

# The Word of Sts. Peter & Paul



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*St. John the Baptist*

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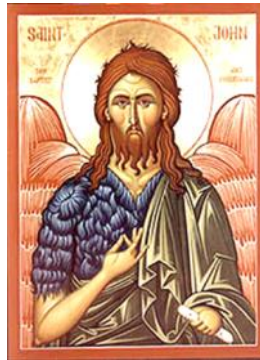
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St John the Forerunner, the cousin of Christ and last of the prophets. The glorious Prophet and Forerunner John the Baptist is also referred to as John the Forerunner because he was the forerunner of Christ. He was an ascetic and great prophet, who baptized Christ and

became one of the most revered saints in the Orthodox Church.

John is a cousin of Christ through his mother Elizabeth who was the daughter of Zoia. Zoia is the sister of Christ's grandmother. He was later beheaded by Herod in the first century to satisfy the request of Herod's stepdaughter, Salome, and wife Herodias. Because he baptized Christ, he is the patron saint of godparents. He is sometimes called the Angel of the Desert; because of this title, he is sometimes depicted with wings.

Isaiah 40:3-5 is commonly read as a prophecy of John. His father, Zacharias, was a priest of the course of Abia (1 Chr. 24:10), and his mother, Elizabeth, was of the daughters of

Aaron (Luke 1:5). John held the priesthood of Aaron, giving him the authority to perform baptisms of God.

His birth took place six months before that of Jesus, and according to the Gospel account was expected by prophecy (Matt. 3:3; Isa. 40:3; Mal. 3:1) and foretold by an angel. Zacharias lost his power of speech because of his unbelief over the birth of his son, and had it restored on the occasion of John's circumcision (Luke 1:64).

John was a Nazarite from his birth (Luke 1:15; Num. 6:1-12). He spent his early years in the mountainous tract of Judea lying between Jerusalem and the Dead Sea (Matt. 3:1-12). He led a simple life, wearing a rope, fiber clothing and eating "locusts and wild honey" (Matt. 3:4).

As an adult John started to preach in public, and people from "every quarter" were attracted to his message. The essence of his preaching was the necessity of repentance and turning away from selfish pursuits. He denounced the Sadducees and Pharisees as a "generation of vipers," and warned them not to assume their heritage gave them special privilege (Luke 3:8). He warned tax collectors and soldiers against extortion and plunder. His doctrine and manner of life stirred interest, bringing people from all parts to see him on the banks of the Jordan River. There he baptized thousands unto repentance.

The fame of John reached the ears of Jesus in Nazareth (Matt. 3:5), and he came from Galilee to Jordan to be baptized by John, on the special ground that it became him to "fulfill all righteousness" (Matt. 3:15). John's special office ceased with the baptism of Jesus, who must now "increase" as the King come to his kingdom. He continued, however, for a while to bear testimony to the Messiahship of Jesus. He pointed him out to his disciples, saying, "Behold the Lamb of God." His public ministry was suddenly (after about six months probably) brought to a close by his being cast into prison by Herod, whom he had reproved for the sin of having taken to himself the wife of his brother Philip (Luke 3:19). He was shut up in the castle of Machaerus, a fortress on the southern extremity of Peraea, 9 miles east of the Dead Sea, and here he was beheaded at the instigation of Herodias; later tradition also implicates Salomé. His disciples, having consigned the headless body to the grave, went and told Jesus all that had occurred (Matt. 14:3-12). John's death occurred apparently just before the third Passover of Jesus' ministry.



## Liturgical Schedule



**SUNDAY JULY 7, 2024 / JUNE 24, 2024**  
**2nd Sunday after Pentecost. All Saints of Ukraine. Tone one.**

Sunday  
 July 7  
 8:15am Matins  
 9:00am Hours

**10:00am Di-  
 vine Liturgy**

Apostles' (Peter & Paul) Fast. Fish Allowed  
 All venerable and holy Fathers of the Holy  
 Mount Athos (movable holiday on the 2nd  
 Sunday of Pentecost). Nativity of St. John the  
 Baptist. Martyrs Orentius, Pharnacius, Eros,  
 Firmus, Firminus, Cyriacus, and Longinus, in  
 Georgia (3rdc.). St. Nicetas, bishop of Reme-  
 siana (414) (Neth.).

*The Scripture Readings:*

Mark 16:1-8 (2nd Matins Gospel)

Romans 2:10-16 (Epistle)

Matthew 4:18-23 (Gospel)

Romans 13:11-14:4 Epistle, Forerunner

Luke 1:1-25, 57-68, 76, 80 Gospel, Forerun-  
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Friday  
 July 12  
 9:00am

Sts. Peter and Paul Feast Day  
 Divine Liturgy

**Sunday July 14, 2024 / July 1, 2024**  
**3rd Sunday after Pentecost. Tone two.**

Sunday  
 July 14  
 8:15 Matins  
 8:30am First  
 Confessions  
 9:00am Hours  
**9:30am Di-  
 vine Liturgy**

Sts. Peter and Paul Feast Day  
 Holy and Wonderworking Unmercenaries Cos-  
 mas and Damian, martyrs at Rome.  
 Martyr Potitus at Naples (2nd c.).  
 Venerable Peter the Patrician, monk, of Con-  
 stantinople (854). St. Angelina, despotina of  
 Serbia (16th c.). Holy Julius and Aaron, proto-  
 martyrs of Wales (ca. 304) (Celtic & British).  
 St. Leontius, bishop of Radauti in Moldavia  
 (15th c.) (Romania). St. Leo the Hermit (Greek)  
 St. Eparchius the Recluse of Gaul (581).

*The Scripture Readings:*

Mark 16:9-20 (3rd Matins Gospel)

Romans 5:1-10

Matthew 6:22-33

## *Sunday School Corner*



Congratulations to all of our Sunday School children for completing another year of studies.

### **Reminder for children and their parents:**

Since Sunday School is on Summer break, please stay in the church temple until the end of the Divine Liturgy.

We pray today that you will utilize what you have learned at Sunday School and the church to improve your spiritual life and to touch the hearts of people that surround you by showing them the face of true Christ that lives in you.

## *Church humor*

### *A Sheepish Recovery*

A devout old shepherd lost his favorite Bible while he was out looking for a wayward lamb. Three weeks later, a sheep walked up to him carrying the Bible in its mouth. The shepherd couldn't believe his eyes. He took the precious book out of the sheep's mouth, raised his eyes heavenward and exclaimed, "It's a miracle!"

"Not really," said the sheep. "Your name is written inside the cover."

## *Thursday Evening ESL Classes*



ESL classes will be taking a little summer break for the next few weeks.

There will be no Thursday evening classes during the month of July and the first two weeks of August.

Classes will resume Thursday, August 15, at 6:30 p.m.

If you have any questions

please see Pat Wolsko or Athena Gordan.

## ***Parish Council***

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

Next meeting is Sunday July 21, 2024 at the church hall.

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

## ***Parish Festival 2024***

We will have our festival on Sunday August 4, 2024.

We are looking for volunteers to help us out to best prepare for the festival. If you have ideas how to improve our festival, please see Donna Nevels or PM Olenka. Sign up to volunteer!

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

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



## ***Church Festival Basket Raffle***

Basket Raffle has been very successful for 11 years. The success of this raffle depends on the support of our parishioners and friends.

If you would like to donate gift basket/s or items for gift baskets, please see Faith Neswick

*Some of the ideas for baskets:*

Kids basket, lottery basket, bakers basket, dog/cat treats basket, tea/coffee basket



***Food themes:*** *Vine basket*– two bottles of wine, two glasses, bottle opener etc, *Italian* – noodles, spaghetti sauce, green pepper, onion, cheese, candle, wine. *Mexican* – taco mix, hot sauce, tortilla shells, salsa, green pepper, onion, Spanish rice mix.

*German* – sausage, sauerkraut, ham, stone-ground mustard, pretzels, beer. **Any kind of basket arrangements.**

New ideas will be greatly appreciated! 708-361-5165

## *Seven Day Vigil Candles*



- God's blessings and restored Good health for Mike Moran by the Tufano Family
- For the health and God's blessings for John Gbur & Cece Huber by Gbur/Lang Families
- For health of Mykola by Kashpar Family
- For the health of my husband Frank by Tina Palasti
- For the health of my son-in-law Steven. God's blessings and protection. Many healthy years. Halyna Kashpar
- For the health of Dave Lindquist by John Batura
- For the health of Patti Faye & Jake by John Batura

In memory of my mother Mariya on her 25th anniversary of stepping into eternity by Zhanna Chaika

In memory of my parents Pavlo & Polina. Memory Eternal.

Царство Небесне. Halyna Kashpar

In memory of my father Nikolai on his 17th anniversary of stepping into Eternity by Ludmila Piskoun

## *Donations*

Families of first confession children — \$1,000.00

## *Building Fund Donations*

### *In memory of Artie Cucci*

Katie & Barbara Bruce—\$100.00

### *In memory of Irene Belkow*

Carol Redmerski—\$25.00

Ed & Liliana Roviario—\$100.00

Mike & Pat Beck—\$50.00

## *50/50 Club*

The winner for the month of June was Sisterhood of St. Anne.

Next drawing will take place on **Sunday July 28, 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.

## ***Prayer Corner for the Month of July***

***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, 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, Anhelina, Kelly, Johanna  
New mom Veronika.

## ***Bible Study***

Next Bible Study group meeting is  
Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 7:00 pm.  
Via Teams. We are going to work on Psalms.  
Resources; Orthodox Study Bible.



**Bible  
STUDY**  
Join us!

## ***Monthly Memorial Service***



***July 28*** In memory of all of those who have reposed in the Lord in the month of July.

## 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. Vasyi know.

*July 7 — Jr. UOL Pancake Flip*

*July 14 — Parish Feast Day*

*July 21—open*

*July 28—Jr. UOL Brunch*

*August 4—Annual Festival*

## Mark your calendars

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

**August 4** - Annual Parish Festival

## Annual Cash Raffle

Support your parish purchase Big Cash Raffle tickets.

Cost of 1 ticket is \$100.00.

Only 200 tickets are offered.

Drawing August 4, 2024



### **We have started ticket sale.**

You can split the cost with family, friends, coworkers, fellow parishioners. You can be on multiple tickets.

Advanced payment for tickets would be appreciated.

Help us make it another success and have all 200 tickets sold!