

The Word of Sts. Peter & Paul



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Pray For Ukraine

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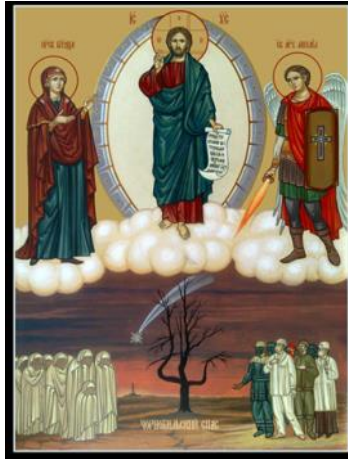
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Beloved Clergy
and Faithful of
the Ukrainian
Orthodox Church
of the USA and
Diaspora,

As we approach
the solemn anni-
versary of the
Chornobyl Nu-
clear Disaster, let
us unite in
prayerful ob-
servance and re-

membrance of the lives lost and the ongoing
impact of this tragedy. As we commemorate
the 38th anniversary of this Nuclear Tragedy,
our hearts are heavy with the weight of recent
events in world politics. In the midst of ongo-
ing conflicts and aggressions, we are called to
remember not only the lives lost in the trage-
dy of Chornobyl but also those affected by the
current war in Ukraine.

Thirty-eight years ago, the world witnessed
the devastating consequences of the nuclear
catastrophe at the Chornobyl Nuclear Power

Plant. The effects of this disaster continue to be felt by countless individuals and communities, reminding us of the fragility of human life and the importance of stewardship of God's creation. Today, as we witness the genocidal actions of the Russian Federation which destroy not only human life but the environment as well, we are compelled to renew our commitment to prayer and action.

In the face of such challenges, let us draw strength from our faith and unite in prayerful observance. Let us lift our voices in remembrance of the victims of Chornobyl and all those affected by the ongoing invasion in Ukraine. Let us also pray for wisdom and courage for our political and religious leaders, that they may act with integrity and compassion in the pursuit of peace and justice.

As members of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and Diaspora, we are called to be ambassadors of Christ's love and agents of healing in a broken world. Let us use this anniversary as an opportunity to recommit ourselves to the values of compassion, justice, and environmental stewardship. Through our prayers and actions, may we bear witness to the sanctity of life and the sacredness of God's creation.

May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all as we lift our hearts in prayer and solidarity.

With paternal blessings and love in Christ,

+Antony, Metropolitan

+Jeremiah, Archbishop

+Daniel, Archbishop

Special General Meeting of the parish

Special General Parish Meeting took place on Sunday April 21, 2024. We needed to have a 60% majority to change from the Old Julian calendar to the Revised Julian calendar.

There were 94 ballots cast (81 at the meeting +13 e-mail proxy votes). The decision to go with the Revised Julian calendar passed with a 70.2% majority vote.

The beginning of our Liturgical year will change from 09/13 to 9/01. We will start to follow the New Revised Julian Calendar on September 1, 2024. Until then we will continue to follow Old Julian Calendar.

The Pascha and Paschal Feasts dates will not be affected,

50/50 Club is officially resumed

We are excited to restart 50/50Club. Junior UOL along with their parents will run the club.

The last drawing of 50/50 was on February of 2023.

First drawing will take place on Sunday **May 26, 2024.**

All of the members who have paid for the months after February of 2023 will be reinstated for future months basing on the amount they prepaid for.

We encourage to buy tickets for the whole year for a discounted price of \$65.00. If you would like to buy for one or several months the ticket is \$6.00 for a month.

All of the proceeds from the Club will go to Scholarship Fund of our parish. Please be supportive and participate.

Support children of our parish family.

For more info please see

Ivan Bryndzia & Vitalii Kulyk



Liturgical Schedule



Saturday

April 27

6:00pm

Vespers and confessions Blessing of Willows

Sunday

April 28

8:15 Matins

9:00am Hours

9:30am Divine Liturgy

**The Entry of the Lord into Jerusalem.
Great Lent. Fish Allowed**

Apostles Aristarchus, Pudens, and Trophimus of the Seventy (67).

Martyrs Basilissa and Anastasia of Rome, disciples of Apostles Peter and Paul (1st c.).

St. Mstislav Theodore, prince of Kiev (1132).

The Scripture Readings

Matthew 21:1-11, 15-17 (Matins Gospel)

Philippians 4:4-9

John 12:1-18

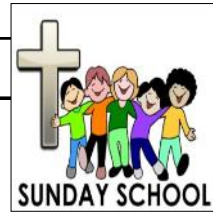
Monday

April 29

6:30pm

Holy Monday

Holy Unction Service at St. Vladimir's Cathedral 2238 W. Cortez St. Chicago led by Archbishop Daniel and Deanery Clergy



SUNDAY SCHOOL RECAP FOR 4/21:

We read the story of Saint Mary of Egypt.

She lead a sinful life when she was

young but after trying to venerate the Cross of Christ in Jerusalem and not being able to enter the church by an invisible hand she began to repent. She was very sorry for her sins and decided to change her life so she went into the desert and live there, alone, for 47 years. Saint Mary is the 4th century Desert Mother and is a model of repentance and holiness. We did a 'fill in the blank' worksheet about Saint Mary.

In preparation for Pascha we read about the importance of Confession. This Sacrament, through which our sins are forgiven and our relationship with God and others is restored and made stronger, is an important part of Great Lent. Confession can take place at various times but should be made at least once a year. The priest is the witness who represents Christ and is there to listen, guide, and counsel but not judge.

Here are a few questions to ask yourself to prepare for Confession:

- *Have you prayed to God upon rising and before eating and sleeping?
- *During prayer were you distracted by other thoughts?
- *Do you show others proper respect? Been rude to others?
- *Have you been angry or irritated?
- *Have you raised your voice in anger?
- *Have you joked or made fun of the handicapped, unfortunate or elderly?
- *Have you been cruel to animals?
- *Have you bragged about your abilities, position or possessions?
- *Review the Ten Commandments before going to Confession.

Blessings during this Great Lent...Ms. Karen and Ms. Debbie

*Yours in Christ--
Miss Debbie & Miss Karen*

Parish Council

Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council is every second Sunday of the month. Next meeting is TUESDAY May 14, 2024 on Teams.

Special General meeting of the parish (Voting on the Revised Calendar) is TODAY Sunday April 21 after the Divine Liturgy.

College Scholarship Application

With the support of our Parish Council and our church parishioners, we are 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. The recipient will be announced at our annual St. Thomas Day dinner.

Patricia Wolsko

Sunday's Second Collection

For the month of April special second collection is dedicated to Easter Flowers Fund



Sisterhood of St. Anne

God bless our Volunteers!
We had a great sale on April 25.

We will be baking Paska Easter Breads for our parishioners on Wednesday May 1 by orders only.

If you would like to order Easter bread please see or text PM Olenka by Tuesday April 30.

Large —2 lbs—\$20.00

Medium - \$10.00

Small— \$5.00



Seven Day Vigil Candles

For the health and God's blessings for Jean Lang by Gbur/Lang Families

For the health and God's blessings for Mike Cheroim by Gbur/Lang Families

For the health of my husband Michael Beck by Pat Beck

For the health and recovery of Alexis Russel

by Mark Masur & family

For the health of Mike Cheroim by Fr. Vasyl

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 Mark Disko by John Batura



In memory of Father William Mulholland by Pat Beck

Prayer Corner for the Month of April

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 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

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.

May 5—*Pascha*

May 12— Mother's day brunch prepared by men of the parish

May 19— Chicken and Lamb Roast

May 26— *open*

April 2— *open*

Mark your calendars

Sunday May 19 – Visit of His Eminence Archbishop Daniel

Sunday June 23— Pentecost—Day of the First Confession

Sunday July 14—Parish Feast Day

August 4 - Annual Parish Festival

Donation to Building fund in memory of Artie Cucci

Anatol & Kathy Bilyk — \$40.00

Alla, John & MaryJo Grzymiski—\$50.00

Fiath, Andrew & Izzy Neswick—\$50.00

Larry & Debbie Pierog- \$50.00

Cucci/Fischer Family- \$100.00

Monthly Memorial Service



April 28

In memory of all of those who have fallen asleep in the month of April.

May 19 In memory of husband and father Mike Gbur by Gbur Family

Schedule for The Holy Week & Pascha 2024

Sunday: April 28 Palm Sunday

9:30 am Divine Liturgy

Children decorate/bake Easter Bread

Monday April 29

6:30 pm- Holy Unction Service led by His Eminence
Archbishop Daniel and Deanery Clergy

St. Volodimer Cathedral 2238 W. Cortez St. Chicago

Wednesday May 1

5:30pm Pascha Bread Baking

Holy Thursday May 2

6:30pm Reading of 12 Passion Gospels

Holy Friday May 3

5:30 PM *Children decorate the tomb (Bring your kids)*

6:30 PM Vespers Procession with Holy Shroud

Holy Saturday May 4

10:00am Vespersal Divine Liturgy

10:30pm Reading of the Acts **11:30pm** Midnight Office

Holy Pascha, May 5 Sunday

Resurrection of Our Lord and God Jesus Christ!

12 am Midnight Paschal Matins & Festal Divine Liturgy
with blessing of the baskets inside the hall

11 am Agape Vespers blessing of baskets outside

Bright Monday May 6

9:00 am *Divine Liturgy*

Bright Saturday May 11

6:00pm Vespers

St. Thomas Sunday May 12 – Mother's day

9:30am Divine Liturgy

Sunday of Myrrh-bearers May 19

9:30am Divine Liturgy led by Archbishop Daniel

Blessing of the rejuvenated Iconostas