The Word of Sts. Peter & Paul

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Reflection

It all began with our forefathers, Adam and Eve. They received a commandment in paradise not to taste of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (cf. 2:17). The commandment not to "taste of this or that" is quite well known to any Orthodox Christian. This is the commandment to fast—the most ancient, beginning factor of family life.

Sts. Peter and Febronia. A painting by: Alexander Prostev

As we know, the first family was tempted by satan, the forefather of all evil. That envier could not calmly watch their happy life. Adam and Eve broke the commandment of not eating. The Lord called them to account. Then they tried to place their own blame on someone else, as if they

were not guilty at all. Not only that, but Adam blamed his wife, who, as he emphasized, he had received from God. That is how the fall into sin happened, and people did not repent of what they had done. The Lord deprived them of paradise, and gave them a penance.

Let us briefly recall the words of that penance from God. The wife was told: I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee (Gen. 3:16). To the husband, the Lord said, In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return (Gen. 3:19).

Sorrows entered the life of human beings. Steadfast endurance of sorrows is an important part of asceticism.

Our task is to remember that sorrows came as the result of sins. We have to bear them without anger, without murmuring against God. It is painful to be sick, painful to die (to return to dust). This feeling of sorrow must be melted in repentance. Then those oppressive thoughts of death can become exalted; they can become the remembrance of death.

After the fall, Adam not only had to work—he had to work hard. That is how it was in his life, and that is how it is in ours. Every man has to think about how he will feed himself and his family. He must at times do work that is both hard and dreary.

Archimandrite Sergei (Shevich) often found that his parishioners were sometimes weighed down by the work that they had to do every day. Fr. Sergei pointed out to them that work for a married person is the same as an obedience for a monk. As we know, monks do not choose their obedience according to their own taste. The monastic does whatever he has been given the blessing to do. Be it unattractive and boring, obedience nevertheless accustoms a monk to cutting off his own will, and, accordingly, to do the will of God. For Adam and his descendants, God's will is to live after the fall under non-paradisal conditions, not to complain about this, and to repent. They should also hope in God, Who leads people to His Kingdom.

Liturgical Schedule

Sunday **October 4** 8:45am Matins 9:30am Hours **10:00am** **Divine Liturgy**	**18th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 1** Hieromartyr Hierotheus, bishop of Athens (1st c.). Martyrs Gaius, Faustus, Eusebius, and Chaeremon of Alexandria (3rd c.). St. Volodymyr, son of Yaroslav the Wise, wonderworker (1052). Sts. Helladius, Onesimus, and Ammon of the Kyiv Caves (13th c.).Matins Gospel (7): Jn. 20:1-10; 2 Cor. 9:6-11; Lk. 5:1-11;
Sunday **October 11** 8:15am Matins 9:00am Hours **9:30am** **Divine Liturgy**	**19th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 2** Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council (787) Holy Apostle Philip of the Seventy, one of the seven deacons (1st c.). Martyrs Zenaida (Zenais) and Philonilla (1st c.). Ven. Theophanes, faster of the Kyiv Caves (12th c.). Matins .: (8): Ін. 20:11-18; 2 Кор. 11:31–12:9; Лк. Лк. 6:31-36; To Holy Fathers: Heb. 13:7-16; Jn. 17:1-13
Sunday **October 18** 8:45am Matins 9:30am Hours **9:30am** **Divine Liturgy**	**20th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 3** Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke (1st c.). Martyr Marinus the Elder at Anazarbus (4th c.). Ven. Julian (4th c.). Matins (9): Jn. 20, 19-31; Gal. 1:11-19; Lk. 7:11-16; To Apostle: Col. 4:5-9, 14, 18; Lk. 10:16-21;
Saturday **October 24**	Vesper at 6:00pm
Sunday **October 25** 8:45am Matins 9:30am Hours **10:00am** **Divine Liturgy**	**21st Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 4** Martyrs Marcian and Martyrius t355). St. Tabitha (1st c.). Martyr Anastasius (3rd c.). Ven. Martyrius the Deacon (13th c.) and St. Martyrius the Recluse of the Kyiv Caves. Матінс.: (10): John. 21:1-14; Gal. 2:16-20; Luke. 8:5-15

For a woman, a time of particular trial is pregnancy. She has to think more about her child than about herself, to pay special attention to her own health, keep to a regime, and, perhaps leave a lucrative job for the sake of her child—to give up her planned career growth. This is her ascesis of self-restraint. This is not to mention the pain of childbirth, and the uninterrupted care and fuss over the newborn.

The infant's parents have to deny themselves basic rest, and are sleep deprived. They worry about their little one, and pray during anxious times for their child's well-being: "Lord, You know all things, and Your love is perfect. Take the soul of (name), and do what I wish to do, but cannot."

And if the child was born handicapped… What faith in God's Providence is needed in order to bear that heavy cross!

To be continued

Sunday School Corner

We are continuing our preparation for future classes when we will focus on understanding the sequence of our Divine Liturgy. This Sunday we reviewed our homework assignment regarding the Iconostasis and the icon of "The Last Supper" which is above the Royal Doors. This was followed with a printed "handout" of the "History of the Orthodox Church" which began with Pentecost with the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, which gave birth to our Orthodox Faith. This is why sometimes Orthodoxy is called the "Ancient Faith".

This printed handout explained the growth of our Orthodox Church with dates, through the Eastern Empires (countries), as well as the separation of Orthodoxy and Roman Catholicism and the authority of the Pope. We will follow this next week with a lesson comparing our Orthodox Faith and other forms of Christian worship.

Your attentive children have continued to be very engaged in our discussions of the above with thoughtful questions and we love helping them understand our Orthodox Faith.

Ms. Pat, Ms. Debbie, Ms, Karen, Ms. Faith

Parish Council

Monthly Council meting will take place on Sunday October 18 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 October is dedicated to Sunday School Supplies.

Sisterhood of St. Anne

The next meeting for the Sisterhood of St. Anne will be held on Sunday, October 11th after Coffee Hour. All women over the age of 18 are invited and encouraged to be a part of this vital organization. We do more than pinch pierogies. Come and see what we are all about.
Insights and new ideas are welcome. If you have any questions please see Athena Gordan.

Kitchen Work Schedule:

Sunday Oct. 4 — after coffee hour peel potatoes
Monday Oct. 5 — 8:30am make Pot balls
Monday Oct . 5 — 5:30pm make pot perogies
Monday Oct. 12— 8:30am make Sk balls
Tuesday Oct. 13— 5:300pm make SK perogies

Monday Oct. 19— 8:30am make Cheese balls
Tuesday Oct. 20— 5:30pm make cheese perogies
Sunday Oct. 25— after coffee hour peel potatoes
Monday Oct. 26— 8:30am make pot balls
Tuesday Oct. 27—5:30pm make pot perogirs

Monday Nov 2— 8:30am prep for Stuffed cabbage
Tuesday Nov 3— 5:30pm make stuffed cabbage
Wednesday Nov. 4—8:30am pack stuffed cabbage
Thursday Nov. 5— Sale 11am-3pm

Eternal Light

In memory of Nicole Larson by Mom & Dad

Seven Day Vigil Candles

For the health of Tina Palasti by PM Olenka
For the health of Lilian Cepynsky by PM Olenka
For the health of Patti Faye by John Batura

- In memory of Patricia on the 1st anniversary of her stepping into eternal life by Halyna Kashpar
- In memory of my parens Pavlo & Polian Memory Eternal. Heavenly Kingodm by Halyna Kashpar

Selreliance 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.*

College Care Package

Plans are moving forward to send out the first packages of the 2026-27 academic year within the next few weeks. This year we have nine (9) students who will be receiving personalized packages with items specially selected for them. Applications are still available and are due back by Sunday, October 11th. The completed application can be given to one of the Committee members at Church or may be e-mailed to Karen at nerak3319@outlook.com.

We thank you for your continued support of our future....the youth of our parish.

Blessing from the CCP Committee,
~Karen Larson, Athena Gordan, Debbie Pierog & Michelle Supilowski.

Prayer Corner for the Month of October

We ask all of you to remember in your prayers the following individuals, who are in need of God's healing and grace: Rich & Lynn, Joshua Smith, 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, 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, Roman, Mykola, Kostia.

Pray for Our expecting mothers:
Marta and Tetiana

New moms: Olha, Maria, Viktoria, Bozhena, Tetiana, Natalia, Anna.

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

October 25 — In memory of all of those who have stepped into eternity in the month of September.

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.

October 4 — Sisterhood of St. Anne
October 11— Brezden Family in memory of father Orest
October 18 — Larson Family in memory of Nicole Larson
October 25 — Anatoli & Pamela Omelian in memory of mother Maria (Baba Mia) on her birthday
November 1— *open*

Mark your calendars

Sunday November 8 — Parish Family Thanksgiving Dinner
Sunday January 10 — Parish Family Christmas Dinner

ESL Classes

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After a very busy summer at Sts. Peter & Paul Church, we plan to resume our English classes in the Church Hall on Wednesday, September 16, at 5:30 p.m. Don't forget to bring your summer "homework". We hope you had an enjoyable summer in spite of our stormy August. We look forward to seeing old and new students on September 16, 2026
In Christ, Pat Wolsko and Athena Gordan

Безкоштовні заняття КЛАСИ ESL Відновлюємо безкоштовні уроку Англійсщкої мови з 18 Вересня 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 Оленка.