

The Word of Sts. Peter & Paul



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The Sunday of Orthodoxy is the first Sunday of Great Lent. The dominant theme of this Sunday since 843 has been that of the victory of the icons. In that year the iconoclastic controversy, which had raged on and off since 726, was finally laid to rest, and icons and their veneration were restored on the first Sunday in Lent. Ever since, this Sunday has been commemorated as the "Triumph of Orthodoxy."

The Seventh Ecumenical Council dealt predominantly with the controversy regarding icons and their place in Orthodox worship. It was convened in Nicaea in 787 by Empress Irene at the request of Tarasios, Patriarch of Constantinople. The Council was attended by 367 bishops.

Almost a century before this, the iconoclastic controversy had once more shaken the foundations of both Church and State in the Byzantine empire. Excessive religious respect and the ascribed miracles to icons by some members of society, approached the point of worship (due only to God) and idolatry. This instigated excesses at the oth-

er extreme by which icons were completely taken out of the liturgical life of the Church by the Iconoclasts. The Iconophiles, on the other-hand, believed that icons served to preserve the doctrinal teachings of the Church; they considered icons to be man's dynamic way of expressing the divine through art and beauty. The Council decided on a doctrine by which icons should be venerated but not worshipped. In answering the Empress' invitation to the Council, Pope Hadrian replied with a letter in which he also held the position of extending veneration to icons but not worship, the last befitting only God.

The decree of the Council for restoring icons to churches added an important clause which still stands at the foundation of the rationale for using and venerating icons in the Orthodox Church to this very day: "We define that the holy icons, whether in colour, mosaic, or some other material, should be exhibited in the holy churches of God, on the sacred vessels and liturgical vestments, on the walls, furnishings, and in houses and along the roads, namely the icons of our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ, that of our Lady the Theotokos, those of the venerable angels and those of all saintly people. Whenever these representations are contemplated, they will cause those who look at them to commemorate and love their prototype. We define also that they should be kissed and that they are an object of veneration and honour (timitiki proskynisis), but not of real worship (latreia), which is reserved for Him Who is the subject of our faith and is proper for the divine nature. The veneration accorded to an icon is in effect transmitted to the prototype; he who venerates the icon, venerated in it the reality for which it stands".

Sunday School Corner



Sunday School recap from
3/17/2024:

Is saint Patrick an Orthodox
Saint?

This may come as a surprise to many that St. Patrick is and was an Orthodox Saint centuries before Rome split from the Holy Apostolic Church, The rule of thumb for Orthodox Christians Is that a Latin Christian who





Liturgical Schedule



<p>Sunday March 24 8:15 Matins 9:00am Hours 9:30am Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>First Sunday of the Great Lent: Triumph of Orthodoxy. Tone one. Great Lent. Food with Oil St. Sophronius, patriarch of Jerusalem (638). Venerable Alexis of Goloseyevsky Skete, Kiev Caves (1917). John 20:19-31 (9th Matins Gospel) Hebrews 11:24-26, 11:32-12:2 John 1:43-51</p>
<p>Sunday March 31 8:15 Matins 9:00am Hours 9:30am Di- vine Liturgy</p>	<p>Second Sunday of the Great Lent. Tone two. Great Lent. Food with Oil 1St. Gregory Palamas the Archbishop of Thessalonica. Synaxis of all Venerable Fathers of the Kiev Caves. St. Cyril, archbishop of Jerusalem (386). Venerable Ananias (Aninas), presbyter and monk, of the Euphrates. St. Edward the Martyr, king of England (978) (Celtic & British). The 10,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia. John 20:19-31 (9th Matins Gospel) Hebrews 11:24-26, 11:32-12:2 John 1:43-51</p>
<p>Wednesday April 3 6:30pm</p>	<p><i>St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church 6330 W. 127th St. Palos Heights, IL 60463</i></p>
<p>Friday April 5 6:00pm</p>	<p>Akathist to the Mother of God. Memorial service. Sorokousty</p>
<p>Saturday April 6 6:00pm</p>	<p>Vespers and confessions</p>
<p>Sunday April 7 8:15 Matins 9:00am Hours 9:30am Di- vine Liturgy</p>	<p>Third Sunday of the Great Lent: Adoration of Cross. Tone three. Great Lent. Fish Allowed The Annunciation of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary. Venerable Parthenius of the Kiev Caves Luke 1:39-49, 56 Matins Gospel Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Mark 8:34-9:1</p>

lived after the Great Schism of 1054, while they may have lived exemplary lives, are not saints in the full sense of the Church's understanding, Because St.

Patrick lived from 385 to March 17, 460 AD (before the Great Schism) he is considered part of the undivided Church and therefore is an Orthodox saint.

Although Patrick had a Christian upbringing, he took his faith for granted. This complacency would be shaken when he was kidnapped by pirates at the age of 16 where he was taken to Ireland and sold into slavery. For the next six years he spent much of his time in solitude and prayer which would prepare him for life as a monastic. During this time Patrick also learned the Irish language which would prepare him for his future work as a missionary bishop. During his solitude, he had two visions. The first told him he would return to his home in Wales. The second vision told him his ship was ready, Setting off on foot, Patrick walked two hundred miles to the coast. There he succeeded in boarding a ship, and was able to return to his parents.

Sometime later Patrick studied for the priesthood and was eventually consecrated as a bishop and entrusted with the mission to Ireland. Patrick had a dream in which he heard the Irish people begging him to come back to them. There were other missionaries in Ireland but it was St. Patrick who had the greatest success. For this reason, he is known as "The Enlightener of Ireland."

Evangelizing the Irish people was not an easy task. The Irish regarded him with hostility and disdain. He was a foreigner and, worst yet, a former slave. Despite the opposition, Patrick remained strong in his mission and baptized many into Christ. This resulted in churches and monasteries all across Ireland.

St Patrick is often depicted holding a shamrock. He used the shamrock to illustrate the doctrine of the Holy Trinity. Its three leaves growing out of a single stem helped him to explain the concept of one God in three Persons. There was no "Luck o the Irish" involved only Divine inspiration!

Source: The Orthodox Church in America website (03.16.24)

Yours in Christ-
Ms. Debbie & Ms. Karen

Parish Council

Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council is every second Sunday of the month. Next meeting is Sunday April 14, 2024 after Sunday coffee hour.

50/50 Club

We are excited to restart 50/50Club. Junior UOL along with their supportive parents will run the club. All of the proceeds from the Club will go to Scholarship Fund of our parish. Therefore, be on a look out for new information on 50/50club. Please be supportive and participate. Support children of our parish family.
Ivan Bryndzia & Vitalii Kulyk

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 March special second collection is dedicated to Parish College Scholarship Fund.



Sisterhood of St. Anne

God bless our Volunteers!

We had a great Easter Perogie and bake Sale. Next sale will be April 25 from 11:00am—3:00pm Thank you to all of our volunteers of morning and evening shift.

Special thank you to Olga Kuzniak and family for donating all of the supplies for stuffed cabbage.



Seven Day Vigil Candles

Prayers for Mark Masur as he celebrates his 60th birthday!
Happy birthday! Terese, Markian, Alec, Hanna
God's blessings and restored Good health for Mike Moran by
the Tufano Family

For the health of Dave 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 Fr. Vasyl

In memory of our dear friend Mary Ann, whose recent
passing has left a hole in our hearts. Memory eternal.

The Masur Family



In memory of Magdaline Bruce by Barbara Bruce

In memory of our parents Pavlo & Polina and parents Ivan &
Emilia by Kashpar Family

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, Zoria-
na, Lev, Irene Belkow, Alla Grzymyski, Kathy Grzymyski, 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: Taras, 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, Veronika, 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*

Pan Orthodox Pre-Sanctified Liturgies

The Orthodox churches of the Palos area will come together to celebrate the Presanctified Liturgies on Wednesdays of Lent at 6:30 pm.

Each parish will take turns to welcome local Orthodox clergy and laity and provide a Lenten potluck dinner after the Liturgy. Also, a brief Lenten reflection will be offered by one of our priests. Please mark your calendars.

Wednesday April 3 at 6:30pm

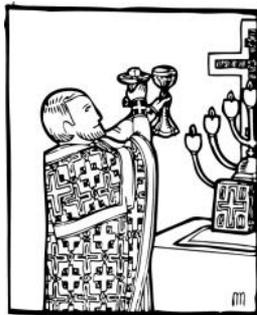
*St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church
6330 W. 127th St. Palos Heights, IL 60463*

Wednesday, April 10 at 6:30 pm

*Sts. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church
6980 S. County Line Rd.
Burr Ridge, IL 60527*

Wednesday, April 17 at 6:30 pm

*Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church
8410 W. 131st St. Palos Park, IL 60464*



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Monthly Memorial Service



March 24 In memory of my father Mikhailo by Stephani Turiy

In memory of Elena Batura on the 40th day of passing into eternal life. Requested by Lindquist & Batura Families.

Liliana Roviario and family in memory of Father and Dido, Wasyl Wanshula (Василь Ванжула) on the 20th anniversary of his passing (March 18).

In memory of my Grandfather Vasyl. Requested by PM Olenka.

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 24– Stephania Turiy & PM Olenka

in memory of Elena Batura

March 31– Novak & Hubanova Family

April 7– Supilowski Family

April 14— open

April 21– PM Olenka

April 28 – open

Mark your calendars

Sunday, April 21—Special Annual Meeting regarding Church Calendar

Допомога новим імігрантам/ Help for Refugees

Безкоштовне вивчення усіх документів для новоприбулих (Re-parol, 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.