sister in our Lord,  
 CHRIST IS AMONGST US! HE IS AND ALWAYS SHALL BE!

The words of this traditional greeting and response between Orthodox Christians are a powerful proclamation of our firm belief that the Son of God, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity remains with us at all times and in all places, in particular having received His Most Holy Body and Blood in the Eucharist on a regular basis. We can be assured of this regardless of anything we face during this earthly pilgrimage, whether it is something that brings us overwhelming joy or something that poses a threat to us, like the deadly virus spreading throughout the world as we type these words.

One faithful member of our Church contacted us recently and the first words out of her mouth were: "Here we go again!" She was

not making light of the real threat that the coronavirus is. Rather, she is stating a fact that mankind has been faced with horrific plagues and communicable diseases throughout its existence. She enumerated the likes of the Black plague, the Bubonic plague, the West Nile virus, the BIRD flu, the Ebola virus and the Swine flu among other instances and she expressed her sincere hope that people will not look at this new threat of the coronavirus with a “no big deal” attitude. We join her in that hope and we urge all of our clergy and faithful to diligently take all measures in their personal and communal lives to protect themselves and others from the spread of this deadly virus.

AS YOUR HIERARCHS, WE DO NOT PRETEND TO HAVE THE ABILITY TO INSTRUCT YOU REGARDING THE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS YOU ALL SHOULD TAKE IN THE DAYS AND WEEKS AHEAD TO PROTECT YOURSELVES AND YOUR FAMILIES, ALONG WITH THE HUMAN COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE. FOR SUCH INSTRUCTIONS WE URGE YOU TO GO TO THE OFFICIAL WEBSITE OF THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL – [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) SO THAT YOU CAN EDUCATE YOURSELVES THE STEPS YOU SHOULD TAKE IN YOUR DAILY LIVES. PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE IN DOING THIS.

With regard to Liturgical Worship in our Churches, we pray that you do not excuse yourselves based on fear from the absolutely necessary common worship – together as the sons and daughters of Christ – to pray along with the Mother of God for His protection during this crisis and to be prepared as parish families in Christ to reach out to the particular agencies in your local area that are providing care and necessities for those who are afflicted with this virus. We believe that our common prayer, in particular during this Great Lenten season, will offer a profound witness to God about our faith in His Power to eradicate this threat to mankind.

As we gather in our local churches for worship, we believe it might be wise to limit physical contact with the traditional liturgical expressions of faith in reality – our holy Icons – unless provision is made to clean them before and after each veneration – other than just a dry cloth. During this time of uncertainty, it will be altogether proper to bow or prostrate ourselves before the Icons to express our love for the Lord and the Saints who provide the example for the way we should live our lives. We have

## Liturgical Schedule

Today

**Sunday March 8, 2020 / February 24, 2020**  
**First Sunday of the Great Lent: Triumph of Orthodoxy. Tone five. Great Lent.** Food with Oil First (4th c.) and Second (452) Findings of the Precious Head of St. John the Baptist. Venerable Erasmus of the Kiev Caves (1160). Martyrs Montanus, Lucias, Julian, Victorius, Flavian and their companions at Carthage (259). St. Cummain Ailbe, abbot of Ilona (669) (Celtic & British).



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

Reader of the Hours - Antony Sendeha  
 Reader of the Eng. Epist. – Antony Sendeha  
 Reader of the Ukr. Epist. – Natalie Cepynsky

Wednesday  
 March 11

Pan-Orthodox Pre-sanctified St. Luke OCA  
 10700 S. Kean Ave Palos Hills

Friday  
 March 13

Akathist to the Mother of God 6:30 PM  
 At Our church

Saturday  
 March 14

Vespers at 6:00pm

Sunday  
 March 15

**Second Sunday of the Great Lent. Tone six. Great Lent. Food with Oil**

St. Gregory Palamas the Archbishop of Thessalonica (movable holiday on the 2nd Sunday of the Great Lent). Synaxis of all Venerable Fathers of the Kiev Caves (movable holiday on the 2nd Sunday of the Great Lent). Hieromartyr Theodotus, bishop of Cyrenia (315). St. Arsenius, bishop of Tver (1409). Sts. Barsanuphius (1459) and Sabbas (1467)



Hebrews 1:10-2:3  
 Hebrews 7:26-8:2 (Saint)  
 Mark 2:1-12  
 John 10:9-16 (Saint)

Reader of the Hours - Sandra Hladky  
 Reader of the Eng. Epist. – Sandra Hladky  
 Reader of the Ukr. Epist. – Stefania Turiy

always found great spiritual comfort during our visits to the Holy Land and the churches there, when we witnessed faithful Christians venerating Icons and waving from the Icons toward themselves (a “come here” type of wave) seeking to pull the Grace and faithfulness of the Saints being venerated into themselves so that they might emulate them in all their words and deeds.

We feel an urgent need to comment most specifically on the Holy Eucharist – receiving the Holy Body and Blood of Christ our Lord – in Holy Communion. We must during times like the present, never doubt in the power of the Chalice, dear brothers and sisters. It contains true LIFE and true LOVE by which no harm could ever enter our lives. When the common spoon of communion is dipped into the Chalice following the communion of one individual, it is cleansed by the Blood of our Lord beyond our broadest comprehension of what “cleansing” is in human terms. Throughout all the history of our more than two millennium Church, we can recall no thread of witness or even a shadow of one, indicating that any disease has ever been spread through the Chalice containing the Precious Body and Blood of our Lord. Perhaps the most convincing fact here is that if the Chalice did, indeed, spread disease, we would certainly be praying regularly for the repose of the souls of tens of thousands or more deacons and priests who, throughout the past 2000 years have consumed the full Chalices following communion of the faithful during hundreds of thousands of Divine Liturgies throughout our history. This is our faith, dearly beloved, and if we lose that faith, we are in grave danger far beyond the physical danger of a virus.

We have confidence that just as the previous viruses and other threats to mankind have finally been defeated, we will witness the same today. Let us be exemplary examples of faith and action to one another – not only throughout the duration of the present threat - but throughout our lives. We can work miracles by that faith and in the resulting joy, draw others in to Christ’s Vineyard. You all are in our prayers daily and we ask for yours for ourselves. St. James states clearly: “Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing Psalms. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the Church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the Name of the Lord. AND THE PRAYER OF FAITH

WILL SAVE THE SICK, AND THE LORD WILL RAISE HIM UP.” (James 5:13-15)

CHRIST IS, INDEED AMONGST US! HE IS AND ALWAYS SHALL BE!

+ ANTONY

By the Grace of God, Metropolitan

+ DANIEL

By the Grace of God, Archbishop

### ***Parish Council***

Parish Annual meeting is TODAY after the Divine Liturgy.

### ***Sisterhood of St. Anne***

God bless our volunteers!

Work Schedule for the month of March and April.

*Next session*

Monday March 16 at 8:00am—make cheese pierogies

Tuesday, March 17 at 8:00am Make Sk & Pot balls

Wednesday, March 18 at 8:00am Make Sk & Pot pierogies

No sale

*Easter Sale session*

Monday April 6 at 8:00am—make cheese pierogies

Tuesday, April 7 at 8:00am Make Sk & Pot balls

Wednesday, April 8 at 8:00am Make Sk & Pot pierogies



### ***Seraphim Group***

SERAPHIM UPDATE: Tuesday, March 10th  
11:00 (or a little earlier)

We will meet at the Marcus Theater 16350 S. La-Grange Rd., Orland Park to see "Call of the Wild".

Lunch following the movie at Wu's .

PLEASE LET FATHER KNOW ASAP IF YOU ARE GOING TO THE MOVIE SO HE CAN ORDER TICKETS AHEAD OF TIME.

Thank You & God Bless, Debbie 708-710-6009 text or call  
Deb12153@aol.com



## ***Eternal Light***

In memory of Olga Beck

by children Tony Beck & Susan Ziegler



## ***Seven Day Vigil Candles***

For the health and quick recovery of Tina Palasti after the surgery by Halyna Kashpar

For the health of my grandson Leonard by Leela Cepynsky

For the health of my father Pavlo by Halyna Kashpar

For the health of Halyna, Volodimer, Iryna with family and Mikola by Halyna Kashpar

For the health of my sister Evhenia with family in Ukraine by Halyna Kashpar

For the health of Barbara Bruce by PM Olenka

For the health, God's blessing and speedy recovery of Rich Kimak by Fr. Vasyl

For the health of Fr. Vasyl by the parish



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In memory of my Mother Polina. Memory Eternal by Halyna Kashpar

## ***Second Collection***

All Saint Camp is a beautiful campsite site of Our Church of UOC of USA located in Emlenton, PA. It offers variety of camp opportunities for children of all ages as well as families with kids. More information can be found on the web at

<https://www.allsaintscamp.org/>

All Saints Camp is preparing to celebrate its 50th anniversary. Our Church, UOC of USA, have started a Capital campaign to work on capital improvements of the camp so it could serve the Church another decade. Funds are being raised at all of our parishes of UOC of USA.

We will have Second Collection for the month of March and continually dedicated to our pledge as a parish family to raise \$6000.00 towards the Capital campaign of All Saints Camp.

**STAGG HIGH SCHOOL**  
**111th Street and Roberts Road Palos Hills, Illinois 60565**  
**MUSIC BOOSTERS**

*Art for the Season ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL*

*March 21, 9:00 - 4:00*

*March 22, 10:00 – 3:00 Arts and Crafts Booths Vendor Booths  
 Lunch and Food Sampling, Raffles, Pictures with the Easter  
 Bunny (\$10 for digital photos) Entertainment  
 \$2.00 adult admission for the show*

### ***Snow Duty***

If unable to make your scheduled week, please find a replacement for yourself.

WEEK OF 03/08 THRU 03/14 -- Fr. Vasyl

WEEK OF 03/15 THRU 03/21 -- John Grzymiski

WEEK OF 03/22 THRU 03/28 -- Brian Ciapinski



### ***Prayer Corner for the Month of March***

***We ask all of you to remember in your prayers the following individuals, who are in need of God's healing and grace:*** Christine, Irene Belkow, Alla Grzymiski, Kathy Grzymiski, Joseph Kapusta, Richard Kimak, Leona Jaksich, Jeanne Maack, Pani Mary Donahue, Tina Palasti, Donna Nevels, Maria, Andrew J, Tony Zerebny, Maria Savoy, Nicole, Tom Macauliffe, Elena, John, Michael P, Christine, Anthony, Catherine Hladky, Andrew Hladky, Dean Manson, Pavlo, Barbara Patronik, Elias, Katie Bruce, Patti Faye, Toni Marie Klavin, Michael Kimak, Chloe Mckinney, Yuriy Zmysly, Paul Jr & Dorothy Seliga, Wolodymer Kashpar, Priest Vasyl Dovhan, Priest David Clooney, Priest Petro, PM Maria, Frankie, Zachary, Orest, Oksana, Alexander, Paul, Olga.



*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*

## Coffee Hour Schedule



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| Today —           | <b>Annual Meeting- Sisterhood Luncheon</b> |
| 03/15/2020        | Mary Lamantia                              |
| 03/22/2020        | Neswick/Salup Family                       |
| 03/29/2020        | Ludmila Piskoun and Olga Piskoun           |
| 04/5/2020         | Janet / John Beck and Pat /Mike Beck       |
| 04/12/2020        | Palm Sunday UOL Brunch                     |
| <b>04/19/2020</b> | <b>PASCHA</b>                              |
| 04/26/2020        | Nina Coker                                 |

**Please remember the dates you are signed up to do the coffee hour.**

*If you would like to volunteer for the Coffee Hour or need to change your scheduled date, please see Olga Piskoun call 708-361-5165 or email [opiskoun@yahoo.com](mailto:opiskoun@yahoo.com)*



## **Lenten Fish Fry/Bake**

**Delicious food,  
Great  
atmosphere**



**Friday March 20, 2020  
Friday April 3, 2020  
from 5:00pm- 7:00pm**

**Fried or Baked Fish or Calamari or Coconut shrimp  
tatter tots or potato Pierogies  
great homemade salad  
bread, beverage and dessert.  
Donation - \$15.00 adult  
Children 6 & up - \$8.00**