



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; 2nd Youth Ministry

December 20, 2020
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Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of December 20 - 27, 2020
Celebrating our 93rd year of Service to the Lord

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

Sunday, December 20 - 28th 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, December 23

7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Thursday, December 24

8:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Friday, December 25

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy (St. Nicholas, Dover, DE)

Saturday, December 26

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

**Sunday, December 27 – 29th Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday of the Holy Forfathers –
Tone 4**

8:30 – 9:00 AM - Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

SCRIPTURE READINGS

28th Sunday after Pentecost – Matins: Luke 24:36-53; Liturgy: Colossians 1:12-18; Luke 17:12-19

Monday - Hebrews 3:5-11, 17-19; Luke 20:27-44

Tuesday – Conception of St. Anna - Galatians 4:22-31; Luke 8:16-21; Day: Hebrews 4:1-13 Luke 21:12-19

Wednesday - Hebrews 5:11–6:8; Luke 21:5-7, 10-11, 20-24

Thursday - Hebrews 7:1-6; Luke 21:28-33

Friday - Hebrews 7:18-25; Luke 21:37 - 22:8

Saturday - Hebrews 2:11-13; Luke 13:18-29

29th Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday of the Holy Forefathers - Matins Gospel: John. 20:1-10; Liturgy: Colossians 3:4-11; Luke 14:16-24

I first printed this in my Bulletin of December 23, 2001 after the attack of 9/11. I think that it is just as important to meditate on because of the covid virus:

25 WAYS WE'RE DIFFERENT THIS CHRISTMAS

1. Last Christmas we were thinking about all the things we didn't have; this Christmas we are thinking about all the things we do have.
2. Last Christmas we were placing wreaths on the doors of our homes; this Christmas we are placing wreaths on the graves of our heroes.
3. Last Christmas we were letting our sons play with toy guns; this Christmas we are teaching them that guns are not toys.
4. Last Christmas we were counting our money; this Christmas we are counting our blessings.
5. Last Christmas we were lighting candles to decorate; this Christmas we are lighting candles to commemorate.
6. Last Christmas we paid lip service to the real meaning of the holidays; this Christmas we are paying homage to it.
7. Last Christmas we were digging deep into our bank accounts to find money to fly home for the holidays; this Christmas we are digging deep into our souls to find the courage to do so.
8. Last Christmas we were trying not to let annoying relatives get the best of us; this Christmas we are trying to give the best of ourselves to them.
9. Last Christmas we thought it was enough to celebrate the holidays; this Christmas we know we must also find ways to consecrate them.
10. Last Christmas we thought a man who could rush down a football field was a hero; this Christmas we know a man who rushes into a burning building is the real hero.

11. Last Christmas we were thinking about the madness of the holidays; this Christmas we are thinking about the meaning of them.
12. Last Christmas we were getting on one another's nerves; this Christmas we are getting on our knees.
13. Last Christmas we giving thanks for gifts from stores; this Christmas we are giving thanks for gifts from GOD.
14. Last Christmas we were wondering how to give our children all the things that money can buy; this Christmas we are wondering how to give them all the things money can't (peace, security).
15. Last Christmas we were thinking about all the pressure we are under at the office; this Christmas we are thinking about all the people who no longer have an office to go to.
16. Last Christmas we were singing carols; this Christmas we are singing anthems.
17. Last Christmas we were thinking how good it would feel to be affluent; this Christmas we are thinking how good it feels to be alive.
18. Last Christmas we thought angels were in heaven; this Christmas we know they are right here on earth.
19. Last Christmas we were contemplating all the changes we wanted to make in the New Year; this Christmas we are contemplating all the changes we will have to make in this new reality.
20. Last Christmas we believed in the power of the pocketbook; this Christmas we believe in the power of prayer.
21. Last Christmas we were sharing / spreading / listening to gossip; this Christmas we are sharing / spreading and listening to the Gospel.
22. Last Christmas we were complaining about how much of our earnings went to taxes; this Christmas we comprehend that freedom isn't free.
23. Last Christmas we valued things that were costly; this Christmas we value things that are holy.
24. Last Christmas the people we idolized wore sports uniforms; this Christmas the people we idolize wear police, firefighter and military uniforms.
25. Last Christmas peace on earth is something we prayed for on Sunday morning; now it's something we pray for every day.

ADVENT: A JOURNEY WITHIN

Every age worries about the universe. While today we are pre-occupied with concerns for our ozone layer and the greenhouse effect of our upper atmosphere, in earlier times people actually feared the disappearance of the sun as it began to fade during the autumn equinox. Darkness casts its long shadows and the chill of winter frost penetrates the earth. Who can save the sun? Will darkness win and cover the entire earth? How do we conquer the darkness? The ancients believed that if they worshipped the sun, it would be enticed to conquer darkness.

PERSONAL DARKNESS - Darkness can also dwell in our personal lives. The world we live in can be so loveless that we are tempted to fall into despair. Racial issues, drugs and alcohol, poverty, murders of both the guilty and the innocent, and pitifully of the unborn assail us daily. How can we rediscover the light that brings brightness to our lives?

SAVIOR PROMISED - The ancient Jews found that waiting for the Messiah gave meaning to their longings for fulfillment and peace. Today during the season before Christmas we call Advent, we share their experience. In the darkest hours of the Old Testament, the promise of a Savior gave comfort and hope. Then as now the waiting must be active. When the darkness is most intense, we must anticipate the light and it will dawn.

The Messiah is called the Sun of Righteousness. He is the light that brings life, warmth and beauty to our lives and to our world. During Advent we relive our darkness and journey toward the Light, accepting wholeheartedly the Sun of Righteousness.

The road toward the Light of Christmas is a journey of 40 days beginning on November 28, the day after the feast of St. Philip. This time is referred to in the Orthodox Church as Philip's Fast, the Christmas Fast or Advent. The journey requires a willingness to pray, to fast and to perform good works.

PRAYER - Prayer by definition is: "The raising of mind and heart to God." During Advent we need to elevate our lives to the god who was not offered hospitality in the Inn of Bethlehem. Prayer does not change God; prayer allows God to enter and be active in our lives. Prayer enlightens the path of our journey so that God's Light is always our lighthouse.

FASTING - The Advent journey requires spiritual fitness. And just as physical fitness demands diet and exercise, so also the spirit. Denial is not the favorite word of anyone; therefore we must keep the goal of the journey in mind. The story is told of the man who was given a sack full of rocks as he started to cross the desert, with the promise that at the other side he would be both sad and glad. The burden of the sack caused the man to throw out many of the rocks. Upon reaching his destination he found that the rocks that remained had turned to precious stones. He was happy for his treasures but disappointed that he threw so much away. So, too, we must be willing to endure the burdens of our journey in order to enjoy its treasures.

SHARING - The Messiah comes to bring the love and compassion of God to us. This Incarnation of Jesus Christ continues only when each person "puts on Christ" and accepts the joy and the responsibility of being Christ-like today. Sharing from the heart must be the hallmark of Christians. The good works of each of us gives meaning to our prayer and our fasting. Charity encourages and supports all the members of the human family and brings all of us to our true and lasting home in God.

Without the sun, life as we know it could not exist. With the Son of God, the Sun of Righteousness, the fullness of life eternal can be ours and we can enjoy Paradise: "a place of light, place of verdure and a place of tranquility.

A CANDYMAKER'S WITNESS

A candymaker wanted to make a candy that would be a witness, so he made the Christmas Candy Cane. He incorporated several symbol for the birth, ministry and death of Jesus Christ.

He began with a stick of pure white, hard candy: white to symbolize the Virgin birth and the sinless nature of Jesus; and hard to symbolize that Jesus is the solid rock, the foundation of the Church.

The candymaker made the candy in the form of a "J" to represent the precious name of Jesus, who came to earth as our Savior. It could also represent the staff of the Good Shepherd.

Thinking that the candy was somewhat plain, the candymaker stained it with red stripes for the blood shed by Jesus on the Cross so that we would have eternal life.

Unfortunately, the candy became known as a candy cane - a meaningless decoration seen at Christmas time. But the meaning is still there for those who "have eyes to see and ears to hear".

May this symbol again be used to witness to the wonder of Jesus and His GREAT LOVE. May it be for us a remembrance of Christ's birth and a symbol of thanksgiving for all that He has done for us. Just like the candy, let us remember that being a Christian can be a sweet thing if we really follow Jesus in our lives.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY - is expressed to the following: Anna Takach, 12/21; Michael Kapelus, 12/24 & Daphne Pantelopulos, 12/25. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

SPECIAL THANKS ARE OFFERED TO:

Mark Andreas – for his continued work at updating and fixing things around the Church. Lately, the plumbing was fixed in the men's room and in the boiler room.

Michael Kapelus – for helping with the total sanitizing of the hall and the Church.

All our Pyrohy Workers – for doing such a great job

UOL CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE – Special thanks to all of our Bakers and to Linda Hnatow and Sonya Patronik for chairing the event. Special thanks also to Laura Andreas for helping put the boxes together. Thanks also to our customers, without who this would not be possible. May God bless you all and keep you in His tender loving care.

MEETINGS

PARISH BOARD MEETING – Tues., January 8 @6:30 PM (Zoom & In-Person Meeting)

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.

READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

December 20 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

December 27 - Andrew Duncan

January 3 - Linda Hnatow

January 10 - Jean Roeth

January 17 - John Plachuta

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of December 21 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of December 28 - John Plachuta and David Lazaration

Week of January 4 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

Week of January 11 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

Week of January 18 - Mark & Laura Andreas

Week of January 25 – John Plachuta and David Lazaration

PYROHY SCHEDULE

ORDERS TAKEN

January 11& 12

February 15 & 16

March 8 & 9

PICK UP

Friday, January 22

Friday, February 26

Friday, March 26

In order to fill the orders, we will be making pyrohy on the following dates: Wednesday, December 16; Saturday, January 16; Friday, February 19; Friday, March 12

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. We shall continue to 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.

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!

GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

December 27 - Nancy Tur, Zina Twardus

January 3 - John and Sandy Cramer

January 10 - David & Eve Lazaration

January 17 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik & Alexander Smith

“PATRONS PATH”: A Tribute to the Faithful Founders, Families, Stewards and Supporters of this Holy Temple and All Who Worship Here. - For nearly 93 years, our Parish has served as a spiritual home for generations of Ukrainians, Ukrainian-Americans and Orthodox Christians from around the world. Many of you may have been baptized, married, attended liturgy or simply enjoyed the Bazaars and monthly pyrohy sales, **THANK YOU** for being part of what makes Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church a unique family gathering place. You now have the opportunity to leave a lasting imprint on our beloved church home. Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church has created, **PATRONS PATH**, a lasting remembrance to all who have generously built, supported and sustained our little Parish in Wilmington, Delaware over the years. This tribute will be placed in front of the Holodomor Memorial and surrounding area to be admired and added to for generations. The funds generated from the sale of pavers will be used to offset operational and capital improvement costs. These pavers may be imprinted with special messages, dates, names or combination of such. A special presentation may be seen on our Facebook page (SS. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church) and Website (www.sspeterandpauluoc.org). Please look at the website for the Patron's Path: <http://polarengraving.com/saintspeterandpaulukrainianorthodoxchurch> It is our hope that you join us and be part of this new foundation on which to build for ages to come.

TRUSTEES MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

December 20 – Ann Duncan and Victor Kaliakin

December 27 – Lorraine Neff and Thomas Bringle

2021 – January 3 – Lorraine Neff and Thomas Bringle

January 10 – Linda Hnatow and Ann Duncan

January 17 – Linda Hnatow and Ann Duncan

January 24 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

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, Paul Andreas, Carolyn Angelo, Colby Atkinson, Shannon Austin, Stephania Bacha, Joyce Belles, Neil Belles, Ethel Bernhard, Yaroslav Bilinsky, Maria Borowenski 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 Golovniou, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Rick Hastings, Celeste Heiser, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Anthony Hnatow, Daniel Holoviak, 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, 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, Ryan Pinkowicz, Valentina Plachuta, 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, 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, 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 BIBLE VERSE FOR ALL OF US

In John 3:16 we read: ***“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.”*** It is taught to us in Sunday School when we are young and is probably known by more people than any other verse in the Bible.

Why is this, you may ask? It is because with these few precious words, we feel love, sacrifice and ultimately an invitation to embrace our Saviour. God's gift of His Son is the ultimate expression of His love for the world.

What if God had not loved the world? Mankind would be without hope and without a purpose. But rest assured, God loves us all, no matter what we have done. He loves us whether we are rich or poor. He loves us no matter how worthless we may feel.

God cared so much for us ***“that He gave His only begotten Son.”*** Many events in the life of Jesus are encompassed here. These words make us reflect on His birth, sinless life, death and ultimate resurrection. All this was done by the Lamb of God. We are truly washed of all our sins by His blood.

The message is clear. This Bible verse acts as an **INVITATION** to us. All who respond in Faith, will receive everlasting life. How will you answer this call?