



**CHRIST'S MIRACLE  
OF FEEDING THE 5,000**

## **Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church Bulletin**

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### **HOLY MYSTERIES**

**VISITATIONS OF THE SICK AND INFIRM** - If you are going into the hospital for any reason, please inform Father Stephen at the Rectory. Our hospitalization code for Christiana and Wilmington Hospitals is **UKR**.

**EMERGENCY CALLS** - Please call the Rectory anytime (day or night) in an Emergency!

**BAPTISMS** - Celebrated by appointment.

**CROWNING IN MARRIAGE** - Please discuss timing with Father prior to setting a date. At least six months notice is needed. There are three 2-hour courses that must be attended prior to the Wedding.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE** - The deadline for getting information printed in the Weekly Bulletin is Wednesday.

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS** - For the Needs of the Parish; 2<sup>nd</sup> Youth Ministry

**August 1, 2021**  
**Volume 57: Number 31**  
**Schedule of Services and Activities**  
**Week of August 1 - 8, 2021**  
**Celebrating our 94<sup>th</sup> year of Service to the Lord**

Sunday, August 1 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 5

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful – Blessing of Cars

Pankahya: +Deceased of the Krauthauser Family

Blessing of Cars - Coffee Hour – First Flea Market Drop Off

Monday, August 31 – Prophet Elijah

8:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

6:00 – 8:00 PM – Flea Market Drop Off

Wednesday, August 4

6:00 – 8:00 PM – Flea Market Drop Off

Thursday, August 5 – Pochaiv Icon of the Mother of God

7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

6:00 – 8:00 PM – Flea Market Drop Off

Saturday, August 7

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Flea Market

Sunday, August 8 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 6

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful – Blessing of Cars

Coffee Hour

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**PLEASE READ THE NEW GUIDELINES PUBLISHED BY OUR HIERARCHS!**

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Matins: Luke 24:36-53; Romans 12:6-14; Matthew 9:1-8; Vespers: 1<sup>st</sup> - III Kings 17:1-23; 2<sup>nd</sup> - III Kings 18:1, 17-40, 44, 42, 45-46; 19:1-16; 3<sup>rd</sup> - III Kings 19:19-21; IV Kings 2:1; 6-14

Monday – Prophet Elijah – James 5:10-20; Luke 4:22-30; Day: 1 Corinthians 5:9-6:11; Matthew 13:54-58

Tuesday – 1 Corinthians 6:20-7:12; Matthew 14:1-13

Wednesday – 1 Corinthians 7:121-24; Matthew 14:35-15:11

Thursday - Icon of the Pochaiv Mother of God –Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28; 1 Corinthians 7:24-35; Matthew 15:12-21

Friday – 1 Corinthians 7:35-8:7; Matthew 15:29-31

Saturday – Righteous Anna – Galatians 4:22-31; Luke 8: 16-21; Day: Romans 12:1-3; Matthew 10:37-11:1

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Matins: John 20:1-10; Liturgy: Romans 15:1-7; Matthew 9:27-35

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### **July 20 (August 2) – The Holy Prophet Elijah Elijah was in hot water.**

Faithful to God's command, Elijah had not only humiliated Jezebel's 450 prophets of Baal in a contest at an altar, but he had them all killed afterwards. Jezebel was so outraged that she swore to kill Elijah before another day went by.

What was his response? He ran away as far as he could go and collapsed in an exhausted heap. And even after God refreshed him physically, Elijah got up and ran again. When he looked at his situation, what he saw were hopelessness and certain death at the hands of a murderous queen. In abject depression, Elijah moaned to God: ". . . And I alone am left; and they seek my life, to take it away" (v. 10).

But the Lord knew Elijah's real problem. It was not the circumstances themselves; it was his perspective on the circumstances. In a still, small voice, God put Elijah's eyes where they belonged - on Him. He gave Elijah a vision of his future, including who his successor as prophet would be and how many faithful ones still lived in Israel. With his attitude mended, Elijah got up and went about God's work.

When stress hits, God wants to change your attitude, too. Trust in Him for restoration and relief.

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**TO: ALL CLERGY, PARISH BOARDS OF ADMINISTRATION AND ALL FAITHFUL OF OUR HOLY UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE USA**

**RE: Changing Metrics Associated With the Covid-19 Pandemic and the Necessity of Responsible and Measured Means to Combat Them**

**Dearly Beloved Brothers and Sisters in our Loving Lord,**

**CHRIST IS AMONG US!**

**HE IS AND ALWAYS SHALL BE!**

We had not expected the necessity of writing to you once again concerning necessary responses to the COVID-19 PANDEMIC because of the seemingly positive numbers of people getting vaccinated. Perhaps the initial success throughout the early months of this year convinced us all that the greatest danger had passed and that “normal” life could, step by step, return. Obviously, however, the new and far more dangerous variant(s) of the virus have changed the perspective of not only the medical and scientific communities, but most of the general population of our nation that we are far from “normal” and that “normal” may now become something very different from that we knew back in December 2019 before the wide spread of this disease throughout the world.

When we study the current maps of the spread of the virus in the USA, we once again see massive concentrations of the color red, indicating that the rates of infection, hospitalization and death are rising at rates very near the worst part of the pandemic in April of this year. The areas on these maps that show the highest concentration of these changing and rapidly rising metrics are without doubt in the states with the highest concentration of people who are NOT vaccinated. However, the rising metrics can be seen in significant areas of even those states with high rates of vaccination. We will not attempt here to make this message into an attempt to convince people to get vaccinated because we believe that our President, Governors and other civic leaders are making powerful arguments in this regard. We are also convinced that there will always be a portion of our population that will never accept vaccination and it is for this reason that we write to you this day.

None of us can control the decisions of other members of our society. We must be concerned for and about them and we must, above all, pray for them and respond to them in ways that will be protective of ourselves and our loved ones. We can only pray that we do not have to continue viewing and reading about individuals who refuse vaccination finally regretting their decision because they themselves have suffered greatly from the

virus or they have watched helplessly as they lost parents, spouses, brothers and sisters or their own children to the virus.

**THE MOST OBVIOUS RESPONSE THAT WE ARE NOW CALLING YOU ALL TO IS TO RETURN, AS PER THE INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL, TO THE WEARING OF MASKS DURING ANY LITURGICAL SERVICES OR IN ANY PARISH COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.**

The greatest consequence of this decision will be to protect everyone worshipping in our parish churches and participating in our activities without the impossible task of trying to identify those who are vaccinated and those who are not. As Ukrainian Orthodox Christians, it is not our responsibility to be the “Vaccination Police” in forcing anyone, parish members or not, to prove to us that they have been vaccinated. Anyone who is vaccinated is protected quite well from serious consequences of the virus. There is a small number of those vaccinated who have been infected with the new variants of the virus, but most of the time they exhibit no symptoms and require no hospitalization. They are, however, capable of infecting others during this time. Of course, those who are unvaccinated are very capable of infecting others whether they exhibit manifestations of the disease or not. Let us all be concerned for one another by acting responsibly with the use of masks.

“O Lord Jesus Christ, in Your loving care, You traveled through towns and villages ‘curing every disease and illness.’ At Your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, as the global spread of the coronavirus intensifies again, that we may experience Your healing Love anew. Be with us as we continue to experience the consequences of the coronavirus pandemic, whether we have survived the disease, lost loved ones or have felt helpless with no ability, because of severe but necessary medical and physical restrictions, to comfort those who continue to suffer. Help us to respond to the devotion of doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and put themselves at risk in the process with our continued prayers for their safety. Help us, O Lord, to comprehend that we all are vulnerable to this virus and that we must take all necessary measures to protect one another. For You are a Merciful and Loving God and to You we give glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen”

In our Lord’s All-Encompassing Love,

**+ ANTONY**

By the Grace of God, Metropolitan

**+ DANIEL**

By the Grace of God, Archbishop

## **JULY 20 (August 2) – Feast of the Prophet Elijah - Bulgakov**

He was born in Tishbe (in Palestine), the son of Shobach, from the family of Levi. According to the tradition which has reached us from St. Epiphanius of Cyprus, when Elijah was born, his father had a mysterious vision, that noble men greeted the child, wrapped him in swaddling clothes of fire and gave him a fiery flame to eat. Shobach declared this vision to the Jerusalem priests who said to him: "Fear not, your son will dwell in light and judge the Israelites with sword and with fire".

Really, St. Elijah, chosen a vessel of the grace of the Holy Spirit since his very birth, was one of the most flaming adherents to true faith and piety, so that he could never indifferently know the impious, who left the true God and His law, and he was ready to exterminate them immediately if he did not see them repenting and turning to God. Although "Elijah was a person who suffered like us", he, "having cleansed his mind from every impurity, was holy in everything, leading all to the divine light".

Elijah was called by God for prophetic service during the reign of the Israelite King Ahab (900 years before Christ). After this calling "Elijah the wonderful prophet", "having instantly created a virtuous and pure way of life for God", became a great and marvelous source doing wonders. For teaching the impious King Ahab and the Israelite people seduced by him, Elijah struck the earth with a three year drought, "ended by prayer to the heavens". After this, according to the word of God, he "hid himself by the brook Cherith" where "ravens brought him bread and meat every morning and evening" for his livelihood. Within a year "the Divine Prophet" wonderfully satisfied the Zarephath "widow and son with a jar of flour and a cruse of oil increased through prayer" and "resurrected her son through prayer". Then, St. Elijah through prayer "brought down fire from the heavens" on the offering on Mount Carmel and proved to those people that the God of Israel is the true God; after this by earnest prayers he stopped the rain on the ground thirsting from a prolonged drought, and "burning with zeal he slew the priests of shame (priests of Baal and Astarte who seduced the people into idolatry) with his own blameless hands".

On Mount Horeb the great prophet was worthy as far as it is possible for one in the flesh of human nature to contemplate God face to face. By these great miracles Elijah contributed much to the maintenance of the true faith in God among the Israelite people and to the destruction of idolatry and prepared the way for the One who was the expectation of Israel and of all the world.

Flaming zeal for the glory of God (Sir. 48:1) sufficient to consume (Lk. 9:54), the unconditional obedience to the word of God, the complete self-deepening in his highest calling, the pure and undefiled life, the love for prayer and self-renunciation are those

distinctive properties of this most remarkable Israelite prophet. His contemporaries, clearly seeing the grace of God in him, called him a man of God and in a sign of special awesomeness for him during a meeting with them he prostrated to the ground.

Because of his saintly life and for his extraordinary flaming zeal for the glory of God St. Elijah was taken into heaven alive. For us this mysterious taking of Elijah alive into the upper world, according to the explanation of the Holy Church, "assures that the dead will arise" and serves "as a proof of the general resurrection of the dead and the translation alive on the final day of judgment". According to the belief of the Church, Elijah together with Enoch will be the forerunners of the second coming of Christ and at that time they will taste bodily death according to general human fate and law. "The human mind" cannot "worthily praise" Elijah as he is "the great prophet, an earthly angel" who "more than the intelligent ranks" was magnified, "seeing the transfiguration of Christ", was "the ruler over passions", "a pillar of piety", "the first-fruits of purity and virginity with divine growth", for he was the first in the Old Testament known as a glorious virgin .

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY** - is expressed to the following: Donald Hrynyshyn, 8/4; Amanda Pappas, 8/6 & Sandra Cramer, 8/6. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

**DONATIONS (CREDIT CARDS) ACCEPTED** – for those who are interested, we can accept donations to the Church through credit cards. See Michael Tilson or Lorraine Neff for details.

**OUTDOOR WALK IN FREEZER** – is being ordered for the Parish. It will reside in the back of the Church outside the back doors of the hall. Our problem in preparing for any of our bigger sales is the space in which to store our food. The cost of the freezer complete will be about \$15K dollars. We need your help. A **SPECIAL COLLECTION** will be taken for the next few months to help us to reach this goal. Thank you.

**DO YOU SHOP ON AMAZON?** – Did you know that if you would get on Smile Amazon and choose our Parish as your beneficiary that Amazon would donate a percentage of your purchase to us? Search on Orthodox Wilmington and choose SS Peter & Paul Ukrainian (yes it is misspelled and we've tried to correct it). Try it and help our Parish Family benefit from your shopping experience!



**SCHEDULING FOR THE PARISH** – Please remember that all events, work parties, use of the hall must be cleared through the calendar kept by Father Stephen so that dueling events may not occur.

**UOL FLEA MARKET** – is scheduled for Saturday, August 7. Please start gathering up your treasures to be donated. Please do not bring them to the Church before Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. The following dates and times will be the drop off schedule: Monday, Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6-8PM; Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> from 6-8PM; and Thursday, August 5 from 6-8PM. If you are donating clothing, they must be gently worn and washed. More on the drop off dates later. We would also need donations of finger desserts (cookies, brownies, etc.).

### **MEETINGS**

**PARISH BOARD MEETING** – Tuesday, August 10, 2021 @ 6:30 PM.

**UOL MEETING** – Sunday, September 19 during coffee hour

### **GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

August 1 - David and Eve Lazaration

August 8 - Nancy Tur, Zina Twardus

August 15 - John and Sandy Cramer

August 22 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik & Alexander Smith

### **CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

Week of August 2 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

Week of August 9 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of August 16 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

Week of August 23 - John Plachuta and David Lazaration

Week of August 30 - Mark & Laura Andreas

Week of September 6 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

### **TRUSTEES MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

(Please find a substitute if you cannot make a given week)

August 1 – Lorraine Neff and Thomas Bringke

August 8 – Linda Hnatow and Ann Duncan

August 15 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

August 22 – Victor kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

August 29 – Thomas Bringle and Linda Hnatow

September 5 – Thomas Bringle and Linda Hnatow

## **READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

August 1 – Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

August 8 - Jean Roeth

August 15 - John Plachuta

August 22 - Andrew Duncan

August 29 - Linda Hnatow

## **TENTATIVE CALENDER OF EVENTS**

Saturday, August 7 – UOL Flea Market

August 14 – Dormition Fast

Friday, August 20 – Cooking for Emmanuel Dining Room (UOL)

Monday, September 13 – Bible Study Resumes

Saturday, September 18 – Karaoke Night (6:00 PM)

Sunday, September 19 – Religious Education Begins

Saturday, September 25 – Dancing Under the Stars

Saturday, October 9 – UOL Retreat

Sunday, October 10 – 13 – Clergy Retreat, South Bound Brook, NJ

Saturday, October 23 – UOL Book Sale

Saturday, November 6 – Fall Bazaar

Tuesday, November 23 – Community Thanksgiving Service (Holy Rosary)

Sunday, November 28 – St. Philip's Fast Begins

Sunday, December 12 – UOL Cookie Sale

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January 6 – Holy Supper 6:00 PM

**RULES FOR ATTENDING ALL SERVICES: Our Hierarchs have asked that we wear masks once again at all liturgical and public activities in our Church Hall. PLEASE: if you have a fever of over 100°, or have any symptoms: PLEASE STAY HOME!! If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to CALL ME (302) 798-4455. I will be happy to assist you in any way that I can.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL – Metropolitan Antony, Archimandrite Raphael, Father Vasili Andrejuk, Father John Bohush, Father Vasyl Dovhan, Father George Hnatko, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Andrew Molewski, Father John Nakonechney, Father James Norton, Father Victor Wronskyj, Father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Matushka Andrejuk, Pani Dobrodyka Lillian Hnatko, Pani Dobrodyka Lisa Weremedic, Alicia, Nerry, Mykola, Brennan, Deborah, Galina, Dolores, Julian, Madison, Matt, Michele, Mykola, Rita, Ryan, Randy Allen, Carolyn Angelo, Colby Atkinson, Shannon Austin, Stephania Bacha, Joyce Belles, Neil Belles, Ethel Bernhard, Yaroslav Bilinsky, Maria Borowski Betty Bosland, Becky Bosley, Angie Brengle, Paul Brengle, Patricia Bringle, Richard Bringle, Thomas Bringle, John Brick, Fedir Bukacz, Christine Cain, Mark Cello, Betty Charney, Mildred (Myrophora) Christo, Erik Colazo, Patricia Crystal, Alex Czernik, Sharon Dalaski, Stephen Dalecki, David Dalldorf, Peter DiVirgilio, John Dmytryk, James Dudrick, Mary Eagleton, Rose Eldridge, Thomas Fagan, James Garrett, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovnirov, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Rick Hastings, Celeste Heiser, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Anthony Hnatow, Michael Hnatow, Daniel Holoviak, Jennifer Huertes, Caroline Humphrey, Richard Humphrey, Sally Hutnick, Joette Jago, Stephen Johnson, Linda Josepinson, Elizabeth Kaliakin, Rosalie Ann Kane, Sandra Kasch, Charles Kaszytski, Julia Kaszytski, Diane Keyser, Wendy Klinedinst, Judith Kocinski, Lorissa Kozakova, Ludmyla Krawchenko, Mykola Krawchenko, Emma Krasnopera, Volodymyr Krasnopera, Sue Kreisa-Christian, Marlene Kuhar, Karen Livick, Charles Lontor, Alla Lysenko, Andrew Makolynyk, Jean Marano, Paul Markow, Frederick McCarthy, Victor Melnychenko, Ronald Michel, Lisa Miller, Matthew Miller, Mary Elizabeth Moran, Barry Morris, Elsie Moroz, Michael Moroz, Linda Muldoon, Karen Needham, Julie Neff, Ann Nester, Laurie Newman, Ivan Otamas, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Anthony Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry Pinkowicz, Bernice Pinkowicz, Janylyn Pinkowicz, Ryan Pinkowicz, Valentina Plachuta, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Roman, John Ruczhak, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, Isaac Schmidt, Doris Scully, Joella Seale, Clay Seman, Larissa Serth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Emily Smitheman, Kimberly Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Rich Steinman, Joseph Stevens, Noel Strobino, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczyszyn, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, Lydia Thomas, Brysen Tomei, Dominic Tomei, Mark Tomei, Violet Tomei, Aria Tonner, Mariel Trimble, Anna Tur, Richard Twardus, Martha Vignali, Jack Vognetz, Margaret Vognetz, Marilyn Wagner, Olena Wasylevska, James Watts, Chris Way, Leah Way, Barbara Weeks, Peter Weremedic, Stephen Wienkowitz, Laura Worley, Sophia Zomcakh & James Zook.**

## **CHRIST CONTINUES TO SATISFY OUR "HUNGER"**

**W**herever Christ went during His public ministry, a large crowd was always there to greet Him. Some came out of mere curiosity, while others sought out the Lord with the hope that He would touch their lives in some miraculous way. Still others simply wanted to be in His presence because they truly believed that Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah.

All four evangelists record the story of what was one of the largest gathering Christ attracted. Seeking a place to rest one day, our Saviour retreated to a remote region along the Sea of Galilee. When His destination became known, however, He was quickly joined by some 5,000 people from the surrounding villages. Concerned for their hunger, our Lord performed a miracle which defies description: He was able to feed the multitude there with only 5 loaves of bread and two small fish! The Gospels tell us that there were even 12 baskets of fragments left over!

The feeding of the 5,000 is reminiscent of God providing MANNA in the wilderness for the Israelites as they journeyed to the Promise Land. More importantly, the Church Fathers see in this miraculous event an image of the HOLY EUCHARIST. At the Divine Liturgy, everyone who comes forward **"in the fear of God with faith and love"** to receive the Body and Blood of Christ has their spiritual hunger satisfied. Indeed, as the priest prays at every Holy Liturgy: **"The Lamb of God is broken and distributed, broken but not divided, ever-eaten yet never consumed, but sanctifying those who partake of It."**