



The
Feast of
Saints
PETER & PAUL

*We commemorate
the memory of
two unlikely men,
called by God,
to do great things*



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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

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Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of July 17 - 24, 2022

Celebrating our 95th year of Service to the Lord

Sunday, July 17 – 5th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 4

8:30 AM - Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Panakhyda: +Michael Lahuta (11 Yrs) – Sonya Patronik

**Panakhyda: +Eudokia, +Arsenyj, +Ivan Ubivshoho, +Olga, +Tatsianna,
+Vladsimira, +Peter Paul, +Maria Russak**

Monday, July 18

8:00 AM – Butter and Onions

Friday, July 22

7:00 AM – Peeling potatoes

10:00 AM – Making the sauerktaut, cheese and potato balls

6:00 PM – Making potato balls

Saturday, July 23

8:00 AM – Making pyrohy

Sunday, July 24 – 6th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 5

8:30 AM - Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

SCRIPTURAL READINGS

5th Sunday after Pentecost – Matins: Luke 24:1-12; Liturgy: Romans 6:18-23; Matthew 8:5-13

Monday – Romans 16:17-24; Matthew 13:10-23

Tuesday – 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Matthew 13:24-30

Wednesday – 1 Corinthians 2:9-3:8; Matthew 13:31-36

Thursday – 1 Corinthians 3:18-23; Matthew 13:36-43

Friday – 1 Corinthians 4:5-8; Matthew 13:44-54

Saturday – Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 9:18-26

6th Sunday after Pentecost – Matins: Luke 24:36-53; Liturgy: Romans 12:6-14; Matthew 9:1-8; St. Olha – 2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Luke 7:36-50

Pastor's Note: Did you ever wonder whatever happened to the Apostles after Pentecost? An excellent book for anyone's library is **These Truths We Hold: The Holy Orthodox Church: Her Life and Teachings**, by a Monk at St. Tikhon's Monastery.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORTHODOX CHURCH

The history of the Orthodox Church actually begins in the Acts of the Holy Apostles with the descent of the Holy Spirit: **"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance"** (Acts 2:1-4). As the text further tells us, on that same day, after St. Peter had preached to the gathered people **those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls** (Acts 2:41), thus constituting the first Christian Community in Jerusalem.

This first community of Christians, headed by St. James, the Brother of the Lord - the first Bishop of the city - was later scattered by the persecutions which followed the stoning of the first martyr of the Christian Church, St. Stephen: **And on that day a great persecution arose against the Church in Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the region of Judea and Samaria, except the Apostles** (Acts 8:1).

At the same time, faithful to the Lord's command to: **"go...and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"** (Matthew 28:19), the Apostles went out and preached wherever they went, first to the Jews and then to the Gentiles, so that in a surprisingly short time, Christian communities had sprung up in all the main centers of the Roman world and beyond. Their exploits are recorded in the Acts of the Apostles as well as in the inner tradition of the Orthodox Church.

THE HOLY APOSTLES

St. Andrew the First Called – was a Galilean fisherman of Bethsaida and was the first called of the Apostles of Christ (John 1:37-40), to whom he brought his brother Simon, called Peter. According to Church tradition, he suffered martyrdom at Patras in Achaia on an X-shaped Cross (St. Andrew's Cross). Another tradition says that he visited Ukraine as far as the city of Kyiv. His Feast day is November 30 (December 13).

St. Bartholomew – In Holy Scripture, he is identified with the Nathaniel of John 1:45-51, of whom the Lord Himself witnessed, **"an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no guile"**

(John 1:47). According to Church tradition, he preached the Gospel in Lycaonia, India and Armenia. Where he was martyred by being flayed alive. His Feast day is June 11 (24).

St. James the Elder – He was named this to distinguish himself from the other Apostle, St. James the Younger. St. James the Elder and his brother John (the Evangelist) were fishermen – the sons of Zebedee. This James, along with his brother and St. Peter were especially beloved by the Lord. According to the **Acts of the Apostles**, he was beheaded by King Agrippa in Jerusalem (Acts 12:2) after first having preached in Spain. His feast day is April 30 (May 13).

St. James the Younger – sometimes called the Son of Alphaeus was the brother of St. Matthew. In St. Mark's Gospel he is said to be the son of Mary, one of the Myrrh-bearing women (Mark 16:1). According to Church tradition, he labored in Judea and then accompanied St. Andrew to Edessa, preaching the Gospel. Later he traveled to Gaza (on the southern seacoast of Palestine) and from there to Egypt where he was martyred by crucifixion. His Feast day is October 9 (22).

St. John – St. John the Evangelist (also the Theologian or the Divine) was a son of Zebedee and brother of St. James the Elder. In Holy Scripture he is referred to as the disciple, "**whom Jesus loved**" (John 13:23) and who leaned on the Master's breast at the Last Supper. To him was entrusted the Most-Holy Birth-giver of our Lord as He was dying on the Cross (John 19:26) and it was at St. John's house that her holy Dormition occurred. St. John occupied an important place in the Apostolic ministry and according to St. Paul, he, together with Peter and James were seen to be pillars in the Church of Jerusalem (Galatians 2:9). According to Church tradition he was the last of the Apostles to die about the year 100 A.D. and while exiled on the Isle of Patmos, he wrote the *Apocalypse* (or *Revelations*). To him is also attributed the Gospel and the three Epistles that bear his name. His Feast days are May 8 (21) and September 26 (October 9).

St. Jude – This Apostle, the brother of James the Just (both being half brothers or perhaps cousins of the Lord) is also called Thaddeus or Lebbaeus (John 14:22; Matthew 10:3). To him is attributed the Epistle of St. Jude. According to Church tradition, he preached in Syria and Edessa eventually being martyred in Persia with his fellow Apostle Simeon Zealotes. His Feast day is June 19 (July 2).

St. Matthew – also called **Levi the son of Alphaeus** (Mark 2:14) was a brother of St. James the Younger and was a tax collector. The first Gospel is attributed to him and according to many scholars, was first written for the Hebrews. According to Church tradition St. Matthew preached to the Jews first and then traveled to Ethiopia, Macedonia,

Syria and Persia, dying a natural death according to one tradition and by martyrdom according to another. His feast day is November 16 (29).

St. Matthias – According to the **Acts of the Apostles**, Matthias was chosen by lot to fill the place among the twelve Apostles left vacant by Judas Iscariot (Acts 1:15-26). According to Church Tradition he is said to have preached in Ethiopia and Armenia eventually suffering death by crucifixion. His feast day is August 9 (22).

St. Peter – He was the brother of St. Andrew and together with him was a fisherman on the Sea of Galilee. Called by the Lord to become a “fisher of men” (Matthew 4:19), he was originally named Simon but later his name was changed to Peter (in Aramaic - Cephas – meaning rock) by the Lord. This was in response to Peter’s declaration: “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God” (Matthew 16:16). The Lord then said to him, “You are Peter, and on this rock I will build My Church and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:18). Holy Scripture amply witnesses to the fact that Peter occupied a primary place among the Apostles, although not to the extreme claimed by the Roman Catholic Church. His activities after the Resurrection are witnessed to in the **Acts of the Apostles** and, according to Church tradition; he was later martyred in Rome, being crucified upside down at his own request. He felt that he was unworthy to die in the same manner as the Lord Himself. The two Epistles of St. Peter are ascribed to him and he is celebrated, together with the other chief Apostle, St. Paul on June 29 (July 12).

St. Philip – like Peter and Andrew, he came from Bethsaida in Galilee (Matthew 10:3) and was called early in the Lord’s earthly ministry bringing Nathaniel with him (John 1:43ff). According to Church tradition, he was a missionary in Phrygia and died there (by martyrdom according to some) at Hierapolis. His Feast day is November 14 (27), the next day being the beginning of the Nativity Fast (for which reason it is often called St. Philip’s Fast).

St. Simeon Zealotes – (or the Zealot; sometimes the Canaanite) according to Church tradition, traveled through Egypt and Africa, then through Mauretania and Libya, preaching the Gospel of Christ. Later he is said to have traveled to Britain, where he was martyred by the Romans on a Cross. Another tradition says that he was martyred with St. Jude in Persia. His Feast day is May 10 (23).

St. Thomas – called *Didymus* (or the Twin – John 11:16) appears several times in St. John’s Gospel, which gives a good impression of the sort of man that he was: ready to die with the Master (John 11:16); skeptical about the Resurrection yet, when the Risen Lord manifested Himself to him, is whole-hearted in his belief (John 20:24-28). According to

Church tradition St. Thomas preached in Parthia (Persia), Edessa and India where he is held in great veneration as a founder of the Church there, eventually suffering martyrdom. According to Church tradition, his remains were buried in Edessa. His feast day is October 6 (19) and also the Sunday following Paska (St. Thomas Sunday).

Judas Iscariot – This disciple, forever a symbol of treachery, the son of Simon, was from the town of Keriath (from *Keriath – Iscariot*). According to the Gospel, he stole from the common treasury of which he had charge (John 12:5-6) and ultimately betrayed his Lord for thirty pieces of silver (Matthew 26:14-15). After the Crucifixion of Jesus, in deep remorse, Judas cast the pieces of silver into the Temple before the Chief Priests and Elders, later going out and hanging himself. With the money, now considered *blood money*, a potter's field was bought to bury strangers (Matthew 27:3-10).

St. Paul – he was a strict Pharisee, having studied under the respected Rabbi Gamaliel at Jerusalem (Acts 22:3). At a young age he had learned the trade of a tent-maker (Acts 18:1-3) and had inherited Roman citizenship from his father (Acts 22:28). The young Saul (as he was known before his conversion to Christianity) was zealous for Judaism and consented to the stoning of St. Stephen, later actively joining in the persecution of the Christians (Acts 8:3). While on the way to Damascus to persecute the Christians there he had a sudden vision of the Lord, Who rebuked him for his persecution, and later he converted to the Christian Faith (Acts 9:1-22). After this conversion experience, St. Paul went on to become one of the greatest Apostles, zealously bringing the Light of Christ to the Gentiles, eventually going to Rome where he received martyrdom by beheading. During his missionary journeys, amply attested to in **Acts of the Apostles**, he wrote letters of encouragement to various congregations and individuals along the way, and thirteen of them (fourteen, if the Epistle to the Hebrews is accepted of Pauline origin) have been accepted as part of the New Testament. Together with St. Peter, he is commemorated on June 29 (July 12)

OTHER APOSTLES

St. James the Brother of the Lord – He was a half-brother (or perhaps a cousin) of the Lord, and was the first Bishop of the Church at Jerusalem, being called by St. Paul a pillar of that Church, together with Peter and John (Galatians 2:9). At the first general Church council, the Council of Jerusalem, James is depicted as having a leading role (Acts 15:12-21). Having ruled the Church of Jerusalem wisely (for which reason he is often called *the Just*) St. James was martyred there. Being taken to the top of the Temple wall, he was commanded to convince the people to turn away from Christ, which he refused to do, speaking to them in quite the opposite manner. Thereupon he was thrown down from that high point to the ground, where he was stoned and beaten to death. **The Epistle of St. James** is attributed to him and his Feast day is celebrated on October 23 (November 5).

St. Luke – the Beloved Physician (Colossians 4:14) is the author of the Gospel bearing his name, as well as the **Acts of the Apostles**. He was a Gentile convert, probably a Greek and was a companion of St. Paul in his later missionary journeys, concerning which he related in the Acts of the Apostles. According to Church tradition, St. Luke was an Iconographer and *wrote* the first Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos. St. Luke died, unmarried in Greece at the age of eighty-four and is commemorated on October 18 (31)

St. Mark - The Second Gospel is attributed to this Apostle, who some say was the young man who fled away naked at the arrest of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane (Mark 14:51-52). In the Acts of the Apostles, he is called John Mark (Acts 12:12; 15:37), the son of Mary, at whose house in Jerusalem the early Christians stayed (Acts 12:12), and he was a cousin of the Apostle Barnabas (Colossians 4:10). He figures several times in the Acts of the Apostles at one point being the source of a temporary rift between Paul and Barnabas (Acts 15:36-40), but later he was with Paul during his first imprisonment at Rome (Colossians 4:10). In his 1st Epistle, Saint Peter mentions Mark as being with him, styling him **my son** (1 Peter 5:13). According to Church tradition, Saint Mark wrote his Gospel at the request of the brethren in Rome, who asked him to relate what he had learned from Saint Peter. He is said to have preached the Gospel at Alexandria, Egypt, and was its first Bishop, being martyred there during the reign of Emperor Trajan. His Feast day is April 25 (May 7).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY - is expressed to the following: Pani Elizabeth Hutnick, 7/21 & Olga Nazarenko, 7/21. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

SPECIAL COLLECTION – You will notice a basket on the tetrapod for a special collection to help defray the cost of a replacement sign at the front of our Church. We need your help as the open shell is very unappealing. Thanks for your support!

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.

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.

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of July 18 - Mark & Laura Andreas

Week of July 25 - John Plachuta and David Lazaration

Week of August 1 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

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

Week of August 15 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of August 22 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

July 17 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

July 24 - Jean Roeth

July 31 - John Plachuta

August 7 - Andrew Duncan

August 14 - Linda Hnatow

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

WE NEED YOUR HELP – We have 2 dates in the summer which we would like to make pyrohy – Saturdays July 23 and August 13. We will have one sale in September where we will take orders on Monday and Tuesday, September 12 & 13. and we will make pyrohy on Saturday September 17 and pickup will be Friday, September 23.

GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

July 17 - John and Sandy Cramer

July 24 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik

July 31 - David and Eve Lazaration

August 7 - Zina Twardus

MEETINGS

PARISH BOARD – Tuesday, August 9 @ 6:30 PM

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

July 17 – Ann Duncan and Linda Hnatow

July 24 – Ann Duncan and Linda Hnatow

July 31 – Matthew Andreas and Victor Kaliakin

August 7 – Matthew Andreas and Victor Kaliakin

August 14 – Lorraine Neff and Ann Duncan

August 21 – Lorraine Neff and Ann Duncan

August 28 – Linda Hnatow and Matthew Andreas

UOL FLEA MARKET – is scheduled for Saturday, August 6 from 9AM – 1PM. Please start gathering up your treasures to be donated. Please do not bring them to the Church before Sunday, July 31st. The following dates and times will be the drop off schedule: Sunday, July 31st after Divine Liturgy; Tuesday, August 2 from 6-8PM; Wednesday, August 3rd from 6-8PM; and Thursday, August 4 from 6-8PM. If you are donating clothing, they must be gently worn and washed. We would also need donations of finger desserts (cookies, brownies, etc.). Thank you for your support.

TENTATIVE CALENDER OF EVENTS

Sunday, July 17 – Patronal Dinner

Saturday, August 6 – UOL Flea Market

Saturday, August 6 – Boy Scout Car Wash – Silverside and Foulk Roads 9AM – 2PM

Sunday, August 7 – Eagle Scout Program – Church and Hall

Sunday, August 14 – Dormition Fast Begins

October 12 – 15 – UOC Sobor

Saturday, October 22 - Boy Scout Car Wash – Silverside and Foulk Roads 9AM – 2PM

Saturday, November 5 – Fall Bazaar

Tuesday, November 22 – Community Thanksgiving Service (Sts. Peter & Paul)

Sunday, December 18 – UOL Cookie Sale

PATRON'S PATH – I have been asked if anyone can add bricks in memory of loved ones or as a family to the Patron's Path. The answer is "yes". We will be taking orders for replacement bricks that will be engraved and placed in the Path. Just as before, each brick can have the clip art of a three bar Cross or it can be plain. The donation for the bricks is as follows: 4" x 8" engraved brick is \$150 – with the clip art \$175; 8" x 8" engraved brick is \$200 - with the clip art \$225; 12"x 12" engraved brick is \$250 – with the clip art \$275
If you didn't get the chance to be a part of the Patron's Path before, take the opportunity now and tell your family members as well. Please see Father Stephen if you would like to place an order.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL – Metropolitan Antony, Archimandrite Raphael, Father Vasili Andrejuk, Father George Bazylevsky, Father Vasyl Dovhan, 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, 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, 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, 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, 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, Frederick McCarthy, Victor Melnychenko, Ronald Michel, 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, 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, Laura Worley, Jack Ziegler & James Zook.

THE SOLID ROCK AND THE CHOSEN VESSEL

They were as different as night and day. Peter was a humble fisherman; Paul was a learned scholar. Peter was robust and healthy; Paul was frail and sickly. Peter knew Christ intimately; Paul never met Him. Even after Paul's conversion brought him into the "inner circle" of the apostles, he rarely crossed paths with Peter. Still, our Church honors Saints Peter and Paul TOGETHER, for they are recognized as being the moving forces in the spreading of Christianity in the early Church.

For centuries, the virtues of these saintly apostles have been extolled jointly by prominent church fathers and writers. St. John Chrysostom wrote several famous homilies concerning Peter and Paul, calling them ". . . LIGHTS OF THE CHURCH, WHO DAILY ILLUMINE THE FAITHFUL; TREASURIES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT; ENLIGHTENERS OF THE UNIVERSE; PILLARS OF CHRISTIANITY; AND EXPOUNDERS OF THE DIVINE WORD OF GOD." The hymns of Vespers and Matins for this feast day draw heavily from Chrysostom's writings concerning these two spiritual titans.

While their respective ministries followed different routes, both Peter and Paul ultimately met their deaths in the same place: Rome. They suffered martyrdom during the reign of the Emperor Nero. Like countless other Christian martyrs, Peter went to his death joyfully. Crucifixion was chosen as his means of execution, but when Peter saw the cross before him, he requested to be crucified upside-down, for he felt that he was unworthy to die in the same manner as Christ. The tradition of the Church, handed down to us by St. Ambrose, is that Paul suffered martyrdom exactly one year after Peter. He was beheaded after a lengthy imprisonment in Rome.