

# The Word of Sts. Peter & Paul



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Pray For Ukraine

*Sts. Peter and Paul*

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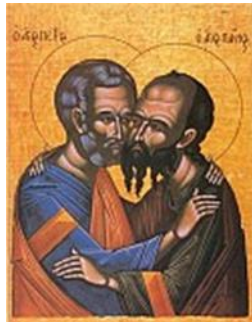
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As for us brethren let us celebrate this great day and cry out to these two Apostles *"Rejoice, Apostle Peter so closely linked with your Teacher Christ our God \*Rejoice O most beloved Paul preacher of the faith and teacher to the universe \*O you two holy ones because of your high position and rank pray to Christ God that He may save our souls"* (From the Vespers of the Feast)

Today, we face a multitude of problems as a society. With the wars raging on, full scale invasion of one country into another, political tensions, anger and hate between the nations and much more. Thanks to the internet the world has become a smaller place, because we can see, read the information as things unfold. It's good on one hand but really really bad on the other. We have developed a sense of numbness to negative things. We have developed a sense of distant and disconnect.

We no longer look to people as "inspirational". We have an empty spot in our

soul that needs to be filled. We have this question gnawing at us as to what life is all about and where we are going. We are constantly searching for an answer in our loneliness.


Today, the holy Church offers for our consideration two men who were just like us, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul. We see them as two fierce servants of the Lord who were sent by Him for a single purpose: to spread the Gospel message to all people. We see them in their later transformation, but we forget that they, like us, had to overcome many struggles in their lives. It is because they are real people with real fears and living real lives that they are held as examples of what it means to live the life of Christ in the real world.

Peter's name had been Simon who was a fisherman. He was an impulsive man – ready to jump into any situation without really looking at what the consequences might be. Remember when Peter was in the boat with the other Apostles and saw the Lord walking towards them on the water? Immediately he wanted to go to the Lord. But when he saw the waves and felt the wind he panicked. He began to sink. How many times in our own lives have we had a crisis of faith? How many times have we felt that sinking feeling of failure and not being able to go it alone? It was only through humility that Peter was saved. His cry, “Lord save me!” was answered by his Master reaching out and grabbing him by the hand and raising him up.


Remember when Jesus tried to teach the Apostles about His upcoming betrayal and death for the first time (Mark 8:31-33)? It was Peter who took the Lord aside and rebuked Him. How many times do we in our lives try to tell God how to do things the right way? How many times do we not want the Lord's will to be done but our own way in all things. Jesus' response was, “Get behind me Satan! For you are not mindful of the things of God but the things of men.”

All of us remember the night that Jesus was arrested and needed Peter the most. Peter not only denied even knowing Him three times, but ran and hid. Incredibly it was the same night that Peter proclaimed that he was willing to die with Jesus. How many times have we denied being a disciple of the Lord through our sinful lives? How many times have we tried to run and hide from His face because of the pain caused by our betrayals?

*To be continued in the next bulletin*



## Liturgical Schedule



**Sunday July 14, 2024 / July 1, 2024**

**3rd Sunday after Pentecost. Tone two.**

Sts. Peter and Paul Feast Day

Holy and Wonderworking Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian, martyrs at Rome.

Martyr Potitus at Naples (2nd c.).

Venerable Peter the Patrician, monk, of Constantinople (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

Thursday

July 18

6:15pm

Akathist to the Mother of God

**Sunday July 21, 2024 / July 8, 2024**

**4th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone three.**

Holy Great-martyr Procopius of Caesarea in Palestine (303). Venerable Theophilus the

Myrrh-gusher of Pantocrator Monastery, Mt. Athos (1548) (Greek).

Martyrs Epictetus and Astion at Halmyris in Scythia Minor (290) (Romania).

Blessed King Edgar the Peaceable (975)

(Celtic & British).

Martyr Theodosia, mother of Great-martyr Procopius. (Greek).

*The Scripture Readings*

Luke 24:1-12 (4th Matins Gospel)

Romans 6:18-23 (Epistle)

Matthew 8:5-13 (Gospel)

Philippians 2:5-11 Theotokos

Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28 Theotokos

**Sunday**

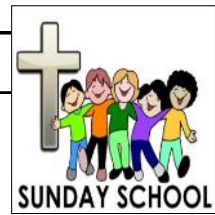
**July 21**

8:15am Matins

9:00am Hours

**10:00am Divine Liturgy**

## *Sunday School Corner*



Dear Miss Church Manners,  
My mom made me change out of the outfit I wanted to wear to church last week. She said it was inappropriate. I don't see why—it's summer and I wanted to be comfortable and wear my torn jean shorts and a black T-shirt. The top had a picture of an awesome heavy metal band. I thought she would be happy that I was going to church with her. Isn't that more important than what I choose to wear? Plus, the band was one that was popular in her day. A real head banger.

Signed,

Rockin' the Outfit

Dear Jammer—

Yes, you are correct. Attending church is what is most important. God will never turn someone away by how they are dressed. We only need to look at what John the Baptist wore to know this is true. However....what you wear is important. Gone are the days when women were expected to wear dresses and head coverings to church and men came in their suits and ties. While the dress code has become more casual over the years it should still be clean, modest and respectful. You are entering the House of God—not a concert venue. What you wear and how you wear it is a reflection on who you are. There is nothing wrong with wearing comfortable clothing—especially during these warm summer months. Clothing that is too short, tight, revealing, rumpled...or graphic is not only distracting and disrespectful—but can also be disturbing. Case in point---the shirt you wanted to wear. While there are Christian heavy metal bands---they are few and far between. The overall general message and image of this music genre goes against the values and teachings of the Church. The same can be said of other styles or lyrics across all types of music. You may not like to hear this at your age—but your mother was right. I know, I know---it has a good beat and you can dance to it....or bang your head as the case may be.

I say don't "dress for success"—rather "dress to be blessed!"

Let's wear it well!

Miss Church Manners (a.k.a. Miss Etta Kitt)

## ***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 would like to volunteer, 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



## ***Sisterhood of St. Anne***

### **God bless our Volunteers!**

We will work to prepare for our Annual Festival a week of July Schedule will be posted soon.

Monday July 29 at 8:30am

Tuesday July 30 at 5:30pm

Wednesday July 31 at 8:30am and 5:30pm

Thursday August 1 Sale 8:30am and 5:30pm

Friday August 2 at 5:30pm





Eternal Light in memory of Carolyn Sue Beck by Tony Beck & Susan Ziegler—\$100.00

### *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 of Mike Beck by Gbur/Lang Families
- For health of Mykola by Kashpar Family
- For the health and God's blessings of Frank and Tina Palas-ti by Gbur & Lang Families
- Health of Mike Beck by John & MaryJo Grzymiski
- For the health of Halyna Kashpar by Fr. Vasyl
- For the health of Dave Lindquist by John Batura
- For the health of Patti Faye & Jake by John Batura

### *Building Fund Donations*

#### *In memory of Artie Cucci*

Gbur & Lang Families—\$50.00

#### *In memory of Irene Belkow*

Gbur & Lang Families—\$50.00

### *Допомога для Новоприбулих*



**Безкоштовне виповнення** усіх документів для новоприбулих (Re-parole, 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 6:30 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 6:30pm at the Church hall.

The class will resume on August 15, 2024

*For more information, please see Pat Wolsko.*

## ***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:***

Nathan, 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:**

Anhelina, Johanna, Lindsey, Britney  
**New moms:** Kelly, Veronika & Olha.

## ***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.



## ***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. Vasyl know.

*July 14—Parish Feast Day*

*July 21—Dushenko family*

*July 28—Jr. UOL Brunch*

*August 4—Annual Festival*

*August 11—open*

### **Mark your calendars**

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

**July 27**— Jr. UOL Drive thru Potato Pancakes 9:00am—1:00pm

**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!