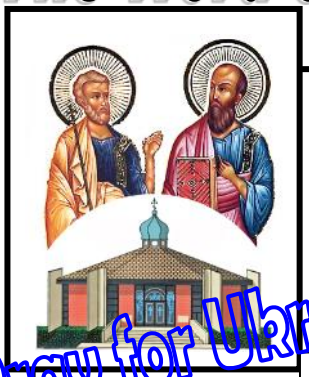
# The Word of Sts. Peter & Paul



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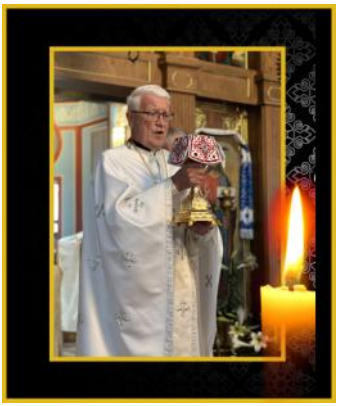
## *Fr. Howard of Blessed memory*



With profound sorrow, yet with unwavering hope in the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we have received the heartbreaking news of the repose in the Lord of the **Very Reverend Fr. Howard Sloan**, a devoted priest of the Chicago Deanery of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA.

For many years, Fr. Howard faithfully offered his life in service to Christ and His Holy Church, ministering with humility, compassion, and steadfast dedication. Through his priestly ministry, he brought countless faithful to the healing grace of the Holy Mysteries, proclaimed the Gospel of Christ, comforted the suffering, strengthened the weak, and faithfully shepherded the people entrusted to his pastoral care.

In recent years, Fr. Howard faithfully assisted in the pastoral ministry of St. Michael the Archangel Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Hammond, Indiana, and Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Palos Park, Illinois, where his gentle presence, fatherly counsel, and unwavering devotion to God's people became a source of spiritual strength and encouragement for clergy and faithful alike.

Today, the clergy and faithful of our Holy Church unite in prayer with his family members, parishioners, friends, and all whose lives were touched by Fr. Howard's faithful witness to Christ. While our hearts are filled with sorrow at this earthly separation, we take comfort in the promise of the Risen Lord: *"I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, yet shall he live."* (John 11:25)

The priesthood is not merely an occupation but a sacred calling of sacrificial love. Fr. Howard embraced that calling with faithfulness, offering himself daily at the Holy Altar and in loving service to God's people. We give thanks to Almighty God for the gift of his life, his ministry, and his enduring witness of Orthodox Christian faith. The hierarcks of the Church ask every parish, monastery, clergy member, and faithful child of our Church to remember the soul of the newly departed servant of God, *priest Howard,* in their personal prayers and during the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Funeral arrangements will be announced as soon as they become available.

Let us pray:

*O Lord Jesus Christ, the Resurrection and the Life of those who have fallen asleep, grant rest to the soul of Your newly departed servant, priest Howard, in a place of light, a place of green pasture, and a place of refreshment, where every sickness, sorrow, and sighing have fled away. As a faithful steward of Your Holy Mysteries, forgive him every sin committed in word, deed, or thought, whether voluntary or involuntary, for You alone are good and love mankind.*

*Grant comfort, peace, and strength to the family, parishioners, and all who mourn his passing. May his memory be eternal before Your heavenly Kingdom, where together with all the saints he may glorify You forever.*

*For You are the Resurrection, the Life, and the Repose of Your departed servants, O Christ our God, and to You we give glory, together with Your Eternal Father and Your Most Holy, Good, and Life-Creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**May the memory of the newly departed priest Howard be eternal! Вічна пам'ять!**

# Liturgical Schedule

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| **Sunday**<br>**August 9**<br>9:00am Hours<br>**9:30am**<br>**Divine Liturgy** | **10th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 1**<br>Afterfeast of the Transfiguration. Apostle Matthias (63). Martyr Anthony of Alexandria. St. Psoes of Egypt (4th c.). Martyrs Julian, Marcian, John, James, Alexius, Demetrius, Photius (Phocas), Matins (10): Jn. 21:1-14<br>1 Cor. 4:9-16; Mt. 17:14-23; To Apostle: Acts 1:12-17, 21-26; Lk. 9:1-6 |
| **August 15**<br>**6:00pm** | Feast of Dormition of the Mother of God<br>Vespers |
| **Sunday**<br>**August 16**<br>8:45am Matins<br>9:30am Hours<br>**10:00AM**<br>**Divine Liturgy** | **11th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 2**<br>After feast of the Dormition. Translation of the Image Not-Made-By-Hands of our Lord Jesus Christ from Edessa to Constantinople (944). Martyr Diomedes the Physician of Tarsus in Cilicia (298). Matins (11): Jn. 21:15-25; 1 Cor. 9:2-12; Mt. 18:23-35;<br>To Holy Napkin: Col. 1:12-18; Lk. 9:51-56, 10:22-24; |
| **Sunday**<br>**August 23**<br>8:15am Matins<br>9:00am Hours<br>**9:30am**<br>**Divine Liturgy** | **12th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 3**<br>Leave-taking of the Dormition. Martyr Lupus (306), slave of St. Demetrius of Thessalonica. Hieromartyr Irenaeus, bishop of Lyons (202).<br>Matins (1): Mt. 28:16-20; 1 Cor. 15:1-11; Mt. 19:16-26;To Theotokos: Phil. 2:5-11;Lk. 10:38-42 – 11:27-28; |
| **Sunday**<br>**August 30**<br>8:15am Matins<br>8:30am First Confessions<br>9:00am Hours<br>**9:30am**<br>**Divine Liturgy** | **13th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 4**<br>Sts. Alexander (340), John (595), and Paul the New (784), patriarchs of Constantinople. Ven. Christopher of Palestine (6th c.). Ven. Fantinus of Calabria (9th c.). Matins (2): Mk. 16:1-8; 1 Cor. 16:13-24; Mt. 21:33-42; |

## *Sunday School Corner*

***Dear Miss Church Manners,***
***WOW! What a week this has been for our parish! There were so many people coming to our Church. My dad told me they were here for the annual UOL Convention that our church was hosting this year. Everyone was soooo friendly. It almost seemed like the family reunion I went to a few years ago. So much hugging and laughing….and food! (at least my great-aunt Lydia wasn't here to give me one of her wet cheek kisses). I met kids from other Orthodox Churches outside of Illinois. They were telling me all the great things they get to do being part of the Jr. UOL and even a fun summer camp they go to each year. Can you tell me more about this? We are new to the Church and I felt awkward and didn't want to appear like I didn't know what they were talking about. You've given super advice to other kids and was hoping you can do the same for me.***

***From- Wanting to know the ABCs of the UOL***
***Dear Tell me more,***

You are so right—this has been such a wonderful week packed full of events, meetings, prayers, hugs…and of course, food! And, yes, you can definitely say it is like a family reunion. People of our faith getting reacquainted after not seeing one other for a while is such a blessing. It is also a great time to make new friends. Which it sounds like you have.

In a nutshell the UOL is the abbreviation for the Ukrainian Orthodox League of the USA. It is a volunteer organization that promotes participation in supporting the Church and our Orthodox faith. The focus on youth programs is especially important when it comes to active participation and preserving our Ukrainian heritage. For your age you would be considered a Junior UOL member-your parents (if they join) are UOL members. Our church has a dynamic JR UOL group of kids who do monthly Pancake Flips, service projects at the Church, go to camp and the Convention and so much more! Since you say you are new to the Church talk to your parents and let them know you are excited about this program and encourage them to become members. If they do join—then hopefully you will be able to go to the Convention in 2027 which will be hosted by St. Michael Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

If you go, I promise not give you a wet, sloppy kiss like your Great-Aunt Lydia

*God Bless You,*
*Miss Church Manners (a.k.a. Miss Etta Kitt)*

## *Parish Council*

Monthly Council meting will take place on Sunday August 9 after Coffee hour. Guests are welcome.

## *Sunday's Second Collection*

Sunday's Second Special Collection is dedicated each month to a different cause.
Month of July is dedicated to Jr. UOL.

## *UOL Convention*

Thank you very much to all of the volunteers who prepared meals, helped us set up and cleaned up after the UOL events this past week.
We hosted a great 79th UOL Convention!
Congratulations to our Jr. UOL Chapter for receiving the Chapter of the Year Award.
Congratulations to David Sendeha for being honored as the Junior of the Year by the National UOL
Congratulations to Yurii Kulyk, Mukola Brynzia and Antony Sendeha for receiving UOL Scholarship of Shining Lights this year. Yurii Sendeha — *president of Sr. UOL Chapter*

## *Sisterhood of St. Anne*

***We always happy to see volunteers in the church hall's kitchen. If you can give us an hour or two we will greatly appreciate that.***
**Work Schedule**:
Sunday August 9 - make cheese balls
Monday August10 at 8:30am make cheese perogies
Monday August17 at 8:30am make SK balls
Tuesday August 18 at 5:30pm make SK perogies
Sunday August 23 make cheese balls
Monday August 24 at 8:30am make Cheese perogies
Tuesday August 25 at 8:30am boil cabbage
Wednesday August 26 at 5:30pm make stuffed cabbage
Thursday August 27 at 5:30pm make stuffed cabbage

## *Seven Day Vigil Candles*

For the health and God's blessings of Anatoli & Pamela Omelian by Fr. Vasyl
For the health and well-being of Larry & Debbie Pierog
by the Larson Family
For the health and wellbeing of Faith Neswick
by the Larson Family
For the health and God's blessings of Patti Faye by John Batura
For the health of Jake by John Batura
For the health of Vira, Natalia, Oleksandr, Stepan, Sasha by Vira

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- In memory of Zachary Neswick
- -by the Larson Family
- In memory of my newly reposed Fr. Howard
by Fr. Vasyl & Family

## *Selfreliance association*

***Безкоштовне виповнення*** усіх документів для новоприбулих (Social Security. Work permit, Benefits) За інформацією просимо звертатись до Пані Матки Оленки Сендега "Асоціація Самопоміч." або за телефоном (773) 692-1010***We offer free*** of charge consultation as well as filling up applications for Social Security, work authorization and benefits for new immigrants. *For more info see PM Olenka.*

## *50/50 Club*

Winner of the month of July was Ukrainian School Barvinok.
Next drawing will take place **on Sunday August 23, 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 August*

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

New moms: Maria, Viktoria, Bozhena, 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*

**August 23** — In memory of all of those who have stepped into eternity in the month of August.

## *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.\

*August 9 —Bryndzia & Kulyk Family Scholarship Appreciation*
*August 16 —open*
*August 23 —open*
*August 30 — Festival*
*September 6 — open*
*September 13 — open*

## *Mark your calendars*

**Sunday August 30** — Annual Parish Festival
**Sunday September 20** — Pork & Chicken Roast Dinner at Noon
**Sunday November 8 —** Parish Family Thanksgiving Dinner
**Sunday January 10 —** Parish Family Christmas Dinner

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## *Annual Parish Festival*

Our Annual Perogie Festival will take place on Saturday August 30, 2026. We are preparing for the big day. Volunteers: Mark your calendar and come help us set up
Basket Raffle. *We are looking for donations of baskets. For more info please See Faith Neswick.*
Cash Raffle. Ticket are available for purchase.
Support your parish, purchase ticket/s
Cost of 1 ticket is $100.00.
Only 200 tickets are offered.
*Drawing August 30, 2026*
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!