



MAY YOU DARE TO DREAM

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

February 5, 2023
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Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of February 5 - 12, 2023
Celebrating our 96th year of Service to the Lord

THIS IS A FAST FREE WEEK!!!

Sunday, February 5 – 34th Sunday after Pentecost -Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee -
Tone 1

8:30 AM - Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

Wednesday, February 8

7:00 PM – Bible Study

Thursday, February 9 – St. Ephrem the Syrian

7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Panakhyda: +Stephania & +John Hnatow

Saturday, February 11

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

Sunday, February 12 – Sunday of the Prodigal Son – Feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs -
Tone 2

8:30 AM - Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Panakhyda: +Mary Eleanor Woods Smith – Elsie Moroz

Panakhyda: +Stephania Hnatow (12 Yrs.), +John Hnatow (9 Yrs.), +Dorothy
Tyrawski (40 Yrs.), +Joe (11 Yrs.) +Myroslava Kulp (17 Yrs.) &
Genevieve Luchejko (40 Days)

Souper Bowl Sunday – **A N N U A L M E E T I N G**



SCRIPTURAL READINGS

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

Monday – 2 Peter 1:20-2:9; Mark 13:9-13

Tuesday – St. Gregory the Theologian – Martins: John 9:39-10:9; Liturgy: 1 Corinthians 12:7-11; John 10:9-16; 1-9; Luke 20:45-21:4

Day: 2 Peter 2:9-22; Mark 13:14-23

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

Thursday - Translation Relics St. John Chrysostom: Matins: John 10:1-9; Liturgy: Hebrews 7:26-8:2; John 10:9-16; Day: 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 – Three Holy Hierarchs – Matins: Mark 16:1-8; Liturgy: Prodigal: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; Luke 15:11-32; Hierarchs: Hebrews 13:7-16; Matthew 5:14-19

PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE

The Pharisee and the Publican went into the Temple to pray. The one boasted of how strong his soul was; the other showed his wounds to the Physician of Souls. The proud Pharisee said: "O God, I give You thanks that I am not like the Publican". He set himself far above the other man. The other, with downcast eyes, not daring to raise them towards heaven, beat his breast saying, "O God be merciful to me a sinner."

And what did the Lord say? "Amen I say to you that the Publican went down into his house justified rather than the Pharisee because everyone that exalts himself shall be humbled and he that humbles himself shall be exalted."

Greater humility would be of immense value to us because we do not feel our own sinfulness enough. Archbishop Anthony Bloom writes in his book, *Courage to Pray*: "Unless we give up seeking a tangible, shining presence of the Lord, we are going towards our own judgment. If the Lord comes to us, we should receive Him with great joy and humility. But let us be careful not to seek mystical experience when we should be seeking repentance and conversion. That is the beginning of our cry to God: 'Lord, make me what I should be, change me whatever the cost.' And when we have said these dangerous words, we should be prepared for God to hear them... God wants our salvation with the determination due to its importance."

We should not, therefore, be like the Pharisee and falsify our encounter with God. Sometimes the several personalities we present to God are not ourselves. There is something of us in each of them but the whole person is missing. We should therefore seek to approach God in prayer as we truly are after sincere efforts to know ourselves better.

"HE WHO EXALTS HIMSELF WILL BE HUMBLER"



This morning, Orthodox Christians throughout the world take our first step on our annual journey to Paska. Today is the first of the Pre-Lenten Sundays, commonly known as the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee. Christ's famous parable concerning these two individuals is placed before us as we begin our lengthy spiritual pilgrimage that will take us to the joyful commemoration of our Lord's Resurrection.

Through observing the Publican and the Pharisee at prayer, we are provided with a wonderful insight into what is really pleasing to God. Pharisees were well respected within the Jewish community, for they were well versed in the Law of Moses. Everything they did - their prayer life, their ascetic practices, their

almsgiving - was carried out to the "letter" of the law. Publicans were tax collectors, employed by the Romans to cheat their own people. They were looked upon with disdain, and were perceived as being "traitors" to their nation.

This parable beautifully shows us that God looks at what is in a person's heart rather than the image he projects. Through his own words, the Pharisee is exposed for being a proud and arrogant man. The Publican, however, proves to be the better man, as he humbly asks the Lord to be merciful unto him.

As we approach the Great Fast, the Church urges us to prepare ourselves for it with great humility, being mindful of our sinfulness. Without humility, we cannot return to God as we are called upon to do during the Lenten Season. May the words of the Kondak hymn for this Sunday guide us in the penitential weeks ahead: "Let us flee from the words of the boastful Pharisee and learn the humility

of the Publican, crying out to our Savior: Have mercy on us, O You who alone are merciful!"

For this Sunday, we begin the Lenten Triodion. Let us meditate on some of the verse from Vespers and Matins: The Pharisee, overcome with his pride, and the Publican, bent down in repentance, came before You, the only Lord: the first trusted in himself and was deprived of Your blessings; the other spoke but a few words and received Your blessings in abundance. Behold my tears and strengthen me, O Christ our God, for You are indeed the Lover of Mankind.

Because of my sins my eyes are weighed down, and I can no longer raise them up to see the light of heaven. But grant that I may repent like the Publican; O Lord, have mercy on me.

Open to me the doors of repentance, O Giver of Life. As we worship in Your Temple this morning, teach us how to purify the temples of our bodies, and in Your compassion, purify me by the goodness of Your mercies.

Vain pretensions deprive us of every good deed while humility purifies us of every evil. O faithful, let us embrace the ways of humility and totally despise the ways of vain-glory.

O faithful let us humble ourselves. With tears and sighs let us strike our conscience so that on the day of eternal judgment we may be found without reproach and may obtain forgiveness. For this is the true repose that we hope to see one day and for which we now pray. It is the repose from which all pain, sorrow and sighing are absent. It is the marvelous garden and the new Eden which Christ has gained for us; for He is the Word of God and coeternal with the Father.

REALITY OF SIN

From the very beginning of the human race, we find evasive tactics employed by Adam and Eve. Falling prey to the clever seductive devices of Satan, our first parents attempted to hide from God and "cover up" their sin.

David the King is another good example of an attempted "cover up". He sinned by coveting his neighbor's wife, Bathsheba, and arranging for her husband's death. After trying to maintain an aura of innocence, he was exposed for what he was by the Prophet Nathan. It was only then that he admitted his sin and repented. In his sorrow, he composed some beautiful penitential psalms admitting his weakness and sins.

In Psalm 50, he prays, "O God, have mercy on me. In the greatness of your love. In the abundance of your tender mercies wipe out my offense. Wash me thoroughly from malice and cleanse me from sin, for I am well aware of my malice and my sin is before me always. It is You alone I have offended. I have done evil in your sight"

There is no doubt an admission or compression of guilt can lift a great burden from one's conscience. It is also required for God's forgiveness. The ghost of sin does not disappear easily. It may haunt a person unmercifully until confessed. Only then does that person find relief. "Cover-up" does not work. The Book of Proverbs tells us, "He who conceals his sins shall not prosper, but whoever acquits and forsakes them shall obtain mercy."

Pride is the sower of evil; humility is the antidote, the spiritual cure for this elusive disease. Practicing true humility can radically change our relationship with God for the better. Humility goes with reverent fear of God. It is a realization of who we are in an eyeball to eyeball encounter with our Creator.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE WAR IN UKRAINE - On the morning of February 24, 2022, as dawn broke over Ukraine, Russia declared war in the form of a "special military operation" against Ukraine. It was at 4 am on that day that the war in Ukraine began with a strike of a rocket. With a 7-hour time difference - it was 9pm on February 23, 2022 on the East coast of the United States of America. Millions of innocent children, men and women became refugees overnight in the neighboring Poland, Moldova, Germany and other countries, including the United States of America. Thousands of men and women lost their lives while protecting the peace and life and Ukraine. Thousands of civilians lost their homes and belongings.... Over a thousand children have been wounded and killed. Millions of people worldwide have felt the consequences of the war in Ukraine, due to food shortage, etc. That is the reality of a yearlong unprovoked war of Russian in Ukraine. Please join us at the Spiritual Center of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA in South Bound Brook/Somerset, NJ for a commemorative Prayer Vigil on February 23, 2023 at 8pm in order to embrace the people and nation of Ukraine with reflections and prayers, as the world marks the first anniversary of this barbaric attack on civilization. The Prayer Vigil will take place at the Ukrainian Cultural Center (135 Davidson Ave; Somerset, NJ 08873) at 8pm, marking the first moments of the strikes/attacks in Ukraine.

With prayers for the people of Ukraine,
+Daniel, Archbishop of the UOC of the USA

ANGELS OF LOVE – to commemorate the 1-year anniversary of the war in Ukraine, we ask that children create and send Angels of Love to the Consistory of the UOC of USA by February 19 to be displayed in support of Ukraine's battle for freedom. A template and instructions are available on the web site (www.uocofusa.org). Please also display a few Angels in your Parish as well. Please take some pictures to be sent to the Consistory as well. Please ship all Angels to Archbishop Daniel, 135 Davidson Ave., Somerset, NJ 08873.

PATRONAL FEASTDAY LITURGY OF ST. SOPHIA SEMINARY – An Archpastoral Liturgy will be celebrated on Saturday, February 11 beginning at 10AM. St. Sophia Seminary is located at 1950 Easton Avenue, Somerset, NJ 08873. All are invited to attend.

ENVELOPES FOR 2023 – The Church envelopes and Calendars for 2019 are ready and can be picked up in the back of the Church.

MEATLOAF LUNCH – Our Parish Sisterhood is sponsoring a Meatloaf Lunch on Meatfare Sunday, February 19. All are invited to participate.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY – Our UOL is sponsoring Souper Bowl Sunday on Sunday, February 12 (before our Annual Meeting) All proceeds will be given to ST. Andrew Society for their help of the Soup Kitchens of Ukraine.

ANNUAL MEETING – Our Annual Meeting will be moved from Sunday, February 5 to Sunday, February 12 due to the ordination to the Subdeaconate of Marc Jaskolka by His Eminence Metropolitan Antony at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Dover, DE on Sunday, February 5. Please make a note of the change in the date and please plan to attend as we shall discuss where we are going in the following year!

NOTE OF THANKS

I would like to express my sincerest thanks to all those who donated to the Church in Memory of my Dad, +John Cramer. Your expressions of love have touched me deeply and I am grateful for your kindness.

With love, Sandy Cramer

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.

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!

READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 5 - Jean Roeth

February 12 – John Plachuta

February 19 - Andrew Duncan

February 26 - Linda Hnatow

March 5 – Thomas Sulpizi

March 12 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

WINE TASTING – We will be looking for a new date in either September or October. We made a profit of \$1450 in the last one. Look forward to seeing you again in the Fall!

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

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GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 5 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik

February 12 - David and Eve Lazaration

February 19 - Zina Twardus and Nancy Tur

February 26 - Sandy Cramer

PREPARATIONS FOR THE SPRING BAZAAR – MAKING PYROHY

Saturday, February 25; Saturday, March 11; Saturday, March 25

PARISH SERVICE FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE – We will celebrate a joint service for Peace in Ukraine on the first anniversary of the beginning of the war in Ukraine with our friends of the Episcopal Church. This service will begin at 1PM. Please plan to attend.

TENTATIVE CALENDER OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 12 – ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, February 12 – Souper Bowl Sunday (UOL)

Sunday, February 19 – Meatloaf Dinner (Meatfare Sunday)

Sunday, February 26 – Joint Prayer Service with the Episcopal Church
For Peace in Ukraine 1PM

Monday, February 27 – First Day of the Fast

Saturday, April 1 – Spring Bazaar

Sunday, April 16 – Paskha

Sunday, April 23 – St. Thomas Sunday – Cemetery Visitations

Sunday, May 14 – Mother's Day Dinner

Sunday, June 18 – Father's Day Dinner

Sunday, July 16 – Patronal Feast Day

Saturday, August 5 – UOL Flea Market

Saturday, November 4 – Fall Bazaar

Tuesday, November 21 – Community Thanksgiving Service – Holly Oak Calvary
Methodist Church 7PM

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of February 6 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of February 13 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

Week of February 20 - Mark & Laura Andreas

Week of February 27 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of March 6 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

January 15 – Linda Hnatow and Matthew Andreas

January 22 - Linda Hnatow and Matthew Andreas

January 29 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

February 5 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

February 12 – Ann Duncan and Linda Hnatow

February 19 – Linda Hnatow and Matthew Andreas

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL – Metropolitan Antony, Archimandrite Raphael, Father Vasili Andrejuk, Father George Bazylevsky, father Constantine Christo, Father Vasyl Dovhan, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Andrew Molewski, Father John Nakonechney, Father James Norton, Father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Matushka Andrejuk, Matushka Laura Odell, Matushka Lisa Weremedic, Alicia, Nerry, Mykola, Brennan, Deborah, Galina, Dolores, Julian, Madison, Maria, Matt, Michele, Mykola, Penelope, Rita, Ryan, Randy Allen, Carolyn Angelo, Colby Atkinson, Shannon Austin, Stephania Bacha, Joyce Belles, Neil Belles, Ethel Bernhard, Yaroslav Bilinsky, Irene Billon, Maria Borowenski Betty Bosland, Becky Bosley, Angie Brengle, Paul Brengle, Patricia Bringle, Richard Bringle, Thomas Bringle, John Brick, Fedir Bukacz, Christine Cain, Mark Cello, Mildred (Myrophora) Christo, Erik Colazo, Alex Czernik, Sharon Dalaski, Stephen Dalecki, David Dalldorf, Peter DiVirgilio, James Dudrick, Kathleen Dugan, Margaret Durell, Mary Eagleton, Rose Eldridge, Thomas Fagan, Archantula Fanjoy, James Garrett, Lisa Gee, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovnirov, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Richard Haslam, Rick Hastings, Celeste Heiser, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Alicia Hlywak, John Hlywak, John Hnatow, Michael Hnatow, Daniel Holoviak, Jennifer Huertes, Sally Hutnick, Joette Jago, Stephen Johnson, Linda Josepinson, Rosalie Ann Kane, Michael Kapelus, Charles Kaszytski, Julia Kaszytski, Walter Katolik, 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, Frederick McCarthy, Beth McKirachan, Fred McKirachan, Stephen McNulty, Ronald Michel, Mary Ann Michalcewicz, Michelle Michalcewiz, Lisa Miller, Matthew Miller, Mary Elizabeth Moran, Barry Morris, Elsie Moroz, Linda Muldoon, Karen Needham, Julie Neff, Lorraine Neff, Ann Nester, Laurie Newman, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Anthony Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry Pinkowicz, Bernice Pinkowicz, Ryan Pinkowicz, Daphne Pantelopulos, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Roman, Jeff Rozwadowski, John Ruczhak, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, Isaac Schmidt, Joella Seale, Clay Seman, John Serth, 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, Michael Synczyszyn, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, Alexandra Sparco, Lydia Thomas, Brysen Tomei, Dominic Tomei, Mark Tomei, Violet Tomei, Aria Tonner, Mariel Trimble, Martha Vignali, Jack Vognetz, Margaret Vognetz, Marilyn Wagner, Olena Wasylevska, James Watts, Chris Way, Leah Way, Barbara Weeks, Peter Weremedic, Stephen Wienkowitz, Laura Worley, Jack Ziegler & James Zook.

WE ALL HAVE DREAMS

Many thoughts and emotions rush over us as we walk through a cemetery. People are buried there that have come before us, all with unique life experiences. Some even leave behind testimonials to remember them by. Recently seen on a monument for a young person was this lovely phrase: **“PLEASE WATCH WHERE YOU STEP -- A DREAM LIES BURIED HERE.”**

What a beautiful sentiment! Did you ever think of yourself as someone's dream? You are, you know. Before this world ever saw you, your parents dreamed of you. When you were a child, they had visions of your happiness and laughter; then as you grew, they dreamed of your future. They saw a vision of the life they hoped you would live.

Dreams are gifts from God. The Holy Bible mentions them countless times. St. Joseph saw an angel in his dream and Christ was born! St. Stephen saw a vision of Christ just before his death. Even the Church has dreams for you! She has a vision of you and your soul devoted to God. She places all Her trust and future in you. Our Lord expressed this in His prayer in Gethsemane that we would all love each other and that we would all be one.

So, when you are flush with anger . . . hold your tongue and don't speak harsh words. Remember, you may be stepping on someone's dream. Be loving and gentle with your OWN dreams while allowing the OTHER person the privilege of their dreams. The world would be a bleak place if men and women had not dared to dream. Imagine what would have been lost if we were not able to invent, discover, conquer and cure. After all, they all started as dreams! May we strive to exceed the dreams our Lord and our loved ones have envisioned for us.