



## **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

**February 13, 2022**  
**Volume 58: Number 07**  
**Schedule of Services and Activities**  
**Week of February 13 - 20, 2022**  
**Celebrating our 95<sup>th</sup> year of Service to the Lord**

Sunday, February 13 – Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee - Tone 1

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Installation of Officers

Boy Scout Sunday

**THIS IS A FAST FREE WEEK**

Tuesday, February 15 – Presentation of Our Lord

8:00 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Blessing of Candles – Small Blessing of Water

Wednesday, February 16

11:00 AM – Steaming cabbage (WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!)

6:00 PM – Parish Board Meeting (Zoom and in Person)

Friday, February 18

7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

10:00 AM – Pick up for Pyrohy

Saturday, February 19 – St. Dorothea

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

Sunday, February 20 – Sunday of the Prodigal Son - Tone 2

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee – Matins: Matthew 28:16-20; Liturgy: 2 Timothy 3:10-15; Luke 18:10-14

## FAST FREE WEEK

Monday – 2 Peter 1:20-2:9; Mark 13:9-13; Great Vespers: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading-Exodus 12:51-13:3; 10-12; 14-16; 22-29; Numbers 8:16-17; Leviticus 12:1-4; 6-8; Numbers 8:16-17. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Isaiah 6:1-12; 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading Isaiah 19:1-5; 12, 16, 19-21.

Tuesday – Presentation of Our Lord - Matins: Luke 2:25-32; Liturgy: Hebrews 7:7-17; Luke 2:22-40; Day: 2 Peter 2:9-22; Mark 13:14-23

Wednesday – 2 Peter 3:1-18; Mark 13:24-31

Thursday – 1 John 1:8-2:6; Mark 13:31-14:2

Friday – 1 John 2:7-17; Mark 14:3-9

Saturday – 2 Timothy 3:1-9; Luke 20:45-21:4

Sunday of the Prodigal Son – Matins: Mark 16:1-8; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; Luke 15:11-32

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## THE PRESENTATION IN THE TEMPLE



The Gospel of St. Luke speaks of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple as follows: "When the days were completed for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord just as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord', and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate of the Law of the Lord" (Luke 2:22-24).

According to the Law (Exodus 3:2) every first-born male of human or animal was sacred to God. When a woman gave birth to a son, she was considered ritually unclean for forty days; if a girl, for eight days. She could not enter the Temple or share in any religious ceremonies (Leviticus 12). At the end of that time she had to bring to the Temple a lamb for a burnt offering and a young pigeon as a sin offering. Since this was rather expensive for the poor, it was adjusted so that the two pigeons were acceptable. It was this "offering of the poor" that Mary brought.

The Gospel continues with Simeon. "This man was righteous and devout awaiting the consolation of Israel and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It was revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he should see the Messiah of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the Temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform



the custom of the Law in regard to him, he took Him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now Master, You may let Your servant go in peace, according to Your word, for my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You prepared in sight of all the people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel."

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## 2. HUMILITY

### (Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee)

Today is called the "Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee". On the eve of this day, on Saturday at Vespers, the liturgical book of the Lenten season - **THE TRIODION** - makes its first appearance and texts from it are added to the usual hymns and prayers of the weekly Resurrection service. They develop the next major aspect of repentance: humility.



The Gospel lesson (Luke 18:10-4) pictures a man who is always pleased with himself and who thinks that he complies with all the requirements of religion. He is self-assured and proud of himself. In reality, however, he has falsified the meaning of religion. He has reduced it to external observations and he measures his piety by the amount of money he contributes to the Temple. As for the publican, he humbles himself and his humility justifies him before God. If there is a moral quality almost completely disregarded and even denied today, it is indeed humility. The culture in which we live constantly instills in us the sense of pride, of self-glorification and of self-righteousness. It is built on the assumption that man

can achieve anything by himself, and it even pictures God as the One who all the time "gives credit" for man's achievements and good deeds. Humility - be it individual or corporate, ethnic or national - is viewed as a sign of weakness, as something unbecoming, a real man. Even our churches - are they not instilled with that same spirit of the Pharisee? Do we not want our every contribution, every "good deed", all that we do "for the Church" to be acknowledged, praised, publicized?

But what is humility? The answer to this question may seem a conflicting one for it is rooted in a strange affirmation" **GOD HIMSELF IS HUMBLE!** Yet to anyone who knows God, who contemplates Him in His creation and in His saving acts, it is evident that humility is truly a divine quality, the very content and the radiance of that "glory" which, as we sing during the Divine Liturgy, fills heaven and earth. In our human mentality, we tend to oppose "glory" and "humility" - the latter being for us the indication of a flaw or deficiency. For us it is our ignorance or incompetence that makes or ought to make us feel humble. It is almost impossible to "put across" to the modern man, fed on publicity, self-affirmation and endless self-praise, that all that which is genuinely perfect, beautiful and good is at the same time naturally humble; for precisely because of its

perfection, it does not need "publicity", external glory, or "showing off" of any kind. God is humble because He is perfect; His humility IS His glory and the source of all true beauty, perfection and goodness, and everyone who approaches God and **KNOWS** Him immediately partakes of the Divine Humility and is beautified by it. This is true of Mary, the Mother of Christ, whose humility made her the joy of all creation and the greatest revelation of beauty on earth, true of all the Saints, and true of every human being during the rare moments of his contacts with God.

How does one become humble? The answer, for a Christian, is simple: by contemplating Christ, the divine humility incarnate, the One in whom God has revealed once and for all His glory as humility and His humility as glory. "Today", Christ said on the night of His ultimate self-humiliation, "the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in Him." Humility is learned by contemplating Christ Who said, "Learn from Me for I am meek and humble of heart." Finally, it is learned by measuring everything by Him, by referring everything to Him. For without Christ, true humility is impossible, while with the Pharisee, even religion becomes pride in human achievements, another form of pharisaic self-glorification.

The Lenten season begins then by a quest, a prayer for humility which is the beginning of true repentance. For repentance, above everything else, is **A RETURN TO THE GENUINE ORDER OF THINGS**, the restoration of the right vision. It is, therefore, rooted in humility, and humility - the divine and beautiful humility - is its fruit and end. "Let us avoid the high flower speech of the Pharisee," says the Kondak of this day, "and learn the majesty of the Publican's humble words. . ." We are the gates of repentance and at the most solemn moment of the Sunday Vigil; after the Resurrection and the appearance of Christ have been announced - "having beheld the Resurrection . . ." - we sing for the first time the Tropars which will accompany us throughout the entire of Lent:

Open to me the gates of repentance, O Giver of Life, for my spirit rises early to pray towards Your holy temple, bearing the temple of my body all defiled; but in Your compassion, purify me by the loving kindness of Your mercy.

Lead me on the paths of salvation, O Mother of God, for I have profaned my soul with shameful sins and have wasted my life in laziness. But through your intercession, deliver me from all impurity.

When I think of the many evil things I have done, wretch that I am, I tremble at the fearful day of judgment. But trusting in Your loving kindness, like David I cry to You: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your great mercy.

**The Holy Martyr Dorothy, the Martyrs Christina, Callista and the Martyr Theophilus lived in Caesarea of Cappadocia and suffered under the emperor Diocletian in either the year 288 or 300. Commemorated on February 6/19**

Saint Dorothy was a pious Christian maiden, distinguished by her great beauty, humility, prudence, and God-given wisdom, which astonished many. Arrested upon orders of the governor Sapricius, she steadfastly confessed her faith in Christ and was subjected to tortures.

Failing to break the will of the saint, the governor sent to her two women, the sisters Christina and Callista, who once were Christians, but fearing torture, they renounced Christ and began to lead impious lives. He ordered them to get Saint Dorothy to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods, but just the reverse happened. Saint Dorothy convinced them that the mercy of God is granted to all who repent, so they corrected themselves and returned to Christ. The tormentors tied them back to back and burned them in a vat of tar. Through martyrdom, Christina and Callista atoned for their sin of apostasy, receiving from God not only forgiveness, but crowns of victory.

Saint Dorothy was again subjected to tortures, but she gladly endured them and accepted the death sentence. She cried out with joy, thanking Christ for calling her to Paradise and to the heavenly bridal chamber. As they led the saint to execution Theophilus, one of the governor's counselors, laughed and said to her, "Bride of Christ, send me an apple and some roses from the Paradise of your Bridegroom." The martyr nodded and said, "I shall do that."

At the place of execution, the saint requested a little time to pray. When she finished the prayer, an angel appeared before her in the form of a handsome child presenting her three apples and three roses on a pure linen cloth. The saint requested that these be given to Theophilus, after which she was beheaded by the sword.

Having received the gracious gift, the recent mocker of Christians was shaken, and he confessed Christ as the true God. His friends were astonished, and wondered whether he were joking, or perhaps mad. He assured them he was not joking. Then they asked the reason for this sudden change. He asked what month it was. "February," they replied. "In the winter, Cappadocia is covered with ice and frost, and the trees are bare of leaves. What do you think? From where do these apples and flowers come?" After being subjected to cruel tortures, Saint Theophilus was beheaded with a sword.

The relics of Saint Dorothy are in Rome in the church dedicated to her, and her head is also at Rome, in a church of the Mother of God at Trastevere.

**Troparion — Tone 4** - Your Martyrs, O Lord, in their contest for You \* have received as a prize the crowns of incorruption and life from You, our immortal God; \* for since they possessed Your strength, they cast down the tyrants \* and wholly destroyed the demons' powerless presumption. \* O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since You are merciful.

**Kontakion — Tone 8** - O divine martyrs, you appeared as bright beacons, \* illumining all of creation with the radiance of your miracles; \* do not cease to entreat Christ to deliver us all from our maladies, \* and drive away from us the profound darkness of ignorance.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY** - is expressed to the following: Jennifer Robinson, 2/19. May God grant her a very happy birthday and keep her for many, happy and blessed years!

**AT OUR ANNUAL MEETING** – the following Officers were elected:

President:	Very Rev. Stephen Hutnick
Vice Pres.:	Alex Czernik
Secretary:	Nancy Hlywiak
Corresponding Sec.:	Jean Roeth
Treasurer:	Joseph Thurstlic
Financial Secretary:	Pani Elizabeth Hutnick
Assistant Fin. Sec.:	Sonya Patronik
Auditors:	John Plachuta, Kathy Duncan, Joseph Lum
Trustees:	Linda Hnatow (5 Yr.); Matthew Andreas (4 Yr.); Victor Kaliakin (3 Yr.); Lorraine Neff (2 Yr.); Ann Duncan (1 Yr.)

As a Parish Family, we offer our Congratulations and our Prayers. May God bless and keep them as they continue to serve the Church of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for many, happy and blessed years!

**BOY SCOUT SUNDAY** – we would like to welcome our Cub Scout Pack # 527 and their families and our Boy Scout Troop #70 “The Peacemakers” and their families. We will honor them at coffee hour today. May the Lord our God continue to guide these young men for many, happy and blessed years!!



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

Week of February 14 - Mark & Laura Andreas

Week of February 21 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of February 28 – Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Irene Maskaly

Week of March 7 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of March 14 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

Week of March 21 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

**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 ORDERS**

February 7 & 8

February 28 & March 1 **CANCELLED**

We will be Making pyrohy: Saturday, **March 5**; Saturday, **March 26**; Saturday, **April 2**

## **PICK UP**

February 18

March 11 **Cancelled**

**RULES FOR ATENDING SERVICES BY OUR SYNOD OF BISHOPS:** Those who have **not been vaccinated** must voluntarily wear masks at liturgy or other parish family events. Those who **have been vaccinated** but have been part of any gathering of people – indoors or outdoors – which includes individuals whose vaccination status is unknown to them should voluntarily wear masks during liturgy or other parish family events.

## **GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

February 20 - Nancy Tur, Zina Twardus

February 27 - John and Sandy Cramer

March 6 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik & Alexander Smith

March 13 - David and Eve Lazaration

**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.

## **READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

February 13 - Andrew Duncan

February 20 - Linda Hnatow

February 27 - Jean Roeth

March 7 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

March 14 – John Plachuta

## **TENTATIVE CALENDER OF EVENTS**

Sunday, February 13 – Installation of Officers

Sunday, February 13 – Scout Sunday

Sunday, March 6 – Cheesefare Sunday – Forgiveness Sunday

Monday, March 7 – 1<sup>st</sup> Day of the Great Fast

Saturday, April 9 – Spring Bazaar

Sunday, April 24 – Paskha

Sunday, May 1 – St. Thomas Sunday - Cemeteries

Sunday, July 17 – Patronal Dinner

Saturday, November 5 – Fall Bazaar

## **MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

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

February 13 – Lorraine Neff and Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

February 20 – Lorraine Neff and Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

February 27 – Ann Duncan and Linda Hnatow

March 6 - Ann Duncan and Linda Hnatow

March 13 – Matthew Andreas and Victor Kaliakin

March 20 - Matthew Andreas and Victor Kaliakin

March 27 – Lorraine Neff and Ann Duncan

April 3 – Lorraine Neff and Ann Duncan

**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 Ukrainiaan (yes it is misspelled and we've tried to correct it). Try it and help our Parish Family benefit from your shopping experience!

**IOCC RELIEF KITS** – Our UOL will be collecting items for the International Orthodox Christian Charities to provide relief in disaster areas. Beginning March 5, you can either donate a complete kit or any of the items so that we can make a kit. The items are: A one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure and fill it with the following items: One cotton hand towel measuring approximately 15" x 28" to 16" x 32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or microfiber); One cotton washcloth (no microfiber); One wide-tooth comb removed from the package; One fingernail or toenail clipper removed from the package; One bath-size bar of soap in the wrapper; One toothbrush in the package; Ten standard size Band-Aids. The IOCC has boots on the ground in any natural disaster any where in the world. Please help us to complete these kits to help them help others. Thank you.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL** – Archimandrite Raphael, Father Vasili Andrejuk, Father George Bazylevsky, Father Vasyl Dovhan, Father George Hnatko, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Andrew Molewski, Father John Nakonechney, Father James Norton, Father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Matushka Andrejuk, Matushka 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 Borowenski 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, Kathleen Dugan, Larry Dugan, Margaret Durell, 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, Michael Hnatow, Daniel Holoviak, Jennifer Huertes, Caroline Humphrey, Richard Humphrey, Sally Hutnick, Joette Jago, Stephen Johnson, Linda Josepinson, Elizabeth Kaliakin, Rosalie Ann Kane, Michael Kapelus, Sandra Kasch, Charles Kaszytski, Julia Kaszytski, Diane Keyser, Wendy Klinedinst, Judith Kocinski, Lorissa Kozakova, Ludmyla Krawchenko, Mykola Krawchenko, Volodymyr Krasnopera, Sue Kreisa-Christian, Marlene Kuhar, Karen Livick, Charles Lontor, Alla Lysenko, Jeremy Madea, 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, Lorraine 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, Daphne Pantelopulos, 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, Joella Seale, Clay Seman, Larissa Serth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Emily Smitheman, Kimberly Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Natalia Stanford, 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, 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 Zomcahk & James Zook.



## OUR LENTEN JOURNEY BEGINS!



**T**he Feast Day of the Resurrection of Our Lord is annually preceded by a lengthy period known as Great Lent. Many Christians, however, may not be aware that the Church also prescribes a PRE-LENTEN period to further emphasize the theme of REPENTANCE for us. In essence, then, our "journey to Pascha" begins today!



will not be tolerated by our loving Savior.

The Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee plays a significant role in the liturgical life of our Holy Church, for it is on this day that use of a special service book called the TRIODION begins. The Triodion is followed until Holy Saturday. Literally defined as "a song of three odes", the Triodion is structured in this manner to symbolize the Holy Trinity. The various hymns in these services remind us of how mankind sinned and fell out of God's grace. Ultimately we were redeemed by our Lord's death and His ensuing Resurrection.

During Matins on this, the first of our four pre-lenten Sundays, we hear the following words sung: "OPEN UNTO ME THE GATES OF REPENTANCE, O GIVER OF LIFE." We are reminded that a "change of spirit" is necessary for us to fully understand and appreciate the joyful message of the Resurrection of Christ. The parable of the PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE is placed before us today, pointing out to us that our Lord can dwell only in a contrite and humble heart. The proud and haughty attitude of the Pharisee

The icon of the Mystical Supper on today's Bulletin serves to remind us that, as we progress through the pre-lenten and lenten seasons, we must fondly look forward to the day when we will partake at the Lord's table in His Heavenly Kingdom.