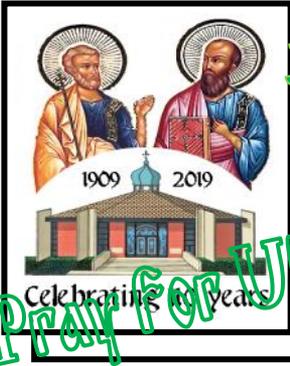


The Word of Sts. Peter & Paul



July 3, 2022

Pray for Ukraine

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Beloved in the Lord: CHRIST IS AMONG US!

On Monday, July 4, we observe our most significant national holiday, Independence Day. On this day, we celebrate the Freedom that is foundational to who we are as Americans, the Freedom we enjoy as citizens of the United States of America that is especially important to celebrate in 2022, the Freedom created by God for every man, woman and child regardless of race, ethnicity or social-economic standing. Governments exist to safeguard and defend human Freedom, to nurture it and allow it to grow. When Freedom is restricted, so will be the God-given potential of each individual and societies are frustrated in their ability to flourish with “liberty and justice for all”.

This “liberty and justice for all” is the precondition for genuine peace which requires justice - the ability to ensure equity, impartiality and fairness among individuals and groups. The Holy Apostle Paul tells us that God’s peace “surpasses all understanding” and that it includes “whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is

pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious” (Phil 4:7-8). As a nation, one of our most important goals must be the preservation of justice and peace within our borders and in international relations. Without peace and justice, our efforts to nurture and grow as individuals, families and communities are severely threatened.

We are “one Nation, under God,” blessed to live in a country where we are able to gather, debate, and discuss issues while fulfilling the Church’s mission to serve. Let us always treasure our ability as Orthodox Christians to offer social, charitable, and educational services in a manner that fully reflects the God-given dignity of the human person. Freedom is a gift, but also a great responsibility. May we never waiver in our gratitude to those who have made our freedom possible, and never falter in our commitment to promote the virtues of “liberty and justice for all”.

Let us remember – on Independence Day we celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the birth of a nation that “holds these truths to be self-evident, that all men (human beings) are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.” The document propagates a notion of freedom that demands rights and respect for all others – justice, peace and fairness for all. It expects integrity, responsibility and accountability – especially on the part of government - ensuring that no one is above the law. On this day, we celebrate a democracy that is based on right-heartedness and the sense of common good, demanding that we citizens act in accordance with proper moral character and self-restraint.

In a year that has been marked by a pandemic, racial tensions, desperation, economic challenges, the sorrow of community shootings and the ongoing war in Ukraine, it is good for us to remember the final line of the Declaration of Independence: “And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.” Therefore, as we celebrate this Independence Day, let us turn to God in prayer that all forms of systemic evil, racism and bigotry may be eradicated from our country. Let us pray for courage



Liturgical Schedule



Sunday
July 3

3rd Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 2 Synaxis of Halych Saints. Synaxis of Odessa Saints. Hieromartyr Methodius, bishop of Patara (312). Martyrs Inna, Pinna, and Rimma, disciples of Apostle Andrew in Scythia (1st/2nd c.). Martyrs Aristocleus presbyter, Demetrian deacon, and Athanasius reader, of Cyprus (306). St. Leucius the Confessor, bishop of Brindisi (5th c.). St. Minas, bishop of Polotsk (1116).



Rom. 5:1-10 Mt. 6:22-33
To Saints: Gal. 5:22-6:2; Lk. 6:17-23

Saturday
July 9

Vespers at 6:00pm

Sunday
July 10

4th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 3

Ven. Sampson the Hospitable (530). St. Joanna the Myrrh-bearer (1st c.). Ven. Severus, presbyter of Interocrea in Italy (6th c.).



Rom. 6:18-23; Mt. 8:5-13

Tuesday
July 12

Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul
Divine Liturgy at 9:30am followed by Picnic

and strength to stand and fight against structures that limit, inhibit, prohibit and hold people back from rising to their fullest potential and possibility. Let us pray for courage – together and as individuals – to become the voice of the voiceless, the down-trodden, the forgotten and abandoned, the poor and the bullied, those on the margins of our society and the most vulnerable among us. Let us pray for the courage to stand firm for the sanctity of life in all its fullness. Let us pray that this Independence Day celebration may be a personal commitment to freedom, justice, fairness and happiness for all.

Perhaps this prayer, often attributed to George Washington, helps put this celebration into a proper focus:

Almighty God you have given us this great land of the United States of America as our heritage. We humbly pray that we may always remember your generosity and faithfully do your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education and an honorable way of life. Defend our liberties and strengthen the resolve of all those who have come from various places in the world to make the United States of America their home. Lead us to choose the sometimes more difficult “correct” instead of the sometimes much easier “wrong”. Help us to appreciate the opportunities that are ours as we struggle to bring harmony to an unsettled world. May we balance our concern for justice with a willingness to display mercy. May our concern for security be tempered with a willingness to take risks that will produce worthwhile change for the good of all people. O Lord, we pray for your guidance as we work together in the best interests of our communities, our nation, our world. When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful and in troubled times, let our deepest trust and faith be forever in You. For You are a Merciful and Loving God and we give glory to You – Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.”

Have a blessed, happy and safe Fourth of July!

+Antony,

By the Grace of God, Metropolitan of the UOC of the USA

+Daniel,

By the Grace of God, Archbishop of the UOC of the USA

Announcements

Parish Feast Day

Save the Date. Parish Feast Day Sunday July 17, 2022.
Divine Liturgy led by His Eminence Archbishop Daniel.
Blessing of the Newly installed Chandelier at the Church temple.

Annual Parish Cash Raffle



This year, we have decided to have an early presale of the Big Cash Raffle tickets. If you would like to purchase the tickets, please see Pat Beck or John Grzymiski.

Cost of 1 ticket is \$100.00.

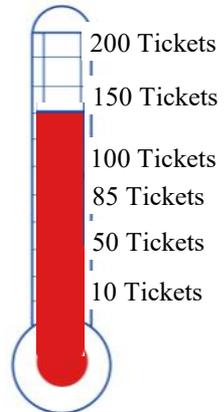
Only 200 tickets are offered.

We have sold 145 tickets so far.

You can split the cost with family, friends, coworkers, fellow parishioners. You can be on multiple tickets.

Advanced payment for tickets would be appreciated.

Help us make it another success and have all 200 tickets sold!



Seraphim Group

SERAPHIM GATHERING:

We meet every second Tuesday of the month.

Tuesday, July 12 Divine Liturgy at 9:30am

Followed by Picnic at the Church Hall



Please bring a snack, dessert or drinks to share.

Happy Summer!! God Bless Ukraine!!

Thanks, Debbie Pierog, President

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Seven Day Vigil Candles

For the health of Bob Lewandowski by PM Olenka
For the health and God's blessings of family members
by Mike & Alvine Gbur
For the health of my husband Volodimer by
Kashpar Halyna
For the health of my nephew Mykola who is defending
Ukrainian freedom by Halyna Kashpar
For the health of Patti Faye by John Batura
For the health and God's blessings of the people of Ukraine by
PM Olenka



In memory of my parent Polina and Pavlo. Memory Eternal
Heavenly Kingdom by Halyna Kashpar

Church Humor

Seating Arrangements—Where will you be seated in eternity?
Smoking or non-smoking?

Tithing— Give God what's right -- not what's left.

Which Way? - Man's way leads to a hopeless end -- God's way
leads to an endless hope.

Two Ears—Since God gave us two ears and one mouth, He must
have wanted us to do twice as much listening as talking.

Stand—If you don't stand for something, you will fall for any-
thing.

Anger—The person who angers you, controls you!

Flying—If God is your Copilot - you're in the wrong seat!

Unconditional Love —Yes, God loves us all, but He favors
"fruits of the spirit" over "religious nuts!"

Prayer Corner for the Month of June

We ask all of you to remember in your prayers the following individuals, who are in need of God's healing and grace: Tina Palasti, Donna Nevels, Ralph Palm, Patricia & Bob Lewandowski, Nikolai, Andriy, Irina, Karoline, David, Irine, Zoriana, Lev, Nina, Kathryn, Louise Podlecki, Andy, Irene, Bohdan, Pavlo, Kevin & Polina, Borislav, Irene Belkow, Alla Grzymiski, Kathy Grzymiski, Jeanne Maack, Pani Mary Donahue, Tony Zerebny, Nicole, Elena, John & Patti, Michael, Barbara Patronik, Katie Bruce, Michael Kimak, Chloe McKinney, Yuriy Zmysly, Dorothy Seliga, Halyna & Wolodymer Kashpar, Priest Vasyl Dovhan, Priest Petro, PM Maria, Frankie, Zachary, Orest, Alexander, Anatoli & Pamela, Paul & Melissa, Olga, Janet and Natalia.

Pray for Our expecting mothers:

Iryna, Oksana

Sisterhood of St. Anne

God bless our volunteers!

We had our June Sale on Thursday June 30

We had new items offered for sale:

Potato pancakes and meat crepes hot and ready to go.

They were a hit!

Our next sale is September 1, 2022

We are taking a break for Summer.



Bible Study

Next Bible Study group meeting is

Tuesday July 12, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

Via zoom

If you are interested in joining the study, please see Fr. Vasyl



Coffee Hour Schedule



We are back to sponsored coffee hours

If you would like to volunteer, please let Mary Wisniowski or Fr. Vasyl know.

You can sponsor coffee hour monetary by donating \$25.00 to cover the cost of one coffee hour.

July 3 — *volunteer needed*

July 10 — *volunteer needed*

July 17—Parish Feast Day

July 24— *Jr. UOL Pancakes*

July 31— *volunteer needed*

Humanitarian Aid

We have a number of young families who would like to escape the war in Ukraine and come to the USA. All they need is a sponsor in the USA. They do not need financial assistance.

If you would like to help those people please see Fr. Vasyl or PM Olenka

We continue to collect Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine. Local organizations, churches continue to collect humanitarian aid on our behalf.

**We have been able to ship over 118,000 lbs. so far.
Last shipment just arrived this past week into Lviv.**

The collection of humanitarian supplies continues. Individuals as well as organizations hold fundraisers and collections at their sites on behalf of our parish. Local Cub Scout, Girl Scout troops had special drives to collect supplies.