



“Be Strong”

## **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 30, 2020**  
**Volume 56: Number 34**  
**Schedule of Services and Activities**  
**Week of August 30 – September 6, 2020**  
**Celebrating our 93<sup>rd</sup> year of Service to the Lord**

**ALL SERVICES ARE LIVE STREAMED  
ON FACEBOOK & WEBPAGE**

**Sunday, August 30 – 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 3**

**8:30 – 9:00 AM - Confessions**

**9:15 AM – Hours**

**9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful**

**Coffee Hour**

**Wednesday, September 2**

**7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy**

**Friday, September 4**

**8:00 AM – Divine Liturgy**

**Saturday, September 5**

**10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy (Holy Trinity – Whaleyville, MD)**

**Sunday, September 6 – 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 4**

**8:30 – 9:00 AM - Confessions**

**9:15 AM – Hours**

**9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful**

**Coffee Hour**

**3:30 PM - Coptic Wedding: Chris and Veronique**

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Matins: Matthew 28:16-20; Liturgy: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Matthew 19:16-26

Monday – 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 3:6-12

Tuesday - 2 Corinthians 8:16-9:5; Mark 3:13-19

Wednesday – 2 Corinthians 9:12-10:7; Mark 3:20-27

Thursday – 2 Corinthians 10:7-18; Mark 3:28-35

Friday – 2 Corinthians 11:5-21; Mark 4:1-9

Saturday – Leave-taking of Dormition – Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28; Day: 1 Corinthians 2:6-9; Matthew 22:15-22

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Matins: Mark 16:1-8; Liturgy: 1 Corinthians 16:13-24; Matthew 21:33-42

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## TODAY'S GOSPEL

Today's Gospel is from Matthew 19:16-26. This Gospel has been interpreted in many ways and maybe we have heard it used to urge young people to give up all and follow Jesus in the religious life. It is true that this Gospel lends itself to such an understanding, but as spoken by Jesus it has a wider meaning in that it is addressed to all believers telling them how to live a fuller Christian life. It is an invitation to live a deeper Christian life beyond being concerned about the commandments. This does not mean that the commandments are forgotten; it means living the commandments to the fullest. For example, going to Church on Sunday can be seen as a duty and an obligation or we can go because we want to participate in the new and divine life of Jesus given to us in Holy Communion. The first would be going to Church because of the commandment; the second from a more mature approach to God. Both are good, but if we are to grow in the Christ life, we should move to the second example as we become adults.

Today, many of us find ourselves just as the young man in the Gospel. We may ask ourselves, "What do I need to do further?" The answer comes from today's Gospel – move beyond the commandments and choose to live a more responsible Christian life in your own situation in life.

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## **Gossip**

***“Death and life are in the power of the tongue”*** (Proverbs 18:21)

Did you ever kill a person? Your reaction to this question may be emphatically negative, but guns, poisons and knives are not the sole means of destruction. Words sometimes kill. No one knows how many suicides are actually murders. When a person takes his/her life because false statements are being made about him/her, the one who started the gossip may be the individual who is really responsible for the death. Many an accident in which a life or lives are snuffed out occurs when nerves are tense, minds disturbed, and spirits wrought up because someone gossiped. Physical destruction is not the only form of destruction wrought by words. Friendships are broken, reputation ruined, characters wrecked, energy sapped, intentions frustrated. Hopes killed, all by malicious talk.

Why do people spread rumors? For one thing, they want excitement. Ordinary life is too tame and uneventful. Facts do not give sufficient stimulation to satisfy them. Gossip stirs things up, making for exciting change. Then there is the desire for attention. In us is something that enjoys being in the limelight. We like to be thought intelligent. The sad fact is that an empty brain and tattling tongue usually go together. The peddler of gossip recites items of news or scandal with the purpose of attracting attention to himself/herself, often with little or no thought of the effect on the person about whom he/she talks.

Desire for prestige is another motivating factor back of gossip. The talebearer assumes consciously or unconsciously that he/she knows something others do not know. This gives him a feeling of superiority. Typically, those given to gossip have inferiority complexes, and gossiping is a means they use to become dominant over listeners. Feelings of insecurity cause people to gossip. The ruiner of reputations may be an insecure person who feels inability to carry on conversation, so he/she tries to compensate by saying something of startling nature. He/she may feel insecure socially, and so he/she does what he/she can to pull down the socially accepted. Worst of all, he/she may be insecure morally. His/her believing the worst about others and his/her resultant gossiping may be his/her means for trying to escape the guilt he/she feels in his/her own conscience.

You must come to know yourself if you would be free from the crime of killing people and ruining lives by gossip. Whenever you find yourself taking delight in listening to an unflattering story about someone, examine yourself. Ask yourself if you are seeking the limelight or if you desire excitement. When you give way to

the urge to repeat a rumor you have heard, search your heart to determine the secret guilt you are trying to hide.

You must not ignore the serious nature of gossip. To pass it by with the thought that "people will talk, so let them talk" is not the thing to do. If you are the one talked about, you can afford to pay little attention, for that is likely the best way to deal with it. But if you are the gossiper, or the willing listener to gossip, you must face the facts, however unpleasant they may be. Invariably, we talk about, or listen eagerly to things that interest us. Therefore, when you are a participator, active or passive, in gossip, every word is a reflection on yourself. Listening to or repeating gossip is always a personal confession of excessive desire for attention, of malice, of moral weakness, or of a lack of spirituality.

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### **Leadership**

**"If the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch" (Matthew 15:14)**

Among people there are always leaders. In any group of two or more people, one person is bound to lead. The leadership may pass from one to another in accordance with the qualifications of this, that, or the other person for leading in connection with the particular matter at hand; but there will always be a leader. Probably every person is a leader at some time or another, in relation to one thing or another. However, it is manifest to everyday observation that some individuals are better qualified than others to be leaders of their fellows. If it is yours to lead, you do not do well to shirk the responsibility of leading; if your place is that of a follower, be content to follow well. In doing this, you will be upholding the hands of the leader and so helping along in the common cause. Were there no followers, there could be no leading.

No person can lead who does not have a personal interest in those he leads. By superior power of personality, by force of some kind or another, by a force of greater knowledge, or by some other means, one may drive men, compelling them to do what he wants them to do. But he cannot lead those he does not love. Domination over people is not leadership. Domination is not known in the kingdom of God. Love is the ruling force there, first, last and always – from God the Leader of all down to the lowest leader.

Instead of driving his men, the true leader coaches them. To lead men, one must be on higher ground. However, the true leader is humble, not characterized by feelings of superiority. His one desire and purpose is to achieve the end set by the group. Always for him the work to be done is more important than his part in the work. So, as a wise coach does, he seeks to weld into a composite body all

the members of the group, including himself. He sees that each individual knows what he is to do, and he helps each one to do well his particular phase of the common task. This means that, instead of counting on his authority, the good leader gets the good will and the voluntary cooperation of everyone in the group.

The real leader makes little use of the perpendicular pronouns; instead of "I" he makes it "we". Thus he leads his followers into a real sense of responsibility for doing their best in all that is to be done. It is not the leader's work; it is the work of the group, to be done by the group working as a unit, and any rewards that come will be rewards to the group. Thus, instead of keeping his followers guessing and fearful, the good leader arouses their enthusiasm. He stimulates each to do the best he can, encourage his efforts, and works along with the entire group, helping wherever possible. He is a helper in a common cause, not a boss.

In any well-led group, a spirit of good fellowship and healthy confidence are present. The leader enters into the hopes and the plans of each member. He inspires confidence, for he has so thought through in advance the lines of work that each person in the group cannot but believe he knows where he is going and how he will get there. Thus they can trust him to get them to the right place.

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### **Builders of Christ's Church**

In the early church, all Christians took seriously Christ's commission to "*Go and make disciples of all nations.*" It was understood that EVERYONE had the obligation to win souls for the Lord. A prime example of this can be found in the lives of Florus and Laurus (feastday, Monday, August 31/18), who were responsible for the conversion of hundreds of pagans to Christianity. These twin brothers were neither priests nor preachers: they were stonemasons!

Florus and Laurus lived in the 4<sup>th</sup> century. They learned their craft in Constantinople, and later they were sent to the city of Illyricum, where they were ordered to erect a pagan temple. The overseer of this vast project was Licinius, the son of the Empress. Grudgingly, these two Christian brothers undertook this massive task, giving their wages to the poor as they labored. Their wonderful example is said to have caused some 300 people to become Christians. Soon after its completion, the pagan temple became a majestic Christian cathedral. When the enraged Licinius learned of this, he put Florus and Laurus to death by casting them into a deep well and covering it with earth.

According to an ancient tradition of the Church, Florus and Laurus are viewed as the "patron saints of horsekeepers." Their icon usually depicts them with the



Archangel Michael holding the reins of two horses, with three riders below chasing a herd of horses. The three riders are named Speusippus (Horsebreaker), Eleusippus (Horse Scout) and Meleusippus (Black Horse), who are said to have been 2<sup>nd</sup> century martyrs.

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### **PRAYER POWER**

The ways of God are sometimes difficult to understand. For a certain time and for His own purposes, God has set limits on the exercise of His power to let us play an important part in unlocking that power. As partners with God in achieving His will, our prayers do make a difference.

Mysterious indeed are the ways in which God works through prayer. Zechariah and Elizabeth were childless, having lived with the heartache for many years. They took this problem straight to God and prayed fervently that God give them a son. God was attentive to their prayers. When He needed a special man for an exceptional task, He chose this opportunity to fulfill the prayers of Zechariah and Elizabeth. They became partners with God in bringing John the Baptist into the world to prepare the way for the Messiah.

For Jesus, the Son of God, prayer was of the highest priority. When we read the Gospel, this becomes very apparent. Jesus deliberately left behind pressing matters to go off to pray. St. Luke tells us, "His (Christ's) reputation continued to grow, and large crowds would gather to hear Him and have their sicknesses cured, but He would always go off to some place where He could be alone and pray" (Luke 5:15-16). He made time for prayer to His Heavenly Father.

There is no doubt that we are a busy and active generation. But we must remember that we can always manage to find time to do those things that we consider important to us. We profess our belief in the importance of prayer but, is this really so? Is there a discrepancy between what we say and what we do? This was not the case with Jesus. He not only taught us about prayer; He practiced it. In fact, before He chose the twelve Apostles, He spent all night in the hills praying. Jesus wants to teach us and speak to us as well as to instruct not only in matters of eternal significance but also in other practical matters in order to make our life worth living.



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY** - is expressed to the following: Nancy Tur, 8/30; Thomas Bringle, 8/31; Kristina Pappas, 9/1; John Dmytryk, 9/2 & Victoria Otamas, 9/3. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

**PARISH BOARD MEETING** – Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM (Zoom Meeting)

**UOL DUES** – are due by September 20th. Our UOL Chapter provides many services to our Parish Family including helping us pay down the mortgage and taking on the apostolate of keeping the Protopresbyter Paul Hrynshyn Memorial Library. Annual dues are \$20.00 per person. Please see Nancy Hlywiak and become a member of the UOL today.

## **TRUSTEES MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

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

August 30 – Linda Hnatow and Ann Duncan

September 6 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

September 13 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

September 20 – Thomas Bringle and Linda Hnatow

September 27 – Thomas Bringle and Linda Hnatow

October 4 – Ann Duncan and Victor Kaliakin

October 11 - Ann Duncan and Victor Kaliakin

## **READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

August 30 - John Plachuta

September 6 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

September 13 - Andrew Duncan

September 20 - Linda Hnatow

September 27 - Jean Roeth

**ELECTRONIC 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.

**PYROHY** – Everyone has been asking about our pyrohy project. For September we shall try something new. Masks must be worn. Be aware of the schedule:

Thursday, September 17 – 7AM – peeling the potatoes

Making all of the balls (cheese, potatoes & sauerkraut)

3PM – making the sauerkraut pyrohy

Friday, September 18 – 7AM – making the cheese and potato pyrohy

All the pyrohy will be frozen

Monday & Tuesday, September 21& 22 – 9AM - 11AM - taking orders for the frozen pyrohy – we shall sell what we have

Wednesday, September 23 – freezer bagging the pyrohy and packing the orders

Friday from 12 – 3PM pick-up (10 orders per half hour)

If you have any questions, please see Kathy Duncan or Father Stephen

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

Week of August 31 - Mark & Laura Andreas

Week of September 7 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of September 14 - John Plachuta and David Lazaration

Week of September 21 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

Week of September 28 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

### **RULES FOR ATTENDING ALL SERVICES: \***

Masks **MUST** be worn during the service – if you do not have one, a mask will be provided. \* **PLEASE:** It is crucial for the safety and health of all participants that if you have a fever of over 100°, or have any symptoms **PLEASE STAY HOME!!** For everyone's safety, contact information will be taken at every service so that if someone who attends develops the virus, all attendees will be notified and then would quarantine themselves for 14 days. stream all services until the pandemic is over.

**HOLY COMMUNION** – It is imperative that you understand that **YOU CANNOT GET DISEASE FROM HOLY COMMUNION!!!** This is the Body and Blood of Christ. The Communion Cloth is not to be touched. **PLEASE – listen to the instructions.** \*

After the Liturgy, each person **MUST** sanitize the area in which he/she is using. \* **AFTER HAVING PARTICIPATED IN THE DIVINE SERVICES AND YOU BECOME SYMPTOMATIC – YOU MUST NOTIFY FATHER STEPHEN AT ONCE SO THAT ALL WHO PARTICIPATED COULD QUARENTINE THEMSELVES!!**

\* 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 Paul Bigelow, Father John Bohush, Father Vasyl Dovhan, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Mark Leisure, Father Andrew Molewski, Father John Nakonechney, Father James Norton, Father Victor Wronskyj, Father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Pani Dobrodyka Lisa Weremedic, Alicia, Nerry, Mykola, Brennan, Deborah, Charles, Galina, Dolores, Julian, Madison, 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, George Burns, 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, Rose Eldridge, Thomas Fagan, James Garrett, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovnirov, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Rick Hastings, Celeste Heiser, Dolores Helms, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Anthony Hnatow, Daniel Holoziak, Caroline Humphrey, Richard Humphrey, Sally Hutnick, Joette Jago, Stephen Johnson, Linda Josepinson, Rosalie Ann Kane, Sandra Kasch, Thomas Kasprzak, Charles Kaszytski, Julia Kaszytski, Diane Keyser, Barbara Kirylic, Wendy Klinedinst, Judith Kocinski, 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, 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, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Anthony Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry Pinkowicz, Bernice Pinkowicz, Ryan Pinkowicz, Valentina Plachuta, Maria Plumpton, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Roman, Alla Rudawsky, John Ruczhak, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, Maria Russak, Anthony Saldutti, Dana Sargent, Doris Scully, Joella Seale, Clay Seman, Larissa Serth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Emily Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Rich Steinman, Joseph Stevens, Noel Strobino, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczyszyn, Tatiana Swec, 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, & James Zook.**

## A COMMAND FROM ST. PAUL



**C**onsider these two important words: "BE STRONG!" In Ephesians 6:10, Paul reminds us that all who stand for good must wage a constant war against the forces of evil.

The words "BE STRONG" can be interpreted in MILITARY terms. Every Christian believer is enlisted in a battle versus a powerful enemy. Our front line of defense against Satan will be important. We need strength in our character, faith and prayer, to defeat this demon.

We all have experienced struggles. Do you feel weak? Do your trials have you on the ropes? Has temptation pushed you to the edge? Are you able to go on? Remember the Christian battle cry . . . "BE STRONG!"

What are some ways to win this fight? Perhaps you need to control your temper. Maybe try to clean up your language. Make a real effort to stop worrying. Resolve to stop wounding others with your actions and decide to maintain a more devotional life. Ultimately, we can win this spiritual warfare.

St. Paul left us with some miraculous words. *"Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might."* Follow them even if your adversaries are tough. Believe that our powerful Saviour, Jesus Christ, is by our side. All things are possible thru Him. Our victorious Lord shall defeat Satan and all his wickedness. Faith will overcome this world!