



## **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

**March 1, 2026**  
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**Schedule of Services and Activities**  
**Week of March 1 - 8, 2026**

Sunday, March 1 – Sunday of Orthodoxy - Tone 5

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:10 AM – Prayers Preparation for Holy Communion

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Procession with the Icons

Panakhya: Keyanna Coates (8 Yrs.) - KiyShawna Lloyd

Coffee Hour

12:00 Noon – Lenten Vespers

4:00 PM - Sunday of Orthodoxy Descent of the Holy Spirit Romanian Orthodox Church  
1323 Ashbourne Rd., Elkins Park, PA

Monday, March 2

7:00 AM – Matins

Wednesday, March 4

8:00 AM – 100 lbs. Butter and Onions

6:00 PM – Presanctified Liturgy

Thursday, March 5

10:00 AM – Akafist to the Passion (Holy Trinity – Whaleyville, MD)

5:30 PM – Presanctified Liturgy (St. Nicholas – Dover, DE)

7:00 PM – Boy Scouts

Friday, March 6

7:00 AM – Matins

6:00 PM – Presanctified Liturgy

Saturday, March 7

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

Sunday, March 8 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Fast - Tone 6 - Scout Sunday

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:10 AM – Prayers Preparation for Holy Communion

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

12:00 Noon – Lenten Vespers

4:00 PM - Holy Ghost Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Church 70 Holy Ghost Way,  
Phoenixville, PA

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### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday of Orthodoxy - Matins: Luke 24:1-12; Liturgy: Hebrews 11: 24-26; 32-12:2; John 1: 43 – 51

Monday - Isaiah 4:2–5:7 Genesis 3:21–4:7; Proverbs 3:34–4:22

Tuesday - Isaiah 5:7-16 Genesis 4:8-15; Proverbs 5:1-15

Wednesday - Isaiah 1:19–2:3 Genesis 1:14-23; Proverbs 1:20-33

Thursday - : Isaiah 6:1-12 Genesis 5:1-24; Proverbs 6:3-20

Friday - Isaiah 7:1-14 Genesis 5:32–6:8; Proverbs 6:20–7:1

Saturday – Day: Hebrews 3:12-16; Mark 1:35-44; For the deceased: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 John 5:24-30

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Fast – Matins: Luke 24: 12-35; Liturgy: Hebrews 1:10–2:3; Mark 2:1-12 To St. Gregory: Hebrews 7:26 - 8:2; John 10:9-16

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### THE GREAT FAST: Becoming Living Icons

As we begin the Great Fast, the Church would have us commemorate the victory over Iconoclasm and the restoration of the veneration of Icons in Constantinople in 843. Why? Because Icons are symbols of the purpose and meaning of this earthly existence. We are here, for whatever amount of time allotted to become living “Icons” of our living God.

There are several different ways that Orthodox Christians speak about Icons. First, it is frequently said that Icons are “portals” or “windows” into the fourth dimension - the Kingdom of God. Through them we catch a glimpse of what is to come. Second, many speak about Icons being “mirrors” that reflect the Divine Life within a person. Third, Icons are the roadmaps or blueprints of what we are to become - people that are transformed into “Temples of God”.

The unique thing about Icons is that while the personages they represent look human, they don’t necessarily look real. This is the way the church indicates the result of “transformation” or when we “Reform your lives!” as we are directed by Jesus: “Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand”.

What is repentance all about? What happens when we truly “repent” or reform our lives?

Repentance brings about a change in the way we live and behave. In Greek the word *metanoia* is used to indicate what happens to a person who takes time to work on their spiritual life and to repent.

What happens when we begin to live and behave in a different manner? When we act differently we, believe it or not, even begin to look different. To become living Icons of God means that we live in such a manner that our belief in God as a loving God shows forth for all to see. We experience/see this in several simple ways:

- ❖ We make an honest attempt not to judge others;
- ❖ We are more apt to be mellow and accepting of others.
- ❖ We put more things in God’s hands and have less need to control things.
- ❖ We understand that there is not one right but many right ways to do things.
- ❖ It is more important to make others feel accepted and loved than to make them feel wrong.

Actually, this is just the beginning of a long, long list. If we truly *repent* and *change our lives* it means that we begin living, in a real way, the law of Jesus: *Love your neighbor as yourself.*

So our goal in life is to change our natural behavior into Christ-like behavior. This will result in our appearance changing and us becoming “Living Icons”, that is, mirrors of God within us.

Lent is a time dedicated to making repentance or “metanoia” a real part of our life. How are you using this period? Is your life any different during this time? If not, why not? Are you making an honest effort to keep Lent?

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## **"AS THE PROPHETS HAVE BEHELD, AS THE APOSTLES HAVE TAUGHT"**



Prior to ascending into heaven, Jesus Christ commanded His Apostles to **"GO AND TEACH ALL NATIONS"** imploring them to carry His Gospel "throughout all Judea and Samaria, and even to the ends of the earth." With these words, our Lord clearly established these faithful followers of His as being the **FOUNDATION** of His Church. The responsibility of the growth and success of His Divine Institution was entrusted to this humble group of disciples.

The Apostles met with opposition and persecution at every turn. Some feared their message. Others were often unable to comprehend it. Still others rejected it. The Apostles persevered passing on a rich legacy to the next generation of Christians that rose up and took their place when they reached the end of their earthly

lives. They were truly doing the work of God and nothing could prevent Christ's Church from taking root.

Throughout her glorious history, the Church has been tried and tested constantly. She has been attacked from outside her ranks by rival ideologies. She has been undermined from within by heretical movements that have frequently split and fragment the **ONE, HOLY, CATHOLIC AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH**. Still, the Church has weathered every "storm" and has withstood every external and internal crisis she has been forced to endure. The Church remains **TRIUMPHANT**.

The First Sunday of Lent draws attention to this. This day has been referred to as the **"SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY"** since 843 AD. Originally designated to commemorate the triumph of the Church over the Iconoclasts - those who wished to do away with the veneration of icons- this celebration has been expanded to include the remembrance of the victories that the Orthodox Church has achieved over all the heresies of the past.

The Synodikon for the Sunday of Orthodoxy, a declaration of the Seventh Ecumenical Council affirming the truths of the Orthodox Faith, sums up the spirit of this day in its final verses: **"THIS IS THE FAITH OF THE APOSTLES. THIS IS THE FAITH OF THE FATHERS. THIS IS THE FAITH OF THE ORTHODOX. THIS IS THE FAITH THAT HAS ESTABLISHED THE UNIVERSE.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY** - is expressed to Oleg Semeniuk, 3/1; Eve Lazaration, 3/1; Thomas Sulpizi, 3/1; David Lazaration, 3/3; Ethel Bernhard, 3/4 & Mila Coppock, 3/5. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

### **PYROHY & FOOD SCHEDULE FOR THE BAZAAR**

Saturday, March 14; Making Holubtsi – Saturday, March 21

### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

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

March 1 – John Plachuta and Linda Hnatow

March 8 – John Plachuta and Linda Hnatow

March 15 – Matthew Andreas and Victor Kaliakin

March 22 – Matthew Andreas and Victor Kaliakin

March 29 – Sonya Patronik and John Plachuta

April 5 – Sonya Patronik and John Plachuta

April 12 – Linda Hnatow and Matthew Andreas

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

Week of March 2 - Thomas and Lynn Sulpizi

Week of March 9 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

Week of March 16 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of March 23 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

Week of March 30 - Mark & Laura Andreas

Week of April 6 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

### **CALENDER OF EVENTS - 2026**

Sunday, March 8 – Scout Sunday

Saturday, March 28 – Spring Bazaar

Sunday, April 5 – Palm Sunday – Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 12 – Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday, April 19 – St. Thomas Sunday – Visiting Cemeteries

Sunday, May 31 – Pentecost

Monday, June 8 – Apostle' Fast

Sunday, July 12 – Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul – Patronal Dinner

Saturday, November 7 – Fall Bazaar

Saturday, November 28 – St. Philip Fast

Sunday, December 20 – UOL Cookie Sale

**BREADS FOR SALE** – All of our frozen breads are available for \$5. See Kathy Duncan if you are interested.

## **MEETINGS**

**Parish Board** – Tuesday, March 10 @ 6:30 PM

## **READERS MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

March 1 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

March 8 - Linda Hnatow

March 15 - Jean Roeth

March 22 – Thomas Scholz

March 29 – Andrew Duncan

April 5 - John Plachuta

April 12 - Thomas Sulpizi

**100th ANNIVERSARY** – 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.

## **GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

March 1 - Sandy Cramer

March 8 - Sonya Patronik

March 15 - Zina Twardus and Nancy Tur

March 22 - David and Eve Lazaration

## **COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES**

Wednesday, March 18 – Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church

Wednesday, March 25 – Aldersgate Methodist Church

## **BAZAAR NEWS**

**DONATIONS NEEDED FOR THE BAZAAR** – Some of the things needed are Diet Coke and Sprite products, cases of water, paper products and dishwashing detergent.

**CALLING ALL BAKERS** – we always rely on your tasty treats that you donate to the Bake Table. Again, we ask for your sweet donations. Any questions call Andrea. (302) 439-4899.

## **ORTHODOX CLERGY BROTHERHOOD SERVICES (4:00 PM)**

**March 1** – Sunday of Orthodoxy Descent of the Holy Spirit Romanian Orthodox Church

1323 Ashbourne Rd., Elkins Park, PA

**March 8** – Holy Ghost Carpatho-Russsian Orthodox Church

70 Holy Ghost Way, Phoenixville, PA

**March 15** – St. George Georgian Orthodox Church

412 Philmont Ave., Feasterville, PA

**March 22** – St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church

237 N. 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA

**March 29** – Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church

1406 Philadelphia Pike, Wilmington, DE

## **UOL ESSAY CONTEST GUIDELINES AND RULES**

1, Entries must be postmarked by April 30, 2026 2. NO NAMES ON THE FRONT OF ANY ENTRY. 3, Entries must include the following information on the COVER PAGE, a. Participant's first and last name b. Age and grade in school C. The name and address of participant's parish including city and state d. Parents of minors (under 18 years of age) should sign a permission slip and attach it to the entry. In the event their child wins first place, we Would like to Publish the entry in the UOL bulletin. if a permission slip is not attached, the entry Will not be published. 4. Drawings no larger than 12" x 18" and NO NAMES ON THE FRONT OR BACK OF THE DRAWING, Use the Cover sheet to identify the drawing, 5, Written entries must be on 8 1/2 by 11" paper, include a cover Page with the identifying information listed above. Entries for 9th grade and above must be typed or printed. 6. Emailed entries must be scanned in and emailed, DO NOT TAKE PHOTOS OF THE ENTRIES. Emailed entries must be time stamped no later than 7:00 PM on the deadline date. ALL ENTRIES WILL BE JUGED FOR CONTENT, CREATIVITY AND NEATNESS. Mail entries to

UOL Essay Contest

C/O Teresa Linck

413 Juniper Lane

Or e-mail entries to: [tlinck.essays@gmail.com](mailto:tlinck.essays@gmail.com)

**No entries will be accepted after the posted deadline (April 30)**

### **Topic ideas for the 2026 essay contest:**

**Pre K and Kindergarten:** After creating the Earth, God created humans. He made Adam and Eve and gave them the beautiful Garden of Eden in which to live. In the garden there were many flowers, bushes and trees but one tree was very special. God told Adam and Eve they were never to eat from the fruit of that tree, but we all know they did not listen. Please draw a picture of the Garden of Eden and do not forget the Special Apple tree.

**Grades 1 and 2:** Jochebed was Moses's mother. She was a servant. When she gave birth

to Moses, she needed to hide him from the evil ruler Pharaoh. She put him in a basket near the river and hid him in the tall grass, so she could go and visit him and take care of him. One day Pharaoh's daughter found Moses and she took him to live with her. Jochebed was one of her servants and she was able to take care of Moses and make sure he was safe. Please draw a picture of Moses in the basket hidden in the tall grass by the river and write two to three sentences on why it was so important that Moses be kept safe.

**Grades 3 and 4:** In John 13:34-35 Christ says "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." As Orthodox Christians, what do you understand this passage to mean? Please write 50 to 100 words explaining your answer.

**Grades 5 and 6:** When we say the Lord's Prayer, we not only praise God, but we ask him for things. One thing we ask for is protection. In which lines of the Lord's Prayer do we ask Him for protection and why is it important for us to do that? Using your teachings as an Orthodox Christian please write 75 -150 words explaining your answer.

**Grades 7 and 8:** The theme for this year's UOL Convention is from Romans 12:12 – "rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation and continuing steadfastly in prayer;" Using your teachings as an Orthodox Christian, explain what these words mean to you. Please write 150 -200 words to explain your answer.

**Grades 9 and 10:** When we say The Lord's Prayer, we say "Thy Kingdom come Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven." As Orthodox Christians, what do we understand these words to mean? Please write 200 - 275 words explaining your answer.

**Grades 11 and 12:** In Hebrews 11:1 it says, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." In your teachings about being an Orthodox Christian what have you learned about faith and hope? (Hint: Keep reading the rest of Hebrews 11) Please write 250 to 500 words explaining your answer.

**Adults:** Is there a connection between our beliefs as Orthodox Christians and Environmental Stewardship? Please write 500 or more words explaining your answer.

**NATIONAL UOL LENTEN RETREAT** - March 28, 2026 Retreat will focus Communion and the Communion prayers. Location: Basilian Spirituality Center, 710 Fox Chase Rd, Jenkintown, PA 19046 Retreat registration: \$45 for adults (early bird rate) - \$55 after 3/15/26 \$35 for adolescents (aged 13 to 18) -\$45 after 3/15/26 Free for children 7 to 12- \$25 after 3/15/26 Registration includes breakfast, lunch and snacks. For more information contact: Oleh or Natalie at nsufler@aol.com call – 610-892-7315

**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 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, Taylor Davis, Peter DiVirgilio, James Dudrick, Kathleen Dugan, Mary Eagleton, Maria Economou, Rose Eldridge, Archantula Fanjoy, Mary Farrell, Kandi Fullerton, James Garrett, Lisa Gee, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovniiov, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Richard Haslam, Rick Hastings, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Alicia Hlywak, John Hlywak, Daniel Holoziak, Jennifer Huertes, Serhii Ivashyna, Violet Jaskolka, Stephen Johnson, Bill Jones, Linda Josepinson, 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, Michelle Michalcewiz, 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 Sth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Emily Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Alexandra Sparco, Natalia Stanford, Rich Steinman, Joseph Stevens, Noel Strobino, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczyszyn, Michael Synczyszyn, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, Brysen Tomei, Dominic Tomei, Mark Tomei, Violet Tomei, Aria Tonner, Mariel Trimble, Martha Vignali, Jack Vognetz, Margaret Vognetz, Marilyn Wagner, Olena Wasylevska, James Watts, Chris Way, Leah Way, Barbara Weeks, Laura Worley, Jack Ziegler & James Zook



## OUR CHANGELESS FAITH



**W**e live in a time of tremendous change and that will certainly continue. Technological, social, political and economic change has been the hallmark of our age.

But in all this world of change, today we are reminded of something that does not change. Our faith in Christ, the Son of the Living God, has not changed; our Orthodox Faith is substantially the same as it was a hundred and a thousand years ago. On this First Sunday of Lent, called the "**Sunday of Orthodoxy**," we proclaim to this world of change the changeless Christian faith of our Church.

This is one of our main tasks as inheritors of this priceless heritage – to witness to the world our faith in the Lord. Jesus Himself said: "**Men do not light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.**" So we set forth our Faith this day for all to see.

America is a land of religious pluralism, a land of many religions and faiths. Obviously, we have a tremendous impact to make on the religious life of our land. This is especially true in our times, when the winds of the ecumenical spirit blow over the country, altering old antagonisms and fears, bringing fresh opportunities to reach out to brothers and let the Light of this ancient Lamp disperse the darkness of our age.

As we bring forth our icons this day, testifying to the triumph of the Church over those who would destroy these elements that portray the truth of the Incarnation, let us rededicate ourselves to Christ. Let us be careful not only to glory in the past, but to look forward to the challenge of our times and to make certain that the generations to come will confess the Faith of our Fathers.