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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

**March 20, 2022**  
**Volume 58: Number 12**  
**Schedule of Services and Activities**  
**Week of March 20 - 27, 2022**  
**Celebrating our 95<sup>th</sup> year of Service to the Lord**

**Sunday, March 20 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast – St. Gregory Palamas – Tone 6**

**8:30 AM – Confessions**

**9:15 AM – Hours**

**9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful**

**Coffee Hour**

**12 Noon – Prayer for Ukraine – St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church**

**4:00 PM – Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood Vespers – Here (Sts. Peter and Paul)**

**Monday, March 21**

**7:00 AM – Lenten Matins**

**9:00 – 11:00 AM – Taking Bazaar Orders**

**Tuesday, March 22**

**9:00 – 11:00 AM – Taking Bazaar Orders**

**7:00 PM – Bible Study**

**Wednesday, March 23**

**7:00 AM – Lenten Matins**

**8:30 AM – Butter and Onions (200 lbs.)**

**6:00 PM – Presanctified Liturgy**

**Thursday, March 24**

**10:00 AM – Akathist and Remembering the Departed**

**6:00 PM – Presanctified Liturgy**

**Friday, March 25**

**7:00 AM – Lenten Matins**

**7:00 AM – Peeling potatoes**

**9:00 AM – Loading the Truck for Ukraine**

**6:00 PM – Presanctified Liturgy**

**7:00 PM – Making potato balls**

Saturday, March 26

7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Deceased

8:00 AM – Making pyrohy

Sunday, March 27 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast – Holy Cross – Tone 7

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

4:00 PM – Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood Vespers – St. Stephen Cathedral, Philadelphia

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### SCRIPTURE READINGS

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Fast – Matins: Luke 24:36-53; Liturgy: Hebrews 1:10–2:3; Mark 2:1-12  
To St. Gregory: Hebrews 7:26 - 8:2; John 10:9-16

Monday – Sixth Hour: Isaiah 8:13-9:7; Vespers: Genesis 6:9-22; Proverbs 8:1-21

Tuesday – Sixth Hour: Isaiah 9:9-10:4; Vespers: Genesis 7:1-5; Proverbs 8:32-9:11.

Wednesday – Sixth Hour: Isaiah 10:12-20; Vespers: Genesis 7:6-9; Proverbs 9:12-18.

Thursday – Sixth Hour: Isaiah 11:10-12:2; Vespers: Genesis 7:11-8:3; Proverbs 10:1-22.

Friday – Sixth Hour: Isaiah 13:2-13; Vespers: Genesis 8:4-21; Proverbs 10:31-11:12.

Saturday – Hebrews 10:32-38; Mark 2:14-17; for the Departed: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17;  
John 5:24-30.

Third Sunday of the Fast - Veneration of the Cross - Matins: Luke 24:36-53; Liturgy:  
Hebrews 4:14-5:6; Mark 8:34-9:1.

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### Second Sunday of the Great Fast



With the relief of modern medicines and the sophisticated techniques of surgery, we are finding it all the more difficult to realize and accept the fact that illness and disease in the world is a result of our sinful nature. If we don't think that there is a connection between sin and suffering, we can reflect on our own pattern of life and try to remember when was the last time we went to Confession and Communion before a scheduled hospital stay, or before we went out to face the tension of a job interview, or before we made an important decision in our life? We all desire as many graces as possible during final exams, but did we receive Confession and Communion before the semester started? Our Israelite ancestors clearly **DO**

explained it to us with the creation account in the Book of Genesis which is handed down to us. God created us with the free will to love Him and He created the world and the Universe for us to respect and enjoy. However, people soon began to turn away from God. They began to lose their cautious respectfulness of the world and their enjoyment of Creation was taken over by misery, despair and tiredness.

Sinning is the act of turning away from God and His ways; trying to do things on our own. When we sin or turn away from God, we turn away from our source of strength and life. We become weak and paralysis takes over; not only physically and mentally, but worse yet, spiritually. However, this sinful character of mankind is something which we all share in common and so it takes a group effort to bring ourselves and one another back to the Source of life. But we must remember that we each have to do our own fair share of the effort. And our fair share means using the full power which God has given us.

The men who carried the mat of their friend in the Gospel share the burden of his paralyzed life. They not only brought him to the building where Christ was present, but they also shared his faith and made every effort to bring him directly into the presence of Christ. Great things can be accomplished through faith and if we want to come closer to God and follow His ways bad enough, we can find ways to do so. Jesus saw that they had a sincere faith and desire to become well again and so the first thing he did was to get to the root of the problem and forgive his sins to heal that gap between the man and God. After his sins were forgiven and a new life was given to the paralytic. Christ told him to pick up his mat and go home; to return to his family and friends, show them what God had done for him, and live the new life which he had received.

Perhaps in our own lives we may have fallen into the bad habit of leaving the confessional feeling like we just left a car wash with our old car all cleaned and polished. This is wrong. Rather than leaving like an old car, cleaned and polished, we should leave as if we received a completely brand new car which has never been driven before.

Through the forgiveness of our sins we receive a completely brand new life. All past suffering and anguish should be forgotten and, through Communion, We receive the strength to face future burdens and Christian tests of courage and faith.

## **Second Sunday of Lent**

One of the themes presented in today's gospel is a lesson in faith. The gospel tells how four men carried a man suffering from palsy to Jesus, and when they were prevented from getting to Him, they made an opening in the roof over where Jesus was preaching. Jesus was moved by this display of faith in Him but did not immediately cure the man of his physical infirmity. First Christ forgave him his sins because he was also diseased by the spiritual sickness of sin.

The gospel, through the lesson of this sick man's faith, teaches that faith is belief in a person. It is meeting and seeing God who accepts us for what we are; loves us for what we are; and invites us to friendship and sonship with Him. Through the eyes of faith, we see God as more than a schedule of rules, more than a spiritual "Excedrin" for your troubles. We see Him as the all-providing Father who loves us. Faith is our response to His call of love.

The beginning of our faith was implanted in our souls as a totally free gift from God. But it is up to us to nurture this seed of faith and help its roots to deepen and grow. How can we do this? When we see the beauty of created things, the talents and goodness in the people God has created, we should realize that all this is but a faint reflection of the beauty and goodness of the person of God.

We can learn about God by reading the Bible, the book He wrote for us Himself through inspired men. Look at what Jesus has told us about His Father in the New Testament! He tells us His Father is like a good shepherd, like a man who has a prodigal son, like a sower sowing the seed of eternal life, like a fisherman casting His net into the sea of men's lives.

We can learn about God through the liturgy. Power went out from Christ in those beautiful gospel stories recounted for us throughout the year. A woman in one of those stories just touched the cloak. Christ was wearing, and she was cured!

In today's gospel story we heard how He healed a man sick not only from physical palsy but also from the spiritual palsy of sin. Other stories tell how the word of Christ touched hearts and converted people. We hear that same word of God Sunday after Sunday in the epistle, gospel and sermon. Has that Word ever really meant much to you? If it has not really affected you, something may be wrong with your reception which required careful attention.

As our ears listen to the word of God and our hands touch the Church, something in the deepest core of our person comes into play, namely the conviction that it is good to



believe. Together with faith go hope and love: hope that what we believe will one day be realized and actualized in love. Our faith is a task because even though we acknowledge the revelation given us by God, we have to make that truth a living concrete reality which we believe profoundly without seeing and without feeling. It is a leap in the dark which must be taken again and again; it is a lowering of our selves before the Providence of God just as the man sick with palsy had himself lowered before Christ because He believed in Him.

When we are almost overwhelmed by the seduction of a temptation, it is a leap in the dark to make our faith a reality and to say no. On a day of bad weather on the road, arguments at work or school, quarrels at home, it is an act of dedication to believe in the Holy Spirit and in the potential goodness of other and yourself. When one is almost suffocated by suffering, it is an act of great faith to bring home to yourself God's faithfulness and the meaning which Jesus gave to suffering.

Faith is a very positive power at work for you. Take that leap in the dark, which faith is, realizing that it will carry you out of yourself and into the realm where you belong, heaven.

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY** - is expressed to the following: Konstantin Muntyanu, 3/20; Tijana Beaudean, 3/23 & Ian Kaliakin, 3/26. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

**COLLECTING CLOTHES AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR UKRAINE** – Thanks to Sandy Cramer, we have a resource for getting these materials to Ukraine. John at LSG Fencing Company 305 Ruthar Drive in Newark, DE has graciously volunteered to help in this matter. We will not be able to accept any more donations. **WE NEED HELP** loading the truck on Friday morning!!! If you would like to help fund the transportation fees, please see Linda Hnatow or Nancy Hlywiak. Thank you!!! More in next Bulletin.

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

Week of March 21 - Mark & Laura Andreas

Week of March 28 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of April 4 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

Week of April 11 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of April 18 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

**PRAYER SERVICE FOR UKRAINE** – will be held at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church at 12 noon **TODAY!** Please come and pray with us for Ukraine.

**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.

**UOL RETREAT** – April 2, 2022 at the St. Francis Center for Renewal, 395 Bridle Path Road in Bethlehem, PA. The Retreat will focus on Holy Week. Father Anthony Perkins will be the Retreat Master. Registration is \$40 for adults (\$50 after March 22); \$30 for adolescents 13 – 18 (\$40 after March 22); \$20 for children 7-12 (\$30 after March 22) Registration includes breakfast, lunch and snacks. For more information contact Oleh or Natalie Bilynsky at [nsufler@aol.com](mailto:nsufler@aol.com) or call (610) 892-7315. Registration forms are on the coffee hour table.

### **READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

March 20 - Andrew Duncan

March 27 - Linda Hnatow

April 3 - Jean Roeth

April 10 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

April 17 - John Plachuta

**GETTING READY FOR THE TAKE-OUT BAZAAR** – WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO!!! Please come and help:

Wednesday, March 23 – 200 lbs. of Butter and Onions

Saturday, March 26 – Making pyrohy

Monday, March 28 – 50 lbs of Butter and onions

Wednesday, March 30 – making holubtsi

Thursday, March 31 – making holubtsi (if needed)

Saturday, April 2 – Making pyrohy

Monday, April 4 – Frying Sauerkraut

Tuesday, April 5 – frying cabbage

Wednesday, April 6 – Making soups

Friday, April 8 – Packing

Saturday, April 9 – Spring Take-out Bazaar – Need help at the serving table

Need help for cleanup



**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!

**WHEAT FIELDS OF UKRAINE** – by artist Andrew Duncan is on display in the vestibule of the Church. The prints which are 11 X 14 will be available for a donation of \$50.00 which will be donated to the Humanitarian Relief Fund for Ukraine. There is a rich symbolism involved with the print: the gold and the blue is obvious, the red is for the blood of the soldiers defending Ukraine, three clouds in the sky represent the Holy Trinity, white is for hope, the wheat is hard and prickly representing the hardness of the people after eight days of war, green is for the broken peace, black and dark brown is for the cheap oil to Europe which mixes with the blood. There is also a suggestion of a heart in the clouds. You can see Andy after Church or get onto his web site: [andrewduncanartist.com](http://andrewduncanartist.com) to order prints. Thanks for your support.

### **GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

March 20 - Nancy Tur, Zina Twardus  
March 27 - John and Sandy Cramer  
April 3 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik  
April 10 - David and Eve Lazaration

### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

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

March 20 - Matthew Andreas and Victor Kaliakin  
March 27 – Lorraine Neff and Ann Duncan  
April 3 – Lorraine Neff and Ann Duncan  
April 10 – Linda Hnatow and Matthew Andreas  
April 17 - Linda Hnatow and Matthew Andreas  
April 24 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff  
May 1 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

### **ORTHODOX CLERGY BROTHERHOOD LENTEN SERVICES 4:00 PM**

March 20 – Sts. Peter and Paul UOC (Here)  
March 27 – St. Stephen Cathedral 8598 Verree Road, Philadelphia, PA  
April 3 – Descent of the Holy Spirit Parish – 723 N. Bodine St., Philadelphia, PA  
April 10 – Holy Assumption Parish 2101 South 28<sup>th</sup> St., Philadelphia, PA

## **TENTATIVE CALENDER OF EVENTS**

Saturday, April 9 – Spring Bazaar

Sunday, April 24 – Paskha

Sunday, May 1 – St. Thomas Sunday – Cemeteries

Sunday, May 8 – Mother's Day

Sunday, June 19 – Father's Day

Sunday, June 19 – Graduate Sunday

Sunday, July 17 – Patronal Dinner

Saturday, August 6 – UOL Flea Market

Sunday, August 14 – Dormition Fast Begins

Saturday, September 24 – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Troop #70 (Tentative)

October 12 – 15 – UOC Sobor

Saturday, November 5 – Fall Bazaar

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

Sunday, December 18 – UOL Cookie Sale

**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.

**IOCC RELIEF KITS** – Our UOL is collecting items for the International Orthodox Christian Charities to provide relief in disaster areas. Beginning today, you can either donate a complete kit or any of the items so that we can make a kit. The items are: A one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure and fill it with the following items: One cotton hand towel measuring approximately 15" x 28" to 16" x 32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or microfiber); One cotton washcloth (no microfiber); One wide-tooth comb removed from the package; One fingernail or toenail clipper removed from the package; One bath-size bar of soap in the wrapper; One toothbrush in the package; Ten standard size Band-Aids. The IOCC has boots on the ground in any natural disaster any where in the world. Please help us to complete these kits to help them help others. Thank you.

**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.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL –** 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, Matt, Michele, Mykola, Rita, Ryan, Randy Allen, 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, Kathleen Dugan, Larry Dugan, Margaret Durell, 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, 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, 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, Lorraine 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, 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, Stephen Wienkowitz, Laura Worley, Sophia Zomcahk & James Zook.

## STRIVE TO UNITE YOURSELF WITH CHRIST

**O**n this Second Sunday of the Great Fast, the Church provides us with a great teacher on PRAYER. Honored this day is ST. GREGORY OF PALAMAS, famed Byzantine monk and theologian of the 14th century. He was raised in Constantinople, then became an ascetic on Mount Athos. From there he came to Thessalonica, Greece, and became its Archbishop. Born in 1296, Gregory fell asleep in Christ in 1359.

Over the centuries, the ascetics of the East developed a system of mystical contemplation of God which had as its aim the union of the person with the Lord. This has been called "deification in Christ." The method involved physical exercise, bodily posture, silence, proper breathing, and the Jesus Prayer: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner." The height of this spiritual experience was said to be a vision of the Divine Light, the radiance which Jesus showed at His transfiguration. It is termed "hesychasm," which means tranquility or quietness.

Here is what St. Gregory had to say about praying without ceasing: "Let no one think that it is the duty only of priests and monks to pray without ceasing, and not of laymen. No, no; it is the duty of all Christians to remain always in prayer . . ." "Bear in mind the method of prayer . . . namely by prayer in the mind. And this we can always do if we wish. For when we sit down to work with our hands, when we walk, when we eat . . . we can always pray mentally - the true prayer pleasing to God. Let us work with the body and pray with the soul . . ."