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## 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 7, 2021**  
**Volume 57: Number 06**  
**Schedule of Services and Activities**  
**Week of February 12, 2021**  
**Celebrating our 94<sup>th</sup> year of Service to the Lord**

**Sunday, February 7– 35<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 2**

**8:30 – 9:00 AM - Confessions**

**9:15 AM – Hours**

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

**Special Souper Bowl Sunday (eat in or take out) Helps Soup Kitchens in  
Ukraine – Sisterhood Board Meeting**

**Monday, February 8 – St. Xenophant**

**7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy**

**11:00 AM – Funeral Service for +Alla Rudawsky**

**Tuesday, February 9**

**6:30 PM – Zoom Board Meeting**

**Thursday, February 11**

**6:00 PM – Great Vespers for the Feast**

**Friday, February 12 – Feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs**

**8:00 AM – Divine Liturgy**

**Sunday, February 14 – Sunday of Zacchaeus - Tone 3**

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS

35<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – St. Gregory the Theologian – Matins: Mark 16:1-8; Timothy 1:15-17; Luke 18:35-43

Monday – James 2:14-26; Mark 10:46-52

Tuesday – James 3:1-10; Mark 11:11-23

Wednesday – James 3:11-4:6; Mark 11:23-26

Thursday – James 4:7-5:9; Mark 11:27-33; Great Vespers: Deuteronomy. (1:8-11; 15-17); Deuteronomy. (10: 14-21); Wisdom. (3:1-9)

Friday – Feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs – Matins: John 10:9-16; Liturgy: Hebrews 13:7-16; Matthew 5:14-19; Day: 1 Peter 1: 1-2, 10-12-2:7-10; Mark 12:1-12

Saturday – 1 Thessalonians 5:14-23; Luke 17:3-10

Sunday of Zacchaeus – Matins: Mark 16:9-20; Liturgy: 1 Timothy 4:9-15; Luke 19:1-10

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### Saint Xenophon

**(Commemorated on January 26/ February 8)**

Saint Xenophon, his wife Maria, and their sons Arcadius and John, were noted citizens of Constantinople and lived in the fifth century. Despite their riches and position, they distinguished themselves by their simplicity of soul and goodness of heart. Wishing to give their sons John and Arcadius a more complete education, they sent them off to the Phoenician city of Beirut.

By divine Providence the ship on which both brothers sailed was wrecked. The waves tossed the brothers ashore at different places. Grieved at being separated, the brothers dedicated themselves to God and became monks. For a long time the parents had no news of their children and presumed them to be dead.

Xenophon, however, already quite old, maintained a firm hope in the Lord and consoled his wife Maria, telling her not to be sad, but to believe that the Lord watched over their children. After several years the couple made a pilgrimage to the holy places, and at Jerusalem they met their sons, living in asceticism at different monasteries. The joyful parents gave thanks to the Lord for reuniting the family.

Sts Xenophon and Maria went to separate monasteries and dedicated themselves to God. The monks Arcadius and John, having taken leave of their parents, went out into the wilderness, where after long ascetic toil they were glorified by gifts of wonderworking and

discernment. Sts Xenophon and Maria, laboring in silence and strict fasting, also received from God the gift of wonderworking.

#### **Troparion - Tone 4**

O God of our Fathers, \* always act with kindness towards us; \* take not Your mercy from us, \* but guide our lives in peace \* through the prayers of Venerable Xenophon and his family.

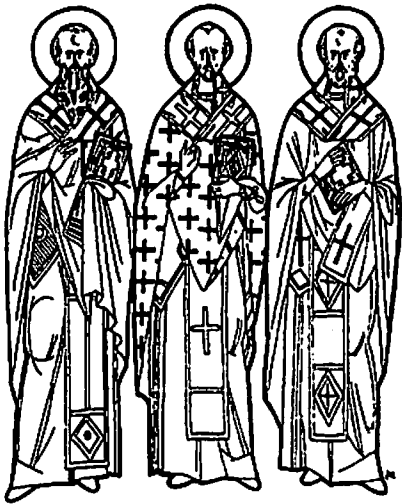
#### **Kontakion - Tone 4**

You kept vigil in the courts of the Lord with your wife and two children, blessed Xenophon, \* and you gladly lavished your wealth on the poor. \* Therefore, you have inherited divine joy.

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#### **Feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs**

THREE HIERARCHS



On January 30 (February 12) we celebrate the memory of three great and very outstanding bishops, teachers, preachers and Fathers of the Eastern Church: St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory the Theologian and St. John Chrysostom. Among our people this feast is known as the feast of the "Three Saints." These three hierarchs-bishops were giants of faith, courage, holiness and learning. They handed down to us the pure faith of the Council of Nicea; they expounded the dogmas of the Holy Trinity, Christ's divinity and the Holy Eucharist. Because of their great merits, in her liturgy our Eastern Church calls them peers of the Apostles, instruments of the Holy Spirit, pillars of the Church and universal teachers of the whole world. All three lived in the fourth century-the golden age of the Christian faith. St. Basil and St. Gregory were sons of Cappadocia in Asia

Minor, intimate friends of approximately the same age. St. John Chrysostom, an Antiochian, was younger than the other two by twenty years. Apostolic zeal for the holy faith and salvation of souls united them. .

The feast of the Three Hierarchs is one of the very recent feasts of the Greek Church. A great dispute in the second half of the eleventh century gave rise to the institution of this feast. This controversy arose among Christians over which of these three Saints contributed the most to the Church. Some thought St. Basil to be the greatest, others, St.

Gregory the Theologian, still others, St. John Chrysostom. Those who were advocates of St. Basil were called Basilians, those of St. Gregory- Gregorians, and those of St. John Chrysostom-Joanites. This dispute was settled by the three bishops themselves. Each one separately, and later all three together, appeared to John, Bishop of the city of Echaïta (a suburb of Constantinople), who was known for his wisdom, learning and virtue, and said: "We, as you can see, are one before God and there is nothing between us that is contrary or controversial; each one of us, differently inspired by the Holy Spirit, taught that which was necessary for the salvation of man. Therefore, there is no first or second among us, but as you call one so shall the others be called. Arise, then, and command those who are arguing over us, not to divide themselves, for as during life, so too after death, our goal is to bring peoples from all comers of the earth to peace and unity. Institute, therefore, the celebration of our memory on the same day, as all three of us are of the same rank before God, and we shall help those to achieve salvation, who shall celebrate our memory."

In 1076, Bishop John did as the three bishops commanded him. However, because the holy Church already celebrated the memory of each one separately, he designated the 30th of January as the day for their common feast. In addition to this, he had a sermon in their honor, and composed troparions, canons and sticheras. Our chronicles at the end of 1076 mention the institution of this feast in Greece.

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY** - is expressed to the following: Victor Melnychenko, 2/8 & Karen Humphrey, 2/13. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY** – is offered to the children and their families of the newly departed Servant of God, +Alla Rudawsky, who fell asleep in the Lord early Thursday morning. Funeral Services will be celebrated on Monday, February 8 beginning at 11:00 AM. There will be no viewing. Please remember the newly departed Servant of God, +Alla, in your prayers, asking God to place her soul in the abode of the Saints, where there is no pain, sorrow nor mourning but only life everlasting. Please also remember the family that God may give them His strength in this, their hour of need.

**SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY** – Today is **Souper Bowl Sunday**. Our UOL is sponsoring an "eat in or take out" soup menu. All proceeds benefits Saint Andrew Society who cares for the needy in soup kitchens in Ukraine as well as helping our Seminarians financially. Please plan to participate in this worthy cause.

## **MEETINGS**

**SISTERHOOD BOARD** – Sunday, February 7 after Liturgy

**PARISH BOARD MEETING** – Tues., February 9 @ 6:30 PM (Zoom & In- Person)

**PARISH PLANNING COMMITTEE** – Sunday, February 21 after Liturgy

**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.

## **GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

February 7 - David & Eve Lazaration

February 14 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik & Alexander Smith

February 21 - Nancy Tur, Zina Twardus

February 28 - John and Sandy Cramer

## **READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

January 31 - Andrew Duncan

February 7 - Linda Hnatow

February 14 - Jean Roeth

February 21 - John Plachuta

February 28 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

**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!

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

Week of February 8 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

Week of February 15 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

Week of February 22 - Mark & Laura Andreas

March 1 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** – our sister in the Lord, Maria Russak, who was placed in hospice at St. Francis Hospital on Friday.

### **NEW PYROHY SCHEDULE**

#### **ORDERS TAKEN**

February 15 & 16

March 1 & 2

March 8 & 9

#### **PICK UP**

Friday, February 26 – 12Noon Appt. Needed

Saturday, March 27 11AM – 3PM Appt. Needed

In order to fill the orders, we will be making pyrohy on the following dates: Saturday, February 20; Saturday March 6; If needed Saturday, March 20.

**“PATRONS PATH”**: A Tribute to the Faithful Founders, Families, Stewards and Supporters of this Holy Temple and All Who Worship Here. - 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](http://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)

January 31 - Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

February 7 – Thomas Bringle and Linda Hnatow

February 14 – Thomas Bringle and Linda Hnatow

February 21 – Ann Duncan and Victor Kaliakin

February 28 – Ann Duncan and Victor Kaliakin

March 7 – Loraine Neff and Thomas Bringle

March 14 – Lorraine Neff and Thomas Bringle



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

Masks **MUST** be worn during the service – if you do not have one, a mask will be provided. \* **PLEASE:** if you have a fever of over 100°, or have any symptoms: **PLEASE STAY HOME!!** 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 – 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.

### *Three Holy Bishops*

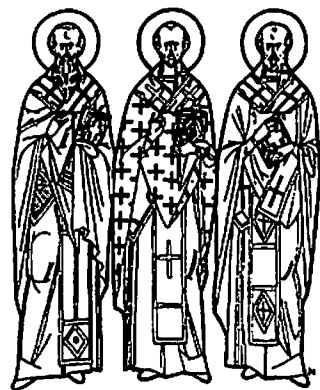


**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL – Metropolitan Antony, Archimandrite Raphael, Father Vasili Andrejuk, Father George Bazylevsky, Father Paul Bigelow, Father John Bohush, Father Vasyl Dovhan, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Andrew Molewski, Father John Nakonechney, Father James Norton, Father Myron Oryhon, Father Victor Wronskyj, Father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Pani Matka OPksana Bazylevsky, Pani Matka Linda Oryhon, Pani Dobrodyka Lisa Weremedic, Alicia, Nerry, Mykola, Brennan, Deborah, 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, 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, Robert 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, 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, Maria Russak, Anthony Saldutti, 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 Szvec, 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, Michael Wardigo, Olena Wasylevska, James Watts, Chris Way, Leah Way, Barbara Weeks, Peter Weremedic, Stephen Wienkowitz, Laura Worley, & James Zook.**

## FEAST OF THE THREE HOLY HIERARCHS

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THREE HIERARCHS



**ANTIOCH** - St. John Chrysostom was born in Antioch, Syria in 344; **BASIL** - He is called St. Basil the Great because of his full dedication to the Church. His Divine Liturgy is celebrated 10 days in the year. **BISHOPS** - St. John, St. Gregory and St. Basil were great Bishops. **CONSTANTINOPLE** - ST. John Chrysostom became Patriarch of Constantinople. **CHRYSOSTOM** - By the time St. John became Patriarch, he was given this name which means "golden mouthed" because he was an eloquent preacher. **FEBRUARY** - This holy day fall on February 12<sup>th</sup>. **GOLDEN** - see Chrysostom. **GREGORY** - St. Gregory is called the "Theologian" because of the eloquent way he defended the great doctrines of the Church. **HIERARCHS** - Another name for Bishops. **HOSPITAL** - St. Basil founded the first hospital. **JOHN** - The greatest preacher of the Church; his Divine Liturgy is celebrate almost every Sunday and weekday. **LITURGY** - The divine service celebrated every Sunday. Liturgy means "Public service" **LUMINARIES** - The Three Hierarchs are called this meaning "lights". **MONASTIC** - St. Basil founded the rules and laws for being part of monastery. **NAZIANZEN** - Native city of St. Gregory. **PATRIARCH** - The lead Bishop of the Orthodox, Christian Church. **SAINTS** - Holy men and women who lived lives of love for Christ. **THEOLOGIAN** - see "Gregory"; scholar knowing theology.

◆ ◆ ◆ TURN AWAY FROM SIN ◆ ◆ ◆

**T**he Bible portrays humanity as wayward and wandering sheep. Usually the reason we go astray is we are tempted by SIN. Jesus came to save us and died on the Cross to defeat the ultimate enemies - sin and death.

We think as humans we can flirt with temptation. Satan dangles temptation right in front of us. We think we can get very close to the edge and walk away. We know the action is wrong and yet we toy with it. But Satan's power ends there. He cannot force us into temptation. His power stops at the edge of our will, when we make the right decision with the help of our Lord. Jesus puts it simply: *"Whoever commits sin is a slave of sin."* (John 8:34)

Having experienced great temptation himself, Apostle Peter wrote later in life, *"Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion . . . Resist him, standing firm in the faith . . ."* (1 Peter 5:8-9) We must always be alert for attacks at every turn. God gives us the strength and wisdom to recognize when we are tempted. Rely on Him for strength to resist. Respond to the lies of Satan with the truth of God's Word.

Remember that a big fall starts with a little stumble. Wayward sheep need the guidance of the Shepherd to seek and to save us. We can, with God's love and support, successfully resist Satan and his most enticing tactics!