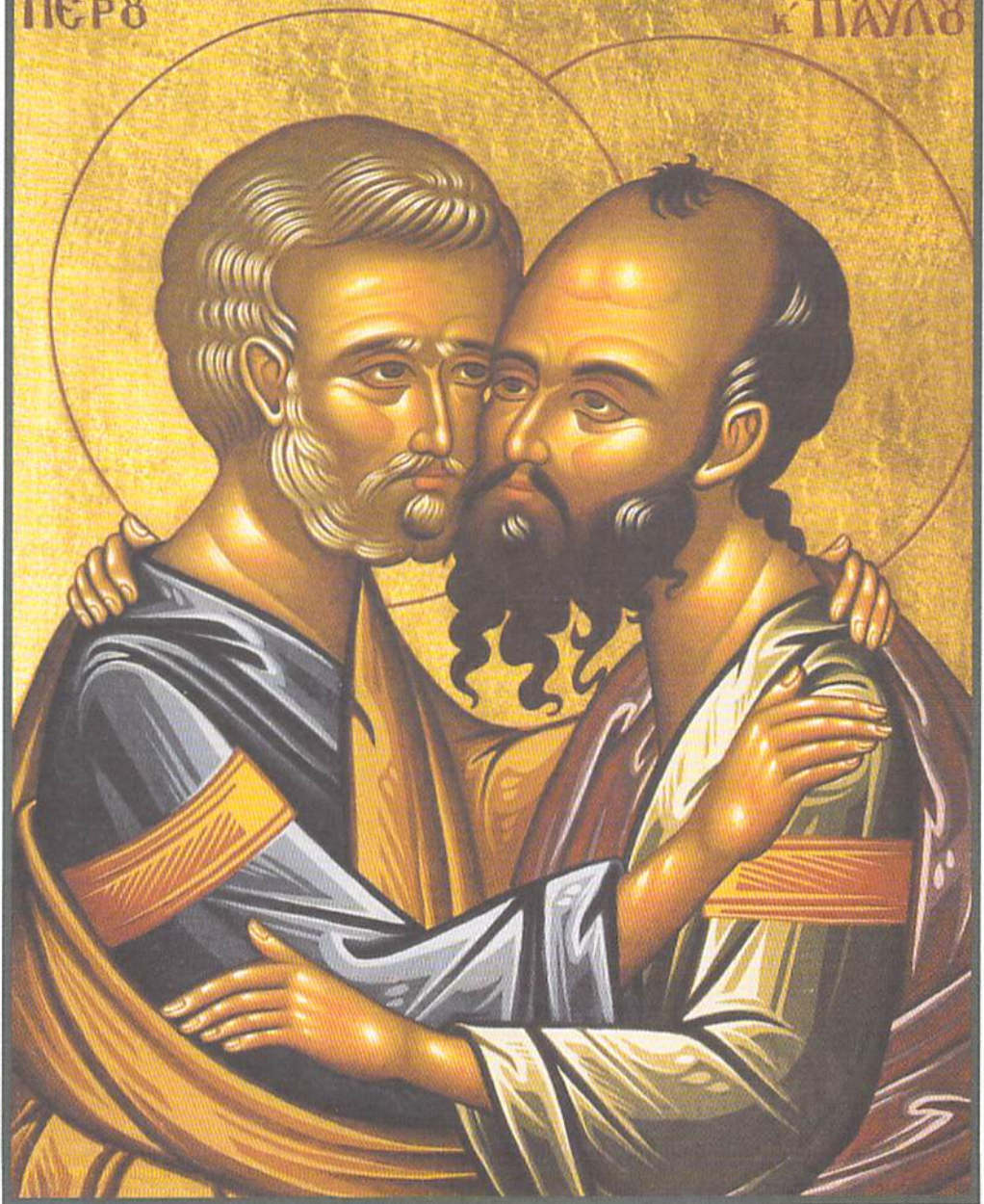


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HOLY MYSTERIES

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 18, 2021
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Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of July 18 - 25, 2021
Celebrating our 94th year of Service to the Lord

Sunday, July 18 – 4th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 3 – Patronal Feastday

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Greeting the Metropolitan

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Blessing of Patron's Past

Patronal Picnic

Tuesday, July 20

7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Friday, July 23

8:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

7:00 PM – Movie Night

Saturday, July 24

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

Sunday, July 25 – 5th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 4

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Pankahyda: +Michael Lahuta (10 Yrs.) – Sonya Patronik



WELCOME HOME, YOUR EMINENCE! It is with prayerful joy that we welcome His Eminence, Metropolitan Antony home to his Parish of Sts. Peter and Paul here in Wilmington. We are honored and humbled to have you celebrating with us this weekend. May God continue to bless and guide you as you continue to serve Him by serving His people! Eis polla eti despota!!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

4th Sunday after Pentecost – Matins: Luke 24:1-12, Liturgy: Romans 6:18-23; Matthew 8:5-13

Monday – Romans 12:4-5,15-21; Matthew 12:9-13

Tuesday – Romans 14:9-18; Matthew 12:14-16,22-30

Wednesday – Romans 15:7-16; Matthew 12:38-45

Thursday – Romans 15:17-29; Matthew 12:46-13:3

Friday – Venerable Anthony of the Kyiv Caves – Galatians 5:22-6:2; Matthew 4:25-5:12; Day: Romans 16:1-6; Matthew 4:25-5:12

Saturday – Equal to the Apostles Olha, Princess of Kyiv: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Matthew 9:9-13, Day: Romans 8:14-21; Matthew 9:9-13

5th Sunday after Pentecost – Matins: Luke 24:12-35; Liturgy: Romans 10:1-10; Matthew 8:28-9:1

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, who 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.

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 whose 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)

Vespers for Saints Peter and Paul

What songs of praise could be worthy of Peter and Paul * They are like two wings * on which the knowledge of God spreads out * to the far ends of the earth * and soars aloft to heaven * two hands from which the Gospel pours forth grace * two feet on which the doctrine of truth * travels the world * two rivers of wisdom * two arms of the Cross * through which the merciful Christ * casts down the pride of demons.

Akathist Hymn

Kontakion 1: Priest: The Lord Who said of Himself, “I am the Good Shepherd”, said to you, O first-enthroned Peter: “If you love Me, feed My sheep.” And He who also said, “I am Jesus”, said of you, O preeminent Apostle Paul: “He is a chosen vessel unto Me, to bear My name before the Gentiles”. Likewise to all your colleagues, His Apostles, He said: “As My Father has sent Me, so also I send you; go and teach all nations.” And you, receiving such grace from the Good Chief Shepherd, as the foremost shepherds and teachers of all the world, from all misfortunes preserve us on the pasture of salvation, that we may cry out to you: Rejoice, O holy first-enthroned Peter and Paul, with all the Holy Apostles.

Ikos 1: Priest: “Blessed are you, Simon, son of Jonas!” said Christ, the Son of the living God, unto you, O right glorious Apostle Peter. How then can we worthily call you blessed who has been called blessed by God Himself? yet drawn faithfully by a debt of love alone, we cry out to you:

Choir: Rejoice, first among the Apostles, foundation of the holy Church!
Rejoice, mighty pillar and ground of the Orthodox Faith!
Rejoice, ardent lover of the teaching of Christ!
Rejoice, first-seated among the council of the Apostles!

Rejoice, good gate-keeper of the kingdom of heaven!
Rejoice, renowned physician for them that repent of their sins!
Rejoice, you who spurned the vanity of the world and loved the spiritual life!
Rejoice, you who forsook corruptible nets and fished the whole world with incorruptible ones!

Rejoice, with Peter, O Paul, for you both shone forth like two great beacons!
Rejoice, O you who like a pair of steeds were harnessed by God to His chariot of noetic light!
Rejoice, all you holy Apostles, beholders of God, for you are the lights of the entire world!
Rejoice, for through you the faith, which saves us, has shone forth from Christ in every

place!!

Rejoice, O holy first-enthroned Peter and Paul, * with all the Holy Apostles.

Kontakion 2: Priest: O teacher of the Gentiles, who received your title wondrously from on high, you believed when Jesus said to you: "Saul, why do you persecute Me who cannot be touched by unbelief? Yet believe, for behold, contrary audacity darkens you, but I have chosen you to be a witness to My judgments before the rulers, the nations and the children of Israel. And you, O Apostle Paul, called such things by God, cried out: Alleluia! Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Ikos 2: Priest: Hearing a voice from heaven, O Saul, you were then unable to see, for you had adversely persecuted the Inaccessible One and received blindness in your eyes in return for your zeal for the law; but guided to the font, you attained divine baptism, where after having been immersed with faith, the sight of your bodily and spiritual eyes was restored. Mindful of your miraculous calling, we cry out to you:

Rejoice, O Apostles called by God, sent forth to preach to all nations!

Rejoice, chosen vessel which pours forth the sweetness of the Faith of Christ upon all people!

Rejoice, beholder of the divine Light which illumines from on high!

Rejoice, you who more than others were enlightened by grace after the shadow of the Old Covenant!

Rejoice, you who on earth conversed with the Lord Jesus who appeared to you!

Rejoice, you who with His strength dared to denounce them that were adamant in their unbelief!

Rejoice, you who have enlightened the whole world with your divinely wise writings!

Rejoice, you, who following Christ labored more than others for the salvation of mankind!

Rejoice, with Paul, O Peter for you overshadow the holy Church as the two Cherubim did the Ark!

Rejoice, you who stand before the throne of the most High like two Seraphim!

Rejoice, all you holy Apostles for you are like the heavens which proclaim the glory of God!

Rejoice, for you are the stars which crown the Church, the Bride of Christ!

Rejoice, O holy first-enthroned Peter and Paul, * with all the Holy Apostles

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!

MOVIE NIGHT – Friday, July 23 – **An Interview with God** at 7:00 PM. I'll spring for the popcorn!!

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.

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.

OUTDOOR WALK IN FREEZER – is being ordered for the Parish. It will reside in the back of the Church outside the back doors of the hall. Our problem in preparing for any of our bigger sales is the space in which to store our food. The cost of the freezer complete will be about \$15K dollars. We need your help. A **SPECIAL COLLECTION** will be taken for the next few months to help us to reach this goal. Thank you.

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!

UOL FLEA MARKET – is scheduled for Saturday, August 7. Please start gathering up your treasures to be donated. Please do not bring them to the Church before Sunday, August 1st. The following dates and times will be the drop off schedule: Monday, Aug. 2nd from 6-8PM; Wednesday, August 4th from 6-8PM; and Thursday, August 5 from 6-8PM. If you are donating clothing, they must be gently worn and washed. More on the drop off dates later. We would also need donations of finger desserts (cookies, brownies, etc.).

MEETINGS

PARISH BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, August 10, 2021 @ 6:30 PM.

UOL MEETING – Sunday, September 19 during coffee hour

GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

July 18 - John and Sandy Cramer

July 25 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik & Alexander Smith

August 1 - David and Eve Lazaration

August 8 - Nancy Tur, Zina Twardus

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of July 19 - Mark & Laura Andreas

Week of July 26 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of August 2 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

Week of August 9 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of August 16 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

Week of August 23 - John Plachuta and David Lazaration

TRUSTEES MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

July 11 – Ann Duncan and Victor Kaliakin

July 18 – Ann Duncan and Victor Kaliakin

July 25 – Lorraine Neff and Thomas Bringle

August 1 – Lorraine Neff and Thomas Bringke

August 8 – Linda Hnatow and Ann Duncan

August 15 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

August 22 – Victor kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

July 18 - Andrew Duncan

July 25 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

August 1 - Linda Hnatow

August 8 - Jean Roeth

August 15 - John Plachuta

UKRAINIAN HISTORY AND EDUCATION CENTER – is sponsoring an online kid's wood inlay workshop on July 18th from 1:30 -3:00 pm. Registration and the purchase of the materials can be found on the web site: <https://www.ukrhec.org/>

TENTATIVE CALENDER OF EVENTS

Sunday, July 18 – Metropolitan Antony: Blessing of the Patrons' Path

Friday, July 23 at 7PM – **MOVIE NIGHT**

Saturday, August 7 – UOL Flea Market

August 14 – Dormition Fast

Friday, August 20 – Cooking for Emmanuel Dining Room (UOL)

Monday, September 13 – Bible Study Resumes

Saturday, September 18 – Karaoke Night (6:00 PM)

Sunday, September 19 – Religious Education Begins

Saturday, September 25 – Dancing Under the Stars

Saturday, October 9 – UOL Retreat

Sunday, October 10 – 13 – Clergy Retreat, South Bound Brook, NJ

Saturday, October 23 – UOL Book Sale

Saturday, November 6 – Fall Bazaar

Tuesday, November 23 – Community Thanksgiving Service (Holy Rosary)

Sunday, November 28 – St. Philip's Fast Begins

Sunday, December 12 – UOL Cookie Sale

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Thursday, January 6 – Holy Supper (6PM)

RULES FOR ATTENDING ALL SERVICES: *

If you are not vaccinated, 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!!** 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 John Bohush, Father Vasyl Dovhan, Father George Hnatko, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Andrew Molewski, Father John Nakonechney, Father James Norton, Father Victor Wronskyj, Father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Matushka Andrejuk, Pani Dobrodyka Lillian Hnatko, Pani Dobrodyka Lisa Weremedic, Alicia, Nerry, Mykola, Brennan, Deborah, Galina, Dolores, Julian, Madison, Matt, Michele, Mykola, 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, 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, Daniel Holoviak, Jennifer Huertes, Caroline Humphrey, Richard Humphrey, Sally Hutnick, Joette Jago, Stephen Johnson, Linda Josepinson, Elizabeth Kaliakin, Rosalie Ann Kane, Sandra Kasch, 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, 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, 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, Olena Wasylevska, James Watts, Chris Way, Leah Way, Barbara Weeks, Peter Weremedic, Stephen Wienkowitz, Laura Worley, Sophia Zomcahk & James Zook.

NEVER TOO LATE TO CHANGE

Have you ever heard the saying “You can’t teach an old dog new tricks?” You may have even said “That person will never change. They are stuck in their ways!” Maybe what these people need is to have their eyes OPENED by the Lord.

Early Christians must have seen this transformation in the APOSTLE PAUL. He is a fine example of what it means to change. His given name was Saul. He lived in the first century and was well educated by leading Jewish rabbis. Young Saul became a fiery persecutor of early Christians. It took the powerful voice of our Lord on the road leading to Damascus for him to finally “SEE.” He was overcome by light, fell to the ground and a voice from heaven asked him “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?” (Acts 9:4)

As he trembled with fear, Saul uttered these words of repentance, “Lord, what do you want me to do?” By following Jesus, thru faith and repentance, Saul was filled with the Holy Spirit and healed of his “blindness.” Literally, SAUL had become PAUL. After being baptized, he went on to spread the Word of God to many men and women throughout the world. Paul is a riveting example of someone changed by the Lord.

Next time you come across a person who may be “stuck in their ways,” remember, no one is beyond the salvation of God. A true encounter with our Lord always results in positive change. Once again, the Bible shows us an example of how we may reach those who we think of as beyond redemption!