HOLY PREEMINENT APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL

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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

July 12, 2026
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Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of July 12 - 19, 2026
Celebrating our 99th year of Service to the Lord

Sunday, July 12 - 6th Sunday after Pentecost – Feast of Saints Peter and Paul - Tone 5
8:30 AM – Confessions
9:15 AM – Prayers before Communion
9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful
Panakhyda: +Estelle Hlywiak - Family
Special Patronal Dinner

Monday, July 13 – Synaxis of the 12 Apostles
7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, July 14
6:00 PM – Cooking for Emmanuel Dining Hall

Saturday, July 18
10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy (Holy Trinity – Whaleyville, MD)

Sunday, July 19 - 7th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 6
8:30 AM – Confessions
9:15 AM – Prayers before Communion
9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful
Coffee Hour

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WELCOME YOUR EMINENCE - We are honored to have with us our Spiritual Father, His Eminence, Metropolitan +Antony as we celebrate our Patronal Feast Day. May God grant him many, happy and blessed years as he continues to serve God by serving His people!

IT"S SUMMER TIME – a time to relax in the sun, take some down time, enjoy our vacations. Please don't forget about your Parish as we cannot get a vacation from our bills. Treasurer, Mark Andreas

SCRIPTURE READINGS

6th Sunday – Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul – Matins: Luke 24:36-53; Liturgy: Romans 12:6-14; Matthew 9:1-8; Feast – 2 Corinthians 11:21-12:9; Matthew 16:13-19
Monday – Synaxis of the 12 Apostles – 1 Corinthians 4:9-16; Mark 3:13-19; Day: 1 Corinthians 5:9-6:11; Matthew 13:54-58
Tuesday – 1 Corinthians 5:20-7:12; Matthew 14:1-13
Wednesday – Placing of the Robe of the Mother of God Hebrews 9:1-7; Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28; Day: 1 Corinthians 7:12-24; Matthew 14:35-15:11
Thursday – 1 Corinthians 7:24-35; Matthew 15:12-21
Friday – 1 Corinthians 7:35-8:7; Matthew 15:29-31
Saturday – Romans 12:1-3; Matthew 10:37-11:1
7th Sunday – Matins: John 20:1-10; Liturgy: Romans 15:1-7; Matthew 9:27-35

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SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul came to be observed early in the history of the Church. Although they died at different times and places in the city of Rome, their commemoration has universally been kept on the same day to highlight the central role they had in the foundation of the early Church. It is for this same reason that they are called the "Leaders of the Apostles" in the Liturgy.

Saint Peter who original name was Simon, was a fisherman in Galilee when Jesus called him to be His disciple. "Come after Me and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19). After Jesus' Ascension, Peter was the spokesman of the Apostles and a witness of Christ's divinity. He delivered the first sermon on Pentecost and received the first Gentiles into the Church. From Jerusalem He went to preach the Gospel in Asia at Antioch (Galatians 2:11), then to Cappadocia, Galatia, Pontus and finally Rome. He was crucified head downward, most probably in 67 AD.

Saint Paul, known as Saul before his conversion, was born at Tarsus in the Roman province of Cilicia. As a youth, he went to Jerusalem to receive his education in Judaism from the celebrated Rabbi, Gamaliel (Acts 22:3). At the time of Jesus' ministry he had already left Jerusalem. Saul did not see the Lord during His earthly ministry. By the grace of God, Saul was miraculously converted on the way to Damascus around the year 34 AD. After receiving Baptism, Paul left for a long retreat in Arabia to prepare for his future mission. He was most zealous to preach the Gospel of Christ to the world. He established many churches and visited many others. To these he wrote numerous letters which form a significant part of the New Testament canonical writings.

The Liturgy hails the chief Apostles with beautifully composed hymns. Peter is called the "rock of faith" and Paul "pride of the universe". Together they are celebrated as

"luminaries of those in darkness, two rays of the sun, pillars of divine doctrines and friends of Christ." (Matins Hymn)

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June 29th (July 12) OCHRID PROLOGUE:

The Holy Apostle Peter.

The son of Jonah and brother of Andrew the First-Called, of the tribe of Simeon and the town of Bethsaida, he was a fisherman and was at first called Simon, but the Lord was pleased to call him Cephas, or Peter (Jn 1:42). He was the first of the disciples to give clear expression to his faith in the Lord Jesus, saying: 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God' (Mt. 16:16). His love for the Lord was very strong, and his faith in Him went from strength to strength. When the Lord was put on trial, Peter denied Him three times, but it needed only one look into the face of the Lord, and Peter's soul was filled with shame and repentance. After the descent of the Holy Spirit, Peter became a fearless and powerful preacher of the Gospel. After his first sermon in Jerusalem, about 3,000 souls were converted to the Faith. He preached the Gospel throughout Palestine and Asia Minor, in Italy and in Illyria. He performed many wonders, healing the sick and raising the dead, and even his shadow had the power of healing the sick. He had a major struggle with Simon the Magician, who declared himself to be from God but was actually a servant of the devil. He finally put him to shame and overcame him. Peter was condemned to death on the order of the wicked Emperor Nero, a friend of Simon's. After installing Linus as Bishop of Rome and exhorting and encouraging the flock of Christ there, Peter went to his death with joy. When he saw the cross before him, he asked the executioner to crucify him upside-down, because he felt himself to be unworthy to die in the same way as his Lord. And so this great servant of the greatest Master went to his rest and received a crown of eternal glory.

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The Holy Apostle Paul.

Born in Tarsus and of the tribe of Benjamin, he was formerly called Saul and studied under Gamaliel. He was a Pharisee and a persecutor of Christians. He was wondrously converted to the Christian faith by the Lord Himself, who appeared to him on the road to Damascus. He was baptized by the Apostle Ananias, named Paul and enrolled in the work of the Great Apostles. He preached the Gospel everywhere with burning zeal, from the borders of Arabia to the land of Spain, among both the Jews and the heathen, and receiving the title of 'the Apostle to the Gentiles'. His fearful sufferings were matched only by his superhuman endurance. Through all the years of his preaching, he hung from day to day like a thread between life and death. Filling his days and nights with toil and suffering for Christ, organizing the Church in many places and reaching a high level of perfection, he was able to say: 'I live; yet not I but Christ who lives in me' (Gal. 2:20). He was beheaded in Rome in the reign of Nero. at the same time as St Peter.

THE ROCK AND THE CHOSEN VESSEL

It is fitting that our Holy Orthodox Church chooses to honor her two greatest Apostles on the same day. Peter, whose missionary labors centered on winning converts from Judaism, is often referred to as "the rock" because of his strong, firm faith. It was Peter who boldly proclaimed his belief that Jesus was "the Son of the living God" in response to Christ's direct question: "And who do you say that I am". Paul, whop concentrated on taking the Gospel to the Gentiles - those who were not Jews - is commonly called the "chosen vessel" of Christ's Church. Paul, in his own words, "labored more than any other Apostle". Through his tireless preaching among the Gentiles, the early Church grew and expanded at a rapid rate.

It must be said, however, that both of these Apostles once fell woefully short of living up to the accolades they now receive. We might even consider them to have been dismal failures in their early years! Despite his boasting, Peter's faith was weak. Remember how he tried to walk on the sea as Jesus did, only to sink when his fears overcame his faith? Who could ever forget the shameful way he denied that he even knew who Jesus was three times? In his own youth, Paul had no intentions of winning souls for Christ. On the contrary, we know that he aggressively persecuted those who professed to be Christians, personally being responsible for the arrest and conviction of many believers.

Saints Peter and Paul were both touched by the Lord and became changed men. They became totally committed to their divine commission. Nothing short of martyrdom was able to prevent them from carrying the message of the Savior that they loved to all parts of the known world.

In one of his sermons, Saint John Chrysostom calls Saints Peter and Paul "...true pillars of the Church and the foundation and trumpets of the divine teachings of Christ." These words truly capture and define the significant role these saints played in the life of the Church.

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REPENTANCE AND CONFESSION

by Saint Nektarios

Part 2. CONFESSION

1. CONCERNING CONFESSION

Confession is a voluntary and sincere declaration of sins committed, without shame and reservation, but with self-reproach and contrition to the person who has been appointed by the Church to forgive sins.

Confession must be voluntary and sincere in order for it to be true and effective. A rushed and insincere confession is fruitless, since it is not a revelation of the heart, an expression of deep remorse, and an indication of yearning for treatment. Confession must be performed without embarrassment and reservation, but with boldness and self-reproach, because boldness is an expression of the abandonment of sin and a disposition to expose sin; bashfulness confirms that there exists a lack of courage.
Confession must be carried out with contrition of heart. Thos confirms a true change of mind and expresses sorrow for the transgression of God's commandments, Whom one is seeking to propitiate. (Propitiate: to win or regain the good will of God. St. Nektarios uses the term within the Orthodox tradition. It is the desire to show our gratitude to God for His benevolence and longsuffering and the willingness to carry out His commandments.) Confession without contrition of heart confirms the lack of a deep feeling of guilt for the transgression of the Divine Law,

Confession containing these indicators of true repentance and change of thought is true and perfect and bears its life-saving fruits. Accordingly, the person who wishes to confess is obligated to proceed to his/her spiritual father and to open his/her heart in order to reveal its unknown and hidden depths, without embarrassment or reservation, but with boldness and contrition of heart and to seek to satisfy the Divine Righteousness (When St. Nektarios refers to "satisfying the Divine Righteousness" he is speaking of repentance that is expressed through a true ands virtuous lifestyle) and to propitiate God, so that he may cure his soul and achieve salvation.

They who have sinned and do not confess due to embarrassment hand their souls over to death on account of shame. These people suffer identically to sick people who do not rush to the physicians due to embarrassment: vanquishes by the disease, they are quickly sent to Hades. The person who has sinned is obligated to confess his sins so that they may be saved. God, through the Prophet Isaiah, commands: "First confess your transgressions, that you may be justified, because I am He that blots out your transgressions" (Isaiah 43:25).

The holy Fathers advise the following to people who are ashamed and do not proceed to life-saving confession: "Shame, if we can call what results from confession shame, brings forth glory and grace." As the wise Sirach also says: "for there is shame that brings sin; and there is a shame which is glory and grace" (Sirach 4:21).

Do not refuse to confess your sin, so that through this present shame you can 1) avoid the shame to come in the next life – because this is also part of the future torment – and 2) show that you truly have despised sin, having made a spectacle of it and triumphed over it as worthy of abuse. The Fathers encourage us to hasten, because God has confined salvation within this life. Behold what the divine Chrysostom says: "No confession and correction exists in Hades for those who have departed. For God has limited conduct and action to this life; while in the next life, the examination of the actions." This same divine Father teaches that it is impossible to escape the disgrace of our shameful deeds, because if we do not confess here due to shame, we will be humiliated there in front of many myriads of people. Behold the words of the divine Father: "We do not want to feel embarrassed here in front of one person; then what will we do there in front of so many myriads? Think about how the court of God will be; think about all the sins you have committed. Even if you forget the sins, God never forgets; but He will set everything before your eyes if you do not proceed to obliterate them now through repentance and confession." And again: "Many of the people who sin say I am full of shame. How can I approach God? How can I beseech Him? They suffer from satanic piety. Have you no boldness? Approach then on this account in order to acquire much boldness. For, is He Who is about to reconcile with you a person? He Who desires exceedingly to free you from your sins is God. You do not desire your own safety as much as He yearns for your salvation

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY - is expressed to June Krasny, 7/14; Victor Fomin, 7/16; Jelena Bazinova, 7/18 & Elijah Mertz, 7/18. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy & blessed years!

UOL FLEA MARKET

Our UOL is sponsoring their annual Flea Market on Saturday, Augusl from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. All donations of your treasures will be graciously accepted. **Please note that all donations of clothing must be clean and only gently worn.** All donations will be accepted on the following days: **Sunday,** July 26 - after the Divine Liturgy; **Tuesday,** July 28 - Drop off 6:00 -8:00 PM; **Wednesday,** July 29 - Drop off 6:00 -8:00 PM; **Thursday, July 30** - Drop off 6:00 -8:00 PM Also, any finger snacks like cupcakes, brownies, etc. will be graciously accepted. Please support this event!!!

EMMANUEL DINING HALL – we will be preparing food for the Emmanuel Dining Hall to feed the homeless on Tuesday, July 14th beginning at 6:00 PM . Please come out and help us in this very special ministry!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
(Please find a substitute if you cannot make a given week)
July 12 – Victor Kaliakin and Sonya Patronik
July 19 – John Plachuta and Linda Hnatow
July 26 – John Plachuta and Linda Hnatow
August 2 – Matthew Andreas and Victor Kaliakin
August 9 – Matthew Andreas and Victor Kaliakin
August 16 – Sonya Patronik and John Plachuta
August 23 – Sonya Patronik and John Plachuta

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE
Week of July 13 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson
Week of July 20 - Thomas and Lynn Sulpizi
Week of July 27 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus
Week of August 3 - John Plachuta and David Lazaration
Week of August 10 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson
Week of August 17 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly
Week of August 24 - Mark & Laura Andreas

READERS MINISTRY SCHEDULE
July 12 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick
July 19 – Thomas Sulpizi
July 26 - John Plachuta
August 2 – Linda Hnatow
August 9 – Jean Roeth
August 16 - Andrew Duncan
August 23 - Thomas Scholz

CALENDER OF EVENTS - 2026
Sunday. July 12 – Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul – Patronal Dinner
Saturday, August 1 – UOL Flea Market
Sunday, September 20 – Pot Luck Dinner
Saturday, September 26 – Hall Rented
Monday, October 12 – 15 – Clergy Retreat
Saturday, October 17 – UOL Retreat
Saturday, November 7 – Fall Bazaar
Saturday, November 14 – Wine Tasting
Saturday, November 28 – St. Philip Fast
Sunday, December 20 – UOL Cookie Sale

MEETINGS: **Parish Board** – Wednesday, August 11 (tentative)@ 6:30 PM.

100th ANNIVRSARY – will be held on Saturday, July 17th, 2027 with a 10:00 AM – Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with a Banquet at the Claymont Ballroom. Mark your calendars! Our first fund Raiser for the event is the sale of T-shirts ($10) polo shirts ($15) and sweat shirts ($20) with the Anniversary Logo on them thanks to the art and stitching work of Michael Kapelus.

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 can be avoided.

GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE
July 5 - Zina Twardus and Nancy Tur
July 12 - David and Eve Lazaration
July 19 - Sandy Cramer
July 26 - Sonya Patronik

Pyrohy Schedule: Saturday, August 22; Saturday, September 19 & Saturday, October 3

SPECIAL THANKS – are offered to the following:
Mark Andreas, Laura Andreas and Irene Maskaly for continuing the painting in the Church;

Daria Diehl for cleaning all the chandeliers and sconces in the Church and choir loft;

Mark Andreas and Victor Kaliakin for cleaning the brush in the back of the Church.

May God reward their kindness a hundredfold!

There is still a lot of work to be done. If you would like to donate some time, please see Mark Andreas! Thanks!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL – Metropolitan Antony, Archbishop Daniel, Archimandrite Raphael, Father George Bazylevky, Father Vasyl Dovhan, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Andrew Molewski, Father Anthony Ugolnik, Father James Weremedic, Father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Matushka Andrejuk, Matushka Laura Odell, Matushka Lisa Weremedic, Pani Matka Oksanna Bazylevsky, Pani Matka Maryann Ozlanski, Jonathan Angelo, Colby Atkinson, Shannon Austin, Joyce Belles, Joyce Bendoakas, Ethel Bernhard, Irene Billon, James Bolton, Maria Borowenski, Betty Bosland, Becky Bosley, Angie Brengle, Paul Brengle, Patricia Bringle, Richard Bringle, John Brick, Fedir Bukacz, Christine Cain, Mark Cello, Erik Colazo, Alex Czernik, Sharon Dalaski, Stephen Dalecki, David Dalldorf, George Daniels, Taylor Davis, Peter DiVirgilio, James Dudrick, Kathleen Dugan, Mary Eagleton, Maria Economou, Rose Eldridge, Archantula Fanjoy, Mary Farell, Kandi Fullerton, James Garrett, Lisa Gee, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovniov, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Richard Haslam, Rick Hastings, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Alicia Hlywak, John Hlywak, Nancy Hlywiak, Daniel Holoviak, Jennifer Huertes, Serhii Ivashyna, Violet Jaskolka, Stephen Johnson, Bill Jones, Linda Josepinson, Elizabeth Kaliakin, Michael Kapelus, Walter Katolik, Diane Keyser, Wendy Klinedinst, Tommy Knight, Judith Kocinski, Lorissa Kozakova, Francis Lano, Ed Lavender, Ron Lazaration, Joan Libera, Karen Livick, Sara Long, Charles Lontor, Alla Lysenko, Jeremy Madea, Andrew Makolynyk, Jean Marano, Frederick McCarthy, Fred McKirachan, Stephen McNulty, Ronald Michel, Mary Ann Michalcewicz, Lisa Miller, Matthew Miller, Mary Elizabeth Moran, Barry Morris, Elsie Moroz, Karen Needham, Julie Neff, Ann Nester, Rick Orner, Sienna Ozboya, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Anthony Pantelopulos, Daphne Pantelopulos, George Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry Pinkowicz, Janilyn Pinkowicz, Bernice Pinkowicz, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Chuck Redden, Patricia Redden, Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Sandy Roeder, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Roman, Jeff Rozwadowski, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, Richard Scharba, Isaac Schmidt, Clay Seman, John Serth, Larissa Serth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Emily Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Alexandra Sparco, Natalia Stanford, Rich Steinman, Cynthia Stepovij, Nicholas Stepovij, Joseph Stevens, Noel Strobino, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczyszyn, Michael Synczyszyn, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, Brysen Tomei, Dominic Tomei, John Tomei, Mark Tomei, Violet Tomei, Aria Tonner, Mariel Trimble, Stephen Tur, Martha Vignali, Jack Vognetz, Margaret Vognetz, Marilyn Wagner, Olena Wasylevska, James Watts, Chris Way, Leah Way, Barbara Weeks, Laura Worley, Jack Ziegler & James Zook

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