

The Word of Sts. Peter & Paul



February 23, 2025

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Sunday of Meatfare

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The Sunday of the Last Judgement is also called "Meatfare Sunday". Today is the last day for eating meat until Pascha. Eggs and dairy products are permitted every day during the coming week. This helps us prepare for the more intense fasting of Great Lent, which begins 8 days after Meatfare.

If you never fasted, try fasting for these 40 days. Don't fast for the Church or a priest or for God. Fast for yourself and the sake of your soul. Fast to the best of your abilities. Fasting is not just mere diet, abstinence from certain type of food. Fasting is work on your whole human being, starting from mind, soul and heart, finishing with

your body. Fast by intensifying your prayers, efforts to do good to the others and to express your unconditional love. Fast by challenging yourself to abstaining from certain foods, bodily satisfactions to works of mercy.

In the New Testament, the Lord gave us His commandments: to love God with all our heart, to not steal, to not kill, to honor father and mother, to lead a life in the Church. But the Lord indicates and calls for all of us to be righteous, or blessed: “Come, ye blessed of my Father” (Matthew 25:34). What does it mean to be blessed? It does not mean to be rich, or comely, or intelligent. The Lord clearly and simply tells us in today’s Gospel reading that we must have compassion, empathy, and mercy in all things. This is what He says to the righteous, the blessed: “For I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was an hungred, and ye gave me food: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison and wrongfully condemned, and ye came unto me and prayed for me.” Thus the Lord shows us that the blessed are those people who love their brother and love those who hate them. In our day, very often compassion, and empathy, and love are lacking. All around us is lawlessness, and misunderstanding and hatred reign. We have a great gift—the seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit, by which the Lord has blessed us. And we must stand on this blessed path of righteousness, and then it will depend on us how we attain to God and to the Heavenly Kingdom; it will depend on us not to leave the path...

One can observe all of the fasts, all of the rules, not miss a single church service, and yet if he has no compassionate love for his neighbor, then all the rest is in vain, because our heart has turned to stone...But if we will lead a pious life full of compassion and empathy, then we are already on the right path and God will lead us.

We often judge or even spread rumors about people, instead of looking on, or else at least saying, “Hello,” or “Greetings with the feast,” “How are you doing?” Even these simple words can bring a person to salvation. Let us consider this, brothers and sisters, and may the Lord God help us.

Liturgical Schedule

<p>Sunday February 23 8:15am Matins 9:00am Hours 9:30am Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>Meatfare Sunday, of the Last Judgment. Tone 2 Hieromartyr Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna (167). Sts. John, Antioch, Antoninus, Moses, Zebinas, Polychronius, Moses, and Damian, ascetics of the Syrian desert (5th c.). St. Alexander, founder of the order of the Unsleeping Ones (430). Matins (2): Mr. 16:1-8; 1 Cor. 8:8-9:2, Mt. 25:31-46;</p>
<p>Sunday February 23</p>	<p>Moleben for peace in Ukraine at 7:15pm. Bell tolling at 7:59pm</p>
<p>Sunday March 2 8:45am Matins 9:30am Hours 9:30am Divine Liturgy Forgiveness Service</p>	<p>Cheesefare Sunday, of Forgiveness Tone 4 Expulsion of Adam from the Paradise of Bliss. Hieromartyr Theodotus, bishop of Cyrenia (326). Virgin-martyr Euthalia (257). Martyr Troadius of Neo-Caesarea (3rd c.). St. Agatho of Egypt, monk (5th c.). 440 Martyrs slain by the Lombards (579). Matins (3): Mk. 16:9-20; Rom. 13:11-14:4; Mt. 6:14-21; The Last day before the Great Lent</p>
<p>Monday March 3</p>	<p>Beginning of Great Lent Canon of St. Andrew of Crete at 6:30pm</p>
<p>Sunday March 9 8:45am Matins 9:30am Hours 9:30am Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>1st Sunday of the Great Lent: Triumph of Orthodoxy. Tone 4 The Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebaste: Cyrion, Candidus, Domnus, Hesychius and others (320). Urpasianus of Nicomedia (295). Righteous Caesarius, brother of St. Gregory the Theologian (369). St. Tarasius of Liconium. Matins (4): Lk. 24:1-12; Heb. 11:24-26, 32-12:2; Jn. 1:43-51; <i>Liturgy of St. Basil the Great.</i></p>
<p>Sunday March 9 6:30pm</p>	<p>Pan-Orthodox Vespers at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church. 601 S. Central Ave. Chicago, IL 6:30pm</p>



Recaps of Sunday February 16, 2025

We enjoyed another combined class this week . The children were taught the lesson of the Prodigal Son. The father's love for his child who came back to him penniless and ashamed asking for forgiveness is a beautiful message of repentance, love and acceptance. The children were quick to understand that the father in the story represented God and the son—themselves and us as sinners. God knows when we are truly sorry and not just paying lip service to an apology. It is only then and through confession that we will be forgiven for the things we may have thought, said or done. The lesson ended with an object lesson involving pennies. A dirty and dull penny represented our sins. Once cleansed the penny became bright & shiny—our sins are forgiven and we are given a fresh start.

A penny for your thoughts,
Miss Faith & Miss Karen

Recap of Teen Class - February 16, 2025

We briefly reviewed the assessment quiz from the previous Sunday regarding our unit of study, "Beyond the Royal Doors" and again I explained that it was meant as a teaching /learning tool for me and each of the students and not a test. It was clear to them that although they could identify parts of the altar, they were not always expressly clear as to the appropriate meaning of certain terms and/or their relationship to the altar and our Orthodox worship. For example, we made the distinction between the Altar and the Altar Table which is raised from the altar floor to symbolize that it is sacred and raised toward heaven. This discussion led us to what is the Tabernacle; a beautiful and sometimes elaborate container placed in the middle of the Altar Table. In the Old Testament the tablets on which God had written the Ten Commandments were kept in the tabernacle.

It reminded people of the presence of God. The word tabernacle means a place where God lives. In our church it is the Lord Jesus Himself who is present in the tabernacle. We named some of the sacred items in or near the Tabernacle and we will continue with why each of these items is there and what each symbolizes in our faith and Orthodox worship. Can you name some of these important items?

In Christ, Ms. Pat

Announcements

Parish Council usually meets once a month on the second Sunday of the month. Next Council meeting regarding the Annual meeting will take place on Sunday March 2, 2025 after the coffee hour.

Guests are welcome. If you would like to participate at the council meeting, please let any of the officers know.

Parish Annual Meeting is Sunday March 9, 2025 after the Coffee Hour. We ask all of the parishioners to put an extra effort to be present at the important meeting.

All of the officers of parish organizations are asked to submit an annual report. All of the reports are asked to be submitted preferably electronically by Sunday March 2, 2025

Sunday's Second Collection

Sunday's Second Special Collection is dedicated each month to a different cause:

Month of February to the victims of Californian wild fires.

Jr. & Sr. UOL Українська Православна Ліга



We are happy to announce to you that we have re-established successfully Sr. UOL Chapter. The Chapter is going to host 3 Fish fries during the Great Lent.

If you would like to volunteer, please put your name on the lists posted by the kitchen door.

УПЛ буде мати 3 рибні вечері під час посту. Якщо ви бажаєте бути волонтером, прошу записатися на листку біля кухонних дверей.

Lenten Fish Fry
On Fridays from 5:00pm-7:00pm

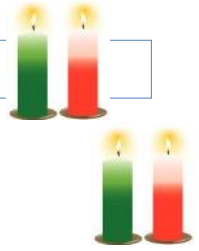
March 7
March 21
April 4



Made to order fried cod fish or calamary or coconut shrimp

Served with Potato perogies or tatter tots and salad, bread, beverage and dessert

Seven Day Vigil Candles



- For the health of my husband Volodymir on his birthday by Halyna Kashpar
- For the health of Patti Faye by John Batura
- For the health of Janet Gabske by the Nevels
- For the health of Pat & Mike Beck by the Nevels
- For the health of the Naumenko Family by the Nevels
- For the health of Mary Wisniowski by the Nevels
- For the health of Pat Ciapinski
by John & MaryJo Grzymiski
- For the health of Pat & Mike Beck
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- For the health and God's blessing of Pat Beck
by Gbur/Lang Families
- For the health and God's blessings of Tina Palasti
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- For the health of Larry Pierog by PM Olenka
- For the health of Tina Palasti by Fr. Vasyl
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- In memory of Anthony Kaczor by Michael Supilowski
- In memory of Tony Kovco by Michael Supilowski
- In memory of my mother, Gloria Kuzemka, on the 10th anniversary of her stepping into eternity and on what would have been her 90th birthday. ~ Karen Larson
- In loving memory of our both of parents' February wedding anniversaries—Ted and Emilie Larson and Stephen and Gloria Kuzemka ~Ted & Karen Larson

Sisterhood of St. Anne

We are always looking for more volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, don't be shy. Come for one hour or two, it will make a huge difference.

Updated Schedule:

February 24 Monday at 8:30am- prep perogies

February 25 Tuesday at 5:30pm - make perogies

March 2 Sunday after Coffee hour — make cheese balls

March 3 Monday at 8:30am- pinch cheese

March 4 Tuesday at 5:30pm-bake bread

March 6 Thursday sale 11am-2pm

March 8 Saturday sale 11am-2pm



Prayer Corner for the Month of February



We ask all of you to remember in your prayers the following individuals, who are in need of God's healing and grace:

Nina Gregosanc & family, Larry Pierog, Pat Beck. Mark, Roman, Judy Broud, Joshua Mark, Mary Wisniowski, Mary Pirtle, Nathan, Gail, Allie Branch, Mike Moran, Christopher Flavin, Even, Edward, Bob Lewandowski, Michael Melnyk, Lilia, Andy, Bohdan, Ralph Palm, David, Irine, Zoriana, Lev, Alla Grzynski, Kathy Grzynski, Nicole, John & Patti, Barbara Patronik, Barbara & Katie Bruce, Michael Kimak, Chloe McKinney, Yuriy Zmysly, Dorothy Seliga, Halyna & Wolodymer Kashpar, Mykola, Priest Vasyl Dovhan, Tina & Frankie, Alexander, Anatoli & Pamela, Janet, Sam and Natalia.

Pray for soldiers in Ukraine: Maksym, 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:

Daria, Myroslava, Maria and Michelle.

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

Bible Study

Next Bible Study group meeting is
Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 7:00 pm.
Via Zoom. We are going to work on Psalms.
Resources; Orthodox Study Bible.



Memorial Service

Monthly memorial February 23



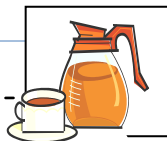
In memory of all of those who reposed in the Lord in the month of February.

In memory of Julian Naumenko on 40th day.

In memory of Maria Dancho on 40th day.

In memory of Joseph Redmerski requested by Carol Redmerski.

Coffee Hour Schedule



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:

February 23 — Jr & Sr. UOL Meatfare

March 2 — Nevels & Beck families

March 9 — *Sisterhood of St. Anne — Parish Annual Meeting*

March 16 — *Nina Gregosanc in memory of husband Vince*

March 23 — *open*

March 30 — *open*

April 6 — Jr. UOL

Mark your calendars

Sunday February 23 — Divine Liturgy at 9:30am

Jr & Sr. UOL Meatfare Sunday Luncheon

Sunday February 23 at 7:15pm— Moleben/Prayer for Peace in Ukraine. Bell tolling at 7:59pm (3:59am Ukrainian time — the time of invasion of aggressor Russia on Ukrainian land 3 years ago.

Sunday April 13 Palm Sunday— Children make Paska Bread

Sunday April 20 — Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Sunday May 4 — Lamb & Chicken Roast at Noon.

Selfreliance Association



Безкоштовне вивчення усіх документів для новоприбулих (Social Security, Work permit, Benefits)

Кожної Середи у Церковній залі з 10:00-17:00. За інформацією просимо звертатись до Пані Матки Оленки Сендега “Асоціація Самопоміч.” або за телефоном (773) 692-1010

ESL Classes

ESL Announcement:

ESL sessions have resumed in the church hall every Thursday at 6:30pm. For more information please see Pat Wolsko.

Безкоштовні ESL класи для усіх бажаючих кожного Четверга о 18:30 вечора у Церковній залі. Дотаковою інформацією просимо звертатися до о. Василя або Пані Матки Оленки.