

The Word of Sts. Peter & Paul



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Pray For Ukraine

Are we thirsty for God?

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Christ is Risen!



On the fifth Sunday of Pascha we read the Gospel account about a Samaritan woman's conversation (also known as St. Photini) with our Lord Jesus Christ at Jacobs well.

This Gospel reading has great significance to us as Orthodox Christians, due to the fact that it foreshadowed the establishment of Christ's Church here on earth, the day on which the Holy Spirit descended upon the Holy Apostles and Christ's new covenant was established, known to us today as Pentecost.

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The "gift" of the Holy Spirit is given to each of us during our Baptism when the priest anoints us with holy chrism, saying "'The seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit'".


The Apostle Peter said "Repent, and let every

one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” And in 2 Corinthians 1:21-22 it states “Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.” Christ describes this “gift of God” or the Holy Spirit to the Samaritan woman as “living water”.


Blessed Theophylact explains “The Lord calls the gift of the Holy Spirit *water* because it cleanses and refreshes those who receive it. It is not still, like the water in ponds and wells, but *living* and continuously gushing upwards. For the grace of the Holy Spirit makes the soul constantly active in doing good, and always ready for spiritual ascents.” For us, water in the physical sense is needed to sustain us physically, but here the “living water” or the gift of the graces of the Holy Spirit that Christ speaks of, is needed not only to sustain us spiritually, but to allow us to grow spiritually towards Him.

It awakens our spiritual blindness and makes our soul come alive with the love for God and for others. As the Holy Spirit graces our lives, the more we want to share it with others and the yearning to know more about God and unite ourselves with Him becomes ever greater, indeed our soul becomes a spring gushing forth yearning to know and love Christ as much as we can. Christ makes this evident when he tells the Samaritan women “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life”. (John 4:13-14).

The question we must ask ourselves is do we take the opportunity to seek and drink of the “living water” that Christ provides us? Has our fountain run dry? Do we truly thirst for God? Do we truly try to seek Christ in our lives? Do we truly try to abide and follow the teachings of His Gospel? The answer is no. Nowadays, we turn to God when it is convenient for us, we don’t take the time to truly learn about the Son of the living God, we don’t make an effort to make Christ the center and everyday part of our lives, if we did “the living water” would be graciously poured upon us daily, but instead we end up choosing to be “part-time Christians”. More and more it seems that we want to live by our own Gospel



Liturgical Schedule



Sunday June 9, 2024 / May 27, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Pascha: The Blind Man.

Tone five. Hieromartyr Therapon, bishop of Sardis (259). Translation of the relics (1472) of Sts. Cyprian (1406), Photius (1431), and Jonah (1461), metropolitans of Kiev. Virgin-martyr Theodora and Martyr Didymus the Soldier of Alexandria (304). Martyr Julius the Veteran at Dorostolum, Moesia (302) (Romania).

The Scripture Readings

John 20:11-18 (8th Matins Gospel)

Acts 16:16-34

John 9:1-38

Sunday
June 9
8:15 Matins
9:00am Hours
9:30am Divine Liturgy

Thursday
June 13
6:00pm

Akathist to the Mother of God

Saturday
June 15

Vespers at 6:00pm

Sunday
June 16
8:15am Matins
9:00am Hours
9:30am Divine Liturgy

Sunday June 16, 2024 / June 3, 2024

Seventh Sunday of Pascha: The Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council. Tone six.

Hieromartyr Lucian the bishop, Maxianus the presbyter, Julian the deacon and Martyrs Marcellinus and Saturninus in Belgium (96). St. Meriasek, bishop of Camborne. Venerable Pappus monk (Greek).

St. Achilles, patriarch of Alexandria (312).

The Scripture Readings

John 21:1-14 (10th Matins Gospel)

Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

John 17:1-13

and not by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Instead, we should actively seek out Christ in our lives just as the Samaritan woman did when she asked Christ “Where then do You get that living water?” (John 4:11)

St. Seraphim of Sarov famously stated “the true aim of our Christian life consists of the acquisition of the Holy Spirit of God” therefore, if we are serious about being Orthodox Christians and truly want to drink of the “living water” and have the Holy Spirit grace and be part of our everyday lives we must do our part. Firstly, we must wholeheartedly learn to “love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind” (Mt.22:37).

Secondly, we must make an effort to attend Church on a regular basis, to pray more regularly at home, to confess our sins more often, to commune the Blood and Body of our Lord more frequently, to make an effort to really fast, to truly learn not to judge others, to readily forgive others who have wronged us and to help those who need our physical or spiritual assistance at all times. When we truly start to act like disciples of Christ, He will slowly give us small initial drops of that “living water” that all of us desire and as more is given to us the more we will want and the more we will want to share it with others. Just as the Samaritan women did when she received a drop of the “living water” from Christ at Jacobs well, she went back into the town as a disciple of Christ and shared the drop of “living water” with her fellow townspeople. As a result, she led a multitude of Samaritans back to the well, where all believed that Jesus was the Son of the living God.

Sisterhood of St. Anne

God bless our Volunteers!

We are taking a break from monthly sales for the summer.

We will start work to prepare for our Annual Festival.

Schedule will be posted soon.



Parish Council

Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council is usually every second Sunday of the month.

Next meeting is TUESDAY June 11, 2024 at 7:00pm via Teams. Guests are welcome.

If you would like to be a guest at the meeting, please see any member of the parish council.

Sunday's Second Collection

For the month of May special second collection was dedicated to Orphanage Fund. For the month of June Second collection is dedicated to Jr UOL Chapter to help with the cost of UOL Convention.



Father's Day Celebration

Our parish family will celebrate Father's Day on Sunday June 16 in a special way.

We will have Divine Liturgy at 9:30am with prayers for all of our fathers. We will also commemorate all of our fathers, grandfathers and Godfathers who have stepped into eternity at memorial Litia during the Divine Liturgy.



At the Church hall there is going to be a special table provided where you can put pictures/photos of your fathers or significant men/mentors in your life.

Women of the parish are asked to bring a dish for Father's Day Luncheon after Divine Liturgy. There is a sign up sheet placed at the door of the Church Hall Kitchen.

For more info please see Karen Larson or Patricia Wolsko

Seven Day Vigil Candles

For the health and God's blessing of Janet Ganske
by Gbur and Land Families

For the health of John Gbur God's blessings and re-
stored good health by Gbur/Lang Families

For the health and God's blessings of Barbara Bruce
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 & Jake by John Batura

For the health of my grandson Nathan by Halyna Kashpar



In memory of my parents Pavlo & Polina. Memory Eternal.
Царство Небесне. Halyna Kashpar

In memory of my sister Joanne Yatczyshyn — Kelly
by John Yatczyshyn

In memory of my sister Betty Grega by John Yatczyshyn

In memory of Michael Cheroim by John Yatczyshyn

Building Fund Donations in memory of Michael Cheroim

Patricia Wolsko—\$50.00

Mike & Patricia Beck—\$25.00

Alla, John & MaryJo Grzymski—\$50.00

Janet Milton—\$50.00

50/50 Club

Next drawing will take place on **Sunday June 30, 2024.**

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. You can win \$250.00.

All of the proceeds go to Collage Scholarship Fund of our parish.
Support children of our parish family.

For more info please see Ivan Bryndzia & Vitalii Kulyk

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: Gail, Allie Branch, Mike Moran, Christopher Flavin, Even, Edward, Dave, Pat & Bob Lewandowski, Michael Melnyk, Lilia, Andy, Irene, Bohdan, Ralph Palm, Nikolai, David, Irine, Zoriana, Lev, Irene Belkow, Alla Grzymiski, Kathy Grzymiski, Nicole, John & Patti, Barbara Patronik, Barbara & Katie Bruce, Michael Kimak, Chloe McKinney, Yuriy Zmysly, Dorothy Seliga, Halyna & Wolodymer Kashpar, Mykola, Priest Vasyl Dovhan, Frankie, Alexander, Anatoli & Pamela, 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, Taras, Mykola, wounded Roman, prisoner Taras.

Pray for Our expecting mother:

Olha, Veronika, Anhelina, Kelly, Johanna

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

If you would like me to visit with the Sacraments of the Holy Confession and Eucharist, please call the rectory to set up an appointment. I will gladly visit everyone.

Fr. Vasyl

Bible Study

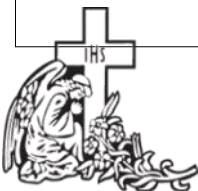
Next Bible Study group meeting is
Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

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



Monthly Memorial Service

June 30 In memory of all of those who have reposed in the Lord in the month of June



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. Vasyk know.

June 16—Fathers day—Ladies prepare a luncheon

June 23— First Confession Class

June 30— open

July 7 — open

July 14 — Parish Feast Day

Mark your calendars

Sunday June 23— Pentecost—Day of the First Confession

Sunday July 14—Parish Feast Day Divine Liturgy at 9:30am followed by Dinner at the Church Hall

August 4 - Annual Parish Festival

Допомога новим імігрантам/ Help for Refugees



Безкоштовне вивчення усіх документів для новоприбулих (Re-parole, TPS, Social Security, Work permit, Benefits) кожний П'ятниця та Среда 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.

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.