

# The Word of Sts. Peter & Paul



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Pray For Ukraine

## Reflections

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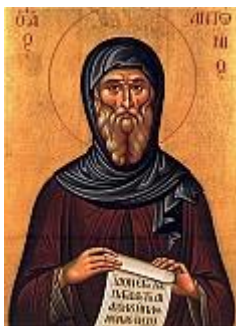
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## On Love and Unity

I want you to know this, that Jesus Christ our Lord is Himself the true Mind of the Father. By Him all the fullness of every rational nature is made in the image of His image, and He Himself is the head of all creation, and

of His body the Church (Col. 1:15-18). Therefore we are all members one of another, and the body of Christ, and the head cannot say to the feet, 'I have no need of you'; and if one member suffers, the whole body is moved and suffers with it (Eph. 4:25). But if a member is estranged from the body, and has no communication with the head, but is delighted by the passions of its own body, this means that its wound is incurable, and it has forgotten its beginning and its end. And therefore the Father of creatures, moved with compassion towards this our wound, which could not be healed by any of the creatures, but only by the goodness of the Father, sent forth to us

His Only-begotten, who because of our bondage took upon Himself the form of a bondservant, and gave Himself up for our sins; for our iniquities humbled Him, and by His wound we are all healed; and He gathered us out of all regions, till He should make resurrection of our hearts from the earth, and teach us that we are all of one substance, and members one of another. Therefore we ought greatly to love one another. For he who loves his neighbor, loves God: and he who loves God, loves his own soul.

From the letters of St. Anthony the Great (+ 356)

### *On Hospitality*



*Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. (Heb. 13:2)*

Accepting the task of hospitality, the patriarch [Abraham] used to sit at the entrance to his tent (cf. Gen. 18:1), inviting all who passed by, and his table was laden for all comers including the impious and barbarians, without distinction. Hence he was found worthy of that wonderful banquet when he received angels and the Master of all as guests. We too, then, should actively and eagerly cultivate hospitality, so that we may receive not only angels, but also God Himself. "For inasmuch," says the Lord, "as you have done it to one of the least of these My brethren, you have done it unto Me" (Matt. 25:40). It is good to be generous to all, especially to those who cannot repay you.

...Even if you have only bread or water, with these you can still meet the dues of hospitality. Even if you do not have these, but simply make the stranger welcome and offer him a word of encouragement, you will not be failing in hospitality. Think of the widow mentioned in the Gospel by our Lord: with two mites she surpassed the generous gifts of the wealthy.

-- *St. Theodoros, the Great Ascetic*



## Liturgical Schedule



Sunday February 18 8:15 Matins 9:00am Hours <b>9:30am Divine Liturgy</b>	<b>37<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. Tone four.</b> Holy Martyr <u>Agatha</u> of Palermo in Sicily (251). St. <u>Theodosius</u> , archbishop of Chernihiv (1696). Martyr <u>Theodoula</u> of Anazarbus in Cilicia, and with her Martyrs Helladius, Macarius, Boethos, and Evagrius (304). St. Polyeuctus, patriarch of Constantinople (970) ( <i>Greek</i> ). New Martyr Anthony of Athens (1774) Matins Luke 24:1-12 1 Timothy 4:9-15 Luke 19:1-10
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Saturday February 24	Moleben for Peace in Ukraine at 1:00pm
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Sunday February 25 8:15 Matins 9:00am Hours <b>9:30am Divine Liturgy</b>	<b>Sunday of the Publican &amp; the Pharisee</b> <b>Tone 5.</b> St. Anthony II patriarch of Constantinople. St. Eugene monk of Alexandria Luke 24:12-35 Matins Gospel) 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Luke 18:10-14
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Saturday March 2	Vespers at 5:00pm
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Sunday March 3 8:15 Matins 9:00am Hours <b>10:00am Divine Liturgy</b>	<b>Sunday of the Prodigal Son. Tone 6.</b> Apostles Archippus and Philemon of the Seventy, and Martyr Apphia (1st c.). 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. Venerable Rabulas of Samosata (530). Venerable Conon, abbot in Palestine (555). Luke 24:36-53 (6th Matins Gospel) 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Luke 15:11-32
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## **SUNDAY SCHOOL RECAP FOR FEB. 11TH**

*We are continuing our lessons on Saints ...*

*In the Orthodox Church the only "true" Saint is God Himself.*

*Sainthood is a gift (charisma) given to people by God, through the Holy Spirit. It not a theory, but and experience. Through the Grace of God, many Saints perform miracles while alive.*

*According to the Orthodox Faith, the goal of people is to imitate God and live the life of sanctification. St. Maximos the Confessor writes that the "Saints are men and women who have reached theosis; they have avoided sin, and tried to live according to created nature, thus achieving total unity with God through the Holy Spirit." They fought "good fight for the faith" (1 Tim. 6:12 and 2 Tim. 4:7), and applied the scriptural virtues of "justice, piety, fidelity, love, fortitude, and gentleness" (1 Tim. 6:11) in their lives.*

*So, the Orthodox Church honors Saints as "Friends of God". In their worldly life ,and through daily repentance, constant spiritual struggle against their weaknesses, genuine piety, and absolute obedience to His Divine Commandments, the Saints pleased God Who sanctified them both in body and soul. After their passing into eternal life, they have been accepted in God's bosom and have been granted the special gift to pray and intercede for those remaining in the world. **Thus, the Saints are the ultimate role models of an Orthodox Christian.***

*More to come.... Blessings, Ms. Karen and Ms. Debbie*

## **Church Humor**

The Prayer Request and answered prayer

A businessman needed a million dollars to close an important business transaction. He went to church to pray for the money. He knelt and started praying next to a man who was praying for a hundred dollars he needed to pay an urgent debt. The businessman took out his wallet and pressed the hundred dollars into the other man's hand.

Overjoyed, the man got up and left the church.

The businessman then closed his eyes and prayed, "And now, Lord, that I have your undivided attention...."

## ***Parish Council***

**Annual meeting** of the parish will take place on Sunday March 10, 2024 after the Divine Liturgy. Your participation is vitally important for the future of our parish family. Quite a few major decisions will have to be made at this year's meeting. Participants of the meeting will vote on crucial changes in the life of our parish.

**Monthly Meeting** of the Parish Council is every second Sunday of the month. Next meeting is Today February 18, 2024 after Sunday coffee hour.

## ***College Scholarship Application***

With the support of our Parish Council and our church parishioners, we are again offering a scholarship to a graduating high school student, who is a member of Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church to help with the cost of furthering their education. Applications are available from Pat Wolsko and must be returned by March 24. The recipient will be announced at our annual St. Thomas Day dinner.

## ***Sunday's Second Collection***

For the month of February special second collection is dedicated to Parish College Scholarship Fund.



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

God bless our Volunteers!

Working days:

February 20 at 5:30pm

February 21 at 5:30pm

March 3 Sunday after Divine Liturgy

March 4 Monday at 8:30am

March 5 Tuesday at 8:30am & at 5:30pm

March 11 Monday at 8:30am

March 12 Tuesday at 8:30am & at 5:30pm

March 13 Wednesday at 5:30pm

March 16 Sunday after Divine Liturgy

March 17 Monday at 8:30am

March 18 Tuesday 19 at 5:30pm



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

For the health of Iryna on her Birthday. God's  
blessings by Halyna Kashpar  
For the health of Mikola on his birthday. God's  
blessings by Halyna Kashpar  
God's blessings and restored Good health for Mike Moran by  
the Tufano Family  
For the health of David Lindquist by John Batura  
For the health of Patti Faye by John Batura  
For the health of Fr. Vasyl by the parish



In memory of my father Pavlo and my mother Polina. Memory  
Eternal. Heavenly Kingdom! Halyna Kashpar  
In memory of Tony Kovco by Michael Supilowski  
In memory of Tony Kaczor by Michael Supilowski  
In memory of Elena Batura by PM Olenka

In memory of my father Fedor, Volodimer, Anthony and my  
families Zerebny, Stefurak, Yaniv, Yrchik, Platsok, Metveeva,  
Bahriy, Prokopovich, Mischishin, Marteklas, by Mariya  
Zerebny

## ***2023 donation statements***

2023 donation statements will be ready by January 15, 2024. In  
an effort to save paper and postage, reports will be emailed upon  
request. Requests for a statement can be made by texting or  
emailing John Grzymiski (708) 704-6401 or  
[jngrzymiski@hotmail.com](mailto:jngrzymiski@hotmail.com) A paper statement can be mailed if a  
donor does not have an email. Thank you,  
John Grzymiski

## ***Bible Study***

Next Bible Study group meeting is  
Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 7:00 pm.  
Via Teams. We are going to work on the  
Four Gospels. Resources; Orthodox Study bible.  
*If you are interested in joining the study, please see Fr. Vasyl*



## ***Soup- er Bowl Sunday***

### **Our 13th Annual Soup-er Bowl Sunday was great success!**

We have 29 soup chefs who have created and shared their masterpieces! We have beaten all previous records!  
We have raised \$2,500.00.



All raised funds will be donated to St. Andrew's Society Soup Kitchens for elderly in Ukraine

Thank you to all of the soups chefs and to all of those who have donated supplies for the project.

*PM Olenka*

## ***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:***

Michailo, Gail, Elena, Allie Branch, Mike Moran, Christopher Flavin, Even, Edward, Dave, Pat Lewandowski, Michael Melnyk, Lilia, Andy, Irene, Bohdan, Ralph Palm, Nikolai, David, Irine, Zoriana, Lev, Irene Belkow, Alla Grzymiski, Kathy Grzymiski, Nicole, Elena, John & Patti, Barbara Patronik, Katie Bruce, Michael Kimak, Chloe McKinney, Yuriy Zmysly, Dorothy Seliga, Halyna & Wolodymer Kashpar, Mykola, Priest Vasyl Dovhan, Frankie, Alexander, Anatoli & Pamela, Paul & Melissa, Olga, Janet, Sam and Natalia.

**Pray for soldiers in Ukraine:** Yaroslav, Pavlo, Slavko, Mikola, Victor, Taras, Yuriy, Stepan, Volodimer, Mykola, Svitlana, medic Stella, Oleg, Yuriy, Dmitro, Bohdan, Roman, Mykola, Kostia, Vitaliy, missing in action Volodimer, wounded Roman.

### **Pray for Our expecting mother:**

Olha, Anhelina, Kelly, Olena and Pavai who just gave birth  
*If there is anyone who is in need of prayers, and you want to add them to the prayer corner, please notify Fr. Vasyl*



## Coffee Hour Schedule



### **We are back to sponsored coffee hours**

***You can sponsor coffee hour monetarily by donating \$50.00 to cover the cost of one coffee hour.***

If you would like to volunteer, please let PM Olenka or Fr. Vasyl know.

*February 18 - open*

*February 25 - Albert & Team*

*March 3 - Donna Nevels & Pat Beck*

*March 10— Sisterhood of St. Anne*

*March 17—Jr. UOL Cheese-fare Sunday*

*Larson & Pierog Families*

### **Mark your calendars**

- ◆ Saturday, February 24 at 1:00pm Prayer for Peace in Ukraine  
Marking second year of war in Ukraine.
- ◆ Sunday, February 25 - Dinner Fundraiser for Ukraine Screening of the Movie “Freedom on Fire”
- ◆ Sunday, March 10 - Annual Meeting of the parish
- ◆ Sunday, March 17 - Forgiveness Sunday Cheese-fare

### ***Допомога новим імігрантам/ Help for Refugees***



***Безкоштовне виповнення*** усіх документів для новоприбулих (TPS, Social Security. Work permit, Benefits) кожний Понеділок та Середа 10:00-16:00 у Церковній залі. За інформацією просимо звертатись до Пм. Оленки Сендега “Асоціація Самопоміч.”

***Безкоштовні уроки*** Англійської мови кожний Четвер о 6:00 вечора. Більше інформації 708-361-5165.

***We offer free*** of charge consultation as well as filling up applications for Social Security, work authorization, benefits and TPS for new immigrants. *For more info see PM Olenka.*

***Our Parish offers*** ESL (English as a Second Language classes in the evenings for adults as well as children free of charge. Every Thursday at 6:00pm at the Church hall.

*For more information, please see Pat Wolsko.*