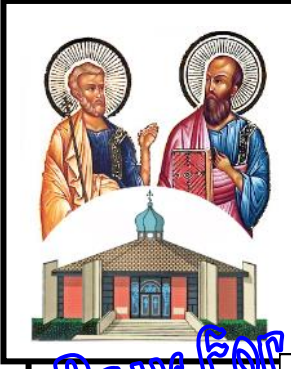


The Word of Sts. Peter & Paul



May 3, 2026

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Acts 9:32-42 / St. John 5:1-15

During the period from Pascha to Pentecost, we can't help but notice the matching of stories between the Gospel and the life of the early Church. This is especially true when we compare Luke and Acts, since they are considered two volumes of a set. The Gospel relates the life of Christ in the flesh, while Acts relates the story of the Risen Christ at work in the church. But we also see this matching in John's Gospel and Acts, the two texts read closely during this period.

The early church repeats many of the same stories of healing that we find in the ministry of Christ. I'm not saying that these are the same stories told over again

in the context of the church, but they demonstrate the continuity of faith and life particularly in regard to the healing power the church brings to the world.

When we hear these stories we are often tempted to console ourselves by saying that this was the early church, and it was a much different period in history than now. This becomes a way to excuse ourselves when we see the woeful lack of healing that takes place in so many churches, perhaps our own. So often the church looks moribund, destitute and struggling, rather than full of liveliness, healing, and hope. It is so easy to lose sight of our purpose, calling, and real ministry in the welter of activity, administration, and distraction.

Every story of healing in the New Testament comes to us with a message on two levels, one physical and the other spiritual.

They are connected: there is a peculiar form of blindness that is spiritual and the healing of physical blindness takes that into consideration. So it is also with paralysis.

The paralytic is a person who cannot move. Mobility is a major part of our lives. When our bodies no longer move and the breath no longer moves through them, we are dead. Every physical therapist or trainer will tell you that, as you age, it is particularly important to keep moving and flexible.

Current psychological research even claims that we were meant to be nomads or pilgrims, and that our humanity does not require a settled life. This would certainly ring true for pilgrims and monastics down to our own day.

Any inability to move affects both body and soul. Without mobility we are trapped. We can become inflexible in spirit as well as in body. All this and more is what we are freed from when the Risen Christ comes into our lives for healing through his Body, the Church. We are free to move forward once again.

Healing makes sense in a contemporary setting. The church remains a place of healing, in fact that is its primary characteristic according to the many writings of Metropolitan Hierotheos Vlachos. We are a therapeutic community and, if not, we are not living up to the high calling to which we have been called.

The healings that take place in the Body of Christ today may not seem as dramatic as the ones depicted in scripture but they are nonetheless real. When people are enabled to drop the crutch of addiction through the power of the cross and resurrection, real healing has happened. When people are enabled to drop the

withering limitations of their anger, real healing has happened. When people are enabled to move beyond coldness and disinterest in others, their paralysis has been healed.

Christ calls us all to this kind of healing. It may not be immediate and total, like so many of the healings in Scripture. We may need to revisit our pockets of paralysis time and again before they are cured. We need to utilize confession to drive out the passions that fuel our particular and personal forms of paralysis, but they *will* yield in the end, as well, and we shall be healed. St Irenaeus said it so well: “the glory of God is a human being fully realized.” That realization takes place as we are healed, whether slowly or swiftly, through the power of Christ and of his Resurrection. Don’t make excuses like the paralytic in the story. The gift is yours to claim. Will you ask for this mercy?

Liturgical Schedule

<p>Sunday May 3 8:15am Matins 9:00am Hours 10:00AM Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>Fourth Sunday of Pascha, of the Paralyzed Man. Tone 3 Martyrs Timothy & Maura (286). St. Peter the Wonderworker, bishop of Argos (10th c.). St. Theodosius, abbot of the Kyiv Caves Monastery and founder of cenobitic monasticism in Kyiv (1074). Matins (4): Lk. 24:1-12; Acts 9:32-42; Jn. 5:1-15; To St.: Heb. 13:7-16; Mt. 11:27-30</p>
<p>Saturday May 9 6:00pm</p>	<p>Vespers</p>
<p>Sunday May 10 8:15am Matins 9:30am Hours 9:30 am Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>Fifth Sunday of Pascha. Tone 4 The Samaritan Woman. Holy Apostle and Hieromartyr Symeon the Kinsman of the Lord (107). St. Eulogius the Hospitable [6th c.]. Ven. Stephen, abbot of the Kyiv Caves and bishop of Volodymyr in Volyna (1094). Matins (7): Jn. 20:1-10; Acts 11:19-26, 29-30; Jn. 4:5-42; To Apostle: 1 Cor. 4:9-16; Mt. 13:54-58</p>
<p>Saturday May 16 6:00pm</p>	<p>Vespers</p>



What do the Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women and Earth Day have in common?

The second Sunday after Pascha is dedicated to those brave women who went to Christ's tomb to anoint His body with Myrrh oil. They were brave because unlike the apostles they did not hide in fear nor did they fear the wrath of the Jewish leaders. Their only concern was how were they to roll away the large boulder that was used to seal the entrance of the tomb. As we learned they needn't have worried as the stone was rolled away when they arrived and they found the tomb empty. As they stood there not knowing how this could have happened, angels appeared proclaiming that Christ had risen from the dead. The eight women we honor for their faith, courage and devotion to God are The Theotokos-Mother of God, Mary Magdalene, Joanna (wife of Cloppas), Salome (mother of the apostles James & John), Mary (wife of Alphaeus), Susanna and Mary & Martha (sisters of Lazarus).

Myrrh's benefits are used for healing ailments, perfume and incense....and embalming. It was one of the three gifts brought to the baby Jesus by the Wisemen. It foreshadowed His mortality and His future death/embalming. The children had many, many questions regarding embalming and how myrrh-oil was used in the process.

Now how does all this tie in the modern observation of Earth Day? Earth Day was first held on April 22, 1970. Since then, it has grown to be celebrated in over 193 countries, involving more than one billion people. The focus of Earth Day is to raise awareness about ecological sustainability and celebrating our planet's natural beauty and resources. The relationship between the two seemingly unrelated lessons has to do with myrrh's benefits that are found in nature. It is one of the oldest medicinal plants known. Destroy this plant and you destroy much more than you realize.

A special thank you Ms. Debbie for sending the children home with a seed paper Earth Card that they can plant and nurture on their own.

Christ is Risen! Indeed he is Risen!

~Ms. Debbie, Ms. Faith, Ms. Pat& Ms. Karen

Parish Council

Parish Council meets once a month. Next meeting is Sunday May 17 after the Coffee hour. Also, there will be oath ceremony after the Divine Liturgy for the new council.

Sunday's Second Collection

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

Month of April is dedicated to College care packages. Month of May is dedicated to sponsor a Seminarian at UOL Convention.

UOL Convention

We are excited to announce that this year's UOL Convention will **take place here in Palos Park. July 29th through August 2, 2026**

If you would like to participate or volunteer, please see Faith Neswick, PM Olenka or Yurii Sendeha.

We will host hospitality night at Elements by the Odyssey in Orlnad Park on Wednesday night July 29th. Also, our chapter will host Ukrainian Night with great food and fashion show on Friday July 27 at our Church hall. On Sunday August 2 after the Hierarchal Divine Liturgy we will host brunch for everyone present. Volunteers welcome. *Yurii Sendeha*

Sisterhood of St. Anne

Sisterhood will have an Annual Meeting and election of officers on Sunday May 3, 2026

If you would like to purchase perogies or stuffed cabbage please see Carol Redmerski

Updated Work Schedule:

Monday May 4 8:30am prep for Stuffed cabbage

Tuesday May 5 5:30pm make Stuffed cabbage

Wednesday May 6 8:30am—pack stuffed cabbage

Thursday May 7 Sale 11:00am-3:00pm



Seven Day Vigil Candles



For the health and God's blessing for Olha on her birthday by Kashpar Family
For the health and God's healing of Richard Kimak by Fr. Vasyl
For the health and quick recovery of Alma Howard by PM Olenka
For the health and God's blessings for Anatoli & Pamela Ome-
lian by Fr. Vasyl
For the health and God's blessings of Patti Faye by John Batura
For the health of Vasyl, Adelina (Anhelina) and David by Maria

Thank you for your generosity : Donations

Easter donation from Selfreliance Federal Credit Union
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Безкоштовне виповнення усіх документів для новоприбулих (Social Security, Work permit, Benefits) Кожної Середи у Церковній залі з 9:00-17:00. За інформацією просимо звертатись до Пані Матки Оленки Сендега "Асоціація Самопоміч." або за телефоном (773) 692-1010

50/50

The winner for the month of March was Ukrainian School "Barvinok."
Next drawing will take place **on Sunday May 31, 2026**
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 College 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 May



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

Anne, Marcia, Carolyn, Judy, Donna, Danylo Drapala, Nina Gregosanc & family, Larry Pierog, Mark, Judy Broud, Mary Wisniowski, Mary Pirtle, Bob Lewandowski, Andy, Bohdan, Ralph Palm, David, Irine, Zoriana, Lev, Alla Grzynski, Nicole, John & Patti, Barbara Patronik, Barbara Bruce, Chloe McKinney, Yuriy Zmysly, Dorothy Seliga, Halyna & Wolodymer Kashpar, Mykola, Priest Vasyl Dovhan, Tina & Frankie, Alexander, Anatoli & Pamela, Janet, Sam and Rocky, Natalia, Natalia.

Pray for soldiers in Ukraine: Petro Drapala, Yaroslav, Pavlo, Slavko, Mikola, Victor, Taras, Yuriy, Stepan, Mykola, medic Stella, Oleg, Yuriy, Dmitro, Bohdan, Roman, Mykola, Kostia, missing in action Vitaliy.

Pray for Our expecting mothers:

Maria, Bozhena, Viktoria, Olha

New moms: Tetiana, Natalia, Anna, Krystyna, Pavai, Myroslava, Nataliia, Maria, 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
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*

Memorial Service

May 31 — In memory of all of those who have stepped into eternity in the month of April.



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 sign up the schedule is on the door of the church hall kitchen.

May 3 – open

*May 10 – **Mother's Day Luncheon***

May 17 – Fr. Vasyly & PM Olenka, Yurii & Nataliia Sendeha in memory of mother, grandmother Oksana Sendeha

May 24 – open

May 31 – open

June 7 – open

Mark your calendars

Sunday May 10– Mother's day Luncheon

Sunday, June 14 at 9:30am — First Confession and visit of His Eminence Archbishop Daniel. Luncheon in honor of the First Confession Class.

Sunday, June 21— Father's day Luncheon

Free ESL Classes/Класи Англійської мови



ESL classes every Wednesday evening, in the Church Hall. Adults wishing to improve their English are welcome to join us at 5:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please see Pat Wolsko or Athena Gordan.

Безкоштовні заняття КЛАСИ ESL Кожної Середи о 5:30 вечора в церковній залі. Запрошуємо усіх, хто хоче вивчити мову, хто хоче стати більш вправним в розмові, читанні та написання англійської мови. Реєстраційні форми знаходяться на столі при вході у церкві. Якщо у вас є будь-які запитання, зверніться до Пет Волско, о. Василя або ПМ Оленки.