

The Word of Sts. Peter & Paul



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Pray For Ukraine

Two years of war

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A family that prays together

A family that prays together and celebrates together and succeeds together!

These are the perfect words to describe the events of the last weekend. To be honest with you the week be-



fore the last weekend was not an easy one. We all knew very well that we were getting closer to the second, second year anniversary of the war in Ukraine. It was hard to believe that the war has been raging for two years now in Ukraine.

However, we do not lose hope and continue to pray for peace in our ancestral homeland Ukraine.

This wasn't different on Saturday as we had a filled church for special Moleben for Ukraine at one o'clock in the afternoon. To hear the voices of little children reciting so genuinely the prayer of "Our Father" was indeed spiritually overwhelming. You didn't know whether to smile or to cry.

On Saturday afternoon, the church hall and the kitchen were as busy as it could ever get. A special meal was being prepared for Sunday. Our talented Chef Albert along with kitchen crew was preparing a meal of roasted chicken and venison. Albert is a hunter and a chef. He knows how to hunt and how to prepare a meal out of what he hunted.

On Sunday morning parishioners and visitors one after another were coming into the temple accompanied by chime of church bells. The choir sounded magnificent. The team of the altar servers did a fabulous job of assisting the priest at the service. Children once again led the whole congregation in the prayer of "Our Father" in both languages. The line to receive the Holy Communion seemed endless. At the end of the service, a beautiful icon of the mother of God of perpetual help curved out of wood was blessed. This icon was gifted to the Church by Hrechka family, who came to the USA escaping the war.

The Church hall was filled to the brim. More tables were added to accommodate all of the people. The food smelled delicious. We prayed together to bless the food and feasted upon superb meal. The documentary movie about the war in Ukraine called "Freedom on fire" was streamed. It was hard to see the images of destroyed buildings and suffering people. However, it's the reality of Ukraine today. It's been the reality of Ukraine for the last 731 days. This horror continues on. The innocent people continue to suffer the unbelievable atrocity of 21st century.

It's our hope that this war will be over soon. We continue to pray and continue to believe that the truth will prevail and the war will end and our ancestral home Ukraine will be free once again.

Thanks to the generosity of people who have attended we have raised \$4158.00 for the Ukrainian people.

Remaining in the Love of our Lord and God Jesus Christ,
Fr. Vasył



Liturgical Schedule



Saturday March 2	Vespers at 5:00pm
Sunday March 3 8:30 Matins 9:00am Hours 10:00am Divine Liturgy	<p>Sunday of the Prodigal Son. Tone 6. 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</p>
Sunday March 10 8:15 Matins 9:00am Hours 9:30am Divine Liturgy	<p>Sunday of the Last Judgment (Meatfare). Tone seven.<u>St. Porphyrius</u>, bishop of Gaza (420). Martyrs <u>Sebastian</u> and <u>Christodoulos</u> (66). <u>St. Photina</u>, the Samaritan woman, and her sisters <u>Anatola</u>, <u>Phota</u>, <u>Photis</u>, <u>Parasceva</u>, and <u>Cyriaca</u>; her sons <u>Photinus</u> and <u>Joses</u>; and <u>Sebastian</u> the Duke, <u>Victor</u>, <u>Christodulus</u> — all martyred under Nero (66) The Scripture Readings <u>John 20:1-10</u> (7th Matins Gospel) <u>1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2</u> <u>Matthew 25:31-46</u></p>
Sunday March 17 8:15 Matins 9:00am Hours 9:30am Divine Liturgy	<p>The Sunday of Forgiveness. Tone eight. Cheesefare Sunday. Meat is excluded 1 Venerable Gerasimus of the Jordan (475). St. Daniel, prince of Moscow (1303). New Hieromartyrs Archpriest Dimitry Ivanov of Kiev (1933) John 20:11-18 (8th Matins Gospel) Romans 13:11-14:4 Matthew 6:14-21</p>



SUNDAY SCHOOL RECAP FOR FEB. 25TH

We continued our "Saints" theme by reviewing the 'Categories of Saints' and what items they wear, hold or how their hands are presented.

PROPHETS: wear a yellow ribbon on their shoulder; they usually dress according to their social status while they were living on earth. (David & Solomon dressed like kings) FATHERS/ HIERARCHS: Clergy vestments, often decorated with a pattern of Crosses; they hold a Gospel book, because they followed and preached the Word of God through the Gospels; their right hand is often depicted in a gesture of blessing. MONASTICS: wear a dark monastic habit which is usually hooded; they may hold a cross, a scroll (opened or closed) because they preached through the way they lived; if they wrote Scriptural texts the scroll is open.

Our handouts were 'match the Saints' with their objects they are associated with and a maze with the same theme.

Ms. Debbie presented Saint Philothei, whose name means "friend of God". She was born in 1522 and died in 1589. She was forced into marriage at age 14 and was mistreated by her husband. When he died she went back home and refused to marry again. Her family was wealthy so after her parents died she used her wealth to help girls and young women escape from oppression. Many were forced to be slaves or marry Turkish soldiers. She took up a monastic life and established a women's monastery, hospices, homes for the elderly and schools for girls and boys in Athens. St. Philothei has been called a "protector of women's rights". In October of 1588 four Ottoman mercenaries broke into the monastery at Patisia and beat her severely. She remained bedridden and died of her injuries February 1589 at age 66.

Blessings, Ms. Karen and Ms. Debbie

Parish Organizations reports

Reports of parish organizations and council officers are due on Sunday March 3, 2024, so they can be included in the Annual meeting packet.

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 Sunday March 17, 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:

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

March 20 Wednesday at 8:30am & at 5:30pm

March 21 Thursday - Easter Sale



Seven Day Vigil Candles

For the health and well-being of our daughter & sister, Nicole, as she celebrates her “5th” birthday.

~ Ted, Karen & Nate Larson

For the health and God’s blessings of Richard

Kimak by PM Olenka

For the health and God’s blessings of Alla Grzymski by Gbur/
Land Family

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 Jerry Labarge by John Batura

For the health and God’s blessings of Katie Bruce by PM
Olenka



In memory of Elena Batura by Donna & Jim Nevels

In memory of Elena Batura by Fr. Vasyl

In memory of my parents Pavlo & Polina by Halyna Kashpar

* In loving memory of my mother, Gloria Kuzemka, on both
the anniversary of her birth and her stepping into eternity.

~Karen Larson

*Memory eternal for my parents, Stephen and Gloria
Kuzemka, who are celebrating their wedding anniversary with
the angels.

~Karen Larson

Donations in memory of Elena Batura

Janet Milton—\$50.00

St. Anne Sisterhood—\$100.00

Anatoly & Kathy Bilyk—\$20.00

Henry Pisko—\$25.00

Volodymyr & Olena Burakova—\$100.00

Gayle Woloschak—\$50.00

Bible Study

Next Bible Study group meeting is
Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Via Teams. We are going to work on the Four
Gospels. Resources; Orthodox Study Bible.



50/50Club

We are looking for a volunteer who would like continue the legacy of Mike Gbur and the 50/50 club. A volunteer, who with the help of the parish council will manage the 50/50 club.

What is 50/50 Club

Membership is only \$5.00 a month or \$60.00 a year. It's like a lottery. There is a monthly drawing every last Sunday of the Month. A member of the club, doesn't have to be a parishioner of Sts. Peter and Paul can win from \$130.00 to \$200.00 every month. The more members the club has the more money a winner gets. *If you would like to head the 50/50 club please see Fr. Vasyl or Patricia Wolsko.*

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:

Michailo, Gail, 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 Grzynski, Kathy Grzynski, Nicole, 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

If there is anyone who is in need of prayers, and you want to add them to the prayer corner, please notify Fr. Vasyl

Monthly Memorial Service March 3



In memory of Joseph Redmerski

requested by Carol Redmerski

In memory of Dean Manson, Andrea Manson, Joseph Kowalesik, Anna Kowalesik, Rosemary Ashack, Peter Manson, Tessie Manson

7 requested by Rose Manesis

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.

March 3 - Donna Nevels & Pat Beck

March 10— Sisterhood of St. Anne

March 17—Jr. UOL Cheese-fare Sunday

Larson & Pierog Families

March 24— Novak & Hubanova Family

March 31— open

Mark your calendars

- ♦ Sunday, March 10 - Annual Meeting of the parish
- ♦ Sunday, March 17 - Forgiveness Sunday Cheese-fare
- ♦ Sunday, April 21—Special Annual Meeting regarding Church Calendar

Допомога новим імігрантам/ Help for Refugees



Безкоштовне виповнення усіх документів для новоприбулих (TPS, Social Security. Work permit, Benefits) кожний Пенеділок 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.