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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

**CELEBRATE LIFE IN CHURCH BEFORE OTHERS MOURN**

Dear Abby: About five or six years ago, you printed a wonderful piece written by a preacher in Port Orchard, Washington. It was a tongue-in-cheek poem advising people not to put off going to Church. Will you please print it again? I sure like it. A BAPTIST MINISTER IN DALLAS

Dear Minister: Here it is. I sure like it, too.

**DEAR CHURCH MEMBER:**

Don't wait until the hearse hauls you to church. If you do -

- 1) You will go, regardless of the weather.
- 2) You will go, regardless of the condition of your body.
- 3) There will be beautiful flowers there, but you won't enjoy them.
- 4) You will go, regardless of how your family feels.
- 5) The minister may say many good things, but they will do you no good.
- 6) There will be beautiful music, but you won't hear it.
- 7) There will be heartfelt prayers, but they will not touch your heart.
- 8) There will be friends and relatives there, but you won't worship with them.
- 9) You will go, no matter how many hypocrites there are.
- 10) You will go, no matter how much you are needed at home or at work.
- 11) You will receive no blessing from the service.
- 12) You won't feel concerned about your clothes.
- 13) You will never have to decide about attending Church again.

Aren't you glad to be alive and well and full of zest and able to choose to go to church? WALTER NUESSELE, PASTOR, PORT ORCHARD, WASH.

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## "I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD"

There is no worse feeling in life than that of loneliness, and many men and women go through life genuinely believing that no one cares about them. Our streets are filled with individuals whose lives are a reflection of hopelessness and despair. Such feelings affect those on all levels of society. They touch the rich as

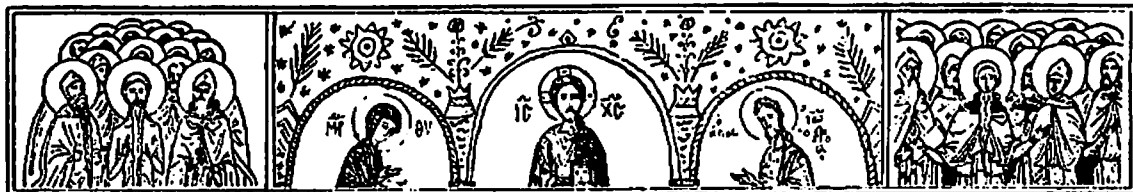
well as the poor. You do not have to be "homeless" to feel a sense of abandonment. Often, those who seemingly have everything find themselves quite alone, surrounded by their possessions.



As Orthodox Christians, we must believe with all our hearts that we are never alone. Our blessed Savior left this world with these final words of comfort for us: "Lo, I am with you always!" Christ described Himself in the Gospel of John as being the "Good Shepherd". "I am the Good Shepherd, and I know my sheep and they know Me." (John

10:14). We have a God Who cares about us! What a wonderful thought! Just as a shepherd knows every member of his flock, Christ knows us and loves us all! He is always only a prayer away. He reminds us that "... everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks, finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened" (Matthew 7:8).

It is only human to sometimes feel "down". Still, we are never "out", for our Lord is always with us! Take your troubles and worries to Him. He will ease them. Turn to Him with your questions. He will provide answers. Go to Him when you are weary. He will give you rest.



## **A THOUGHT TO PONDER**

*"The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners; but I received mercy for this reason that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display His perfect patience for an example to those who were to believe in Him for eternal life" (1 Timothy 1:15-16).*

President Coolidge never wasted words. One Sunday he returned to the White House after attending church alone. "Was the sermon good?" his wife asked. "Yes," he answered. "What was it about?" "Sin." "What did the minister say?" "He was against it."

"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us" (I John 1:8). Yet we do say we have no sin - many of us. It is easy to fool ourselves because as Aristotle said, the easiest person in the world to deceive is oneself. Sin is dangerous and deceptive precisely because it is so blind to itself. It calls "evil good and good evil." It puts "darkness for light and light for darkness." It puts "bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter" (Isaiah 5:20).

It belongs to the nature of sin to blind as it grows; the more you have of it, the less you see of it. That is why people who do not believe in God and ignore His Church are always the first to protest that they are not sinners. They find the words of St. Paul to Timothy distasteful: "...Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners... (I Timothy 1:15). It is the nature of sin to blind us to itself. As William Temple said, "No crime looks so bad to the man who has committed it as to the man who has kept clear of it. As soon as we have done something that is nasty, we have blunted our own capacity to be disgusted, we have tarnished the mirror in which we are to look at our own reflection." Yet the experts who are being quoted today are the great sinners. The movie actress is quoted in the magazine as an authority on men. After all, she's had seven husbands! The wealthy sportsman is quoted in the newspaper concerning automobiles. He's an authority - having had seven wrecks. But the poor amateurs who have never failed in marriage, or wrecked a car, what do they know! Thus it comes to pass, as Jesus said, that the blind become the leaders of the blind!

Sin in Greek (hamartia) means a failure to hit the bull's eye; failure to be what God created us to be. Sin is failure to treat our fellow humans as human beings created in the image and likeness of God. Sin is hubris, pride, making oneself instead of God, the center of the universe. Sin is refusing to let God love us. Sin is anything that creates distance between God and man. If you keep all the commandments and disobey just one, you have sinned. Sin is not realizing that the extra coat in the closet belongs to him who shivers out in the cold because he has none; the extra loaf of bread in our pantry belongs to him who

is dying of starvation in Bangladesh. Sin is what makes me put my own desires before everything else. It's what makes me lack pity for others; it's what takes away my courage in the face of difficulties; it's what makes me lose my faith in God; it's what makes me envy even those I love; it's what keeps my tongue tied when just a word is needed to heal; it's what makes me give excuses for not doing acts of mercy and love; it's what keeps me from spending more time with God in prayer; it's what clouds the vision of God for us and makes us afraid of the light. Plato once said: "We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light."

A sense of sin can lead either to despair or to God. Paul says that it is meant to lead us to God; to the forgiveness, peace and new life that only He can give.

There is something bigger than sin - and that is God's grace. "Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound" (Romans 5:20). God's grace is always greater than any sin. That is why Paul emphasizes, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (I Timothy 1:15).

If Christianity talks much about sin, it is because it alone has the cure for sin. "I came into the world not the righteous, but the sinners to repentance," said Jesus. A doctor was once asked how he could endure being in the presence of so much disease with all its pain and suffering. He replied, "I always look at disease from the curative standpoint. We Christians always look at sin from the curative standpoint.

The first sermon Jesus ever preached dealt with the cure for sin: "Repent!" make an about face, a U-turn. Return to the God Whom you have left; Whom your sin has crucified. He will forgive you and accept you and give you the power to become a new person in Christ.

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### **GOD SAID NO**

I asked God to take away my pride and God said "NO".  
He said it's not for Him to take away, but for me to give up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole, and God said, "NO".  
He said, Her spirit IS whole, her body is only temporary.

I asked God to grant me patience, and He said, "NO".  
Patience is a by-product of tribulation. It isn't granted, it is earned.

I asked God to give me happiness, and He said, "NO".  
He gives blessings, happiness is up to me.

I asked God to spare me pain, and He said, "NO".  
Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and draws you close to Me.

I asked God to make my spirit grow, and God said, "NO".  
He said I must grow it on my own. He will help me with regular pruning.

I asked God if He loved me, and God said, "YES".  
He gave His only Son to die for me. And that is why I shall be in heaven with Him one day.

So I asked God to help me love others as much as He loves me.  
And He said, "Ahh! So you finally got the point!"

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY** - is expressed to the following: Adam Roch, 1/31; Vera Muntyanu, 2/3; Keith Beaudean, 2/4; Michael Moroz, 2/4 & John Cramer, 2/5. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

**SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY** – Next Sunday, February 7 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**

January 31 - John and Sandy Cramer

February 7 - David & Eve Lazaration

February 14 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik & Alexander Smith

February 21 - Nancy Tur, Zina Twardus

## 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 1 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson  
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

## 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**

(Please 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

### **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.



**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, 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 Borowski 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, Robert 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, 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 Szewc, 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.

## "A TEACHER OF TEACHERS"

**S**aint Anthony the Great is considered to be one of the most prominent monastic saints of the Orthodox Church. Most of his 105 years were spent living a life of asceticism in the deserts of Egypt. Still, for all of his contributions to the development of monasticism, Anthony is, perhaps, best remembered for his role as a wise counselor and a brilliant teacher. People from all walks of life and from all parts of the known world would seek him out, eagerly searching for advice and for answers to troubling questions. What is most amazing about this is that St. Anthony had no formal education! Much of what he knew concerning the meaning of man's existence simply came from memorizing the Scriptures.

Here is an example of the profound advice that St. Anthony would pass on to his followers: **"LEARN TO DESIRE HUMILITY, FOR THAT WILL COVER ALL YOUR SINS. ALL SIN IS HATEFUL TO GOD, BUT THE MOST HATEFUL OF ALL IS PRIDE OF HEART. DO NOT CONSIDER YOURSELF LEARNED OR WISE, OR ALL YOUR TOIL WILL BE LOST AND YOUR SHIP WILL ARRIVE EMPTY AT THE SHORE."** St. Anthony knew well the importance of humility. He was keenly aware that pride in one's own accomplishments was contrary to the lifestyle that Christ established for us. Our Lord Himself warned us that: **"HE WHO HUMBLER HIMSELF WILL BE EXALTED, AND HE WHO EXALTS HIMSELF WILL BE HUMBLED."** (Matthew 23:12)

It is no wonder that the Church refers to St. Anthony the Great as "a teacher of teachers." This beloved saint fell asleep in the Lord in 356 A.D.

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