



## **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

**May 15, 2022**  
**Volume 58: Number 20**  
**Schedule of Services and Activities**  
**Week of May 15 - 22, 2022**  
**Celebrating our 95<sup>th</sup> year of Service to the Lord**

**Sunday, May 15 – Sunday of the Paralytic – Tone 3**

**8:30 AM - Confessions**

**9:15 AM – Hours**

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

**Coffee Hour**

**Wednesday, May 18 – Mid Pentecost**

**7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy**

**Panakhyda: +Michael Wardigo (1 Yr.)**

**Friday, May 20**

**8:00 AM – Liturgy of Thanksgiving**

**Panakhyda: +David Duncan**

**Saturday, May 21**

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

**Panakhyda: +Metropolitan Constantine (10 Yr.)**

**Sunday, May 22 – Sunday of the Samaritan Woman – Tone 4**

**8:30 AM - Confessions**

**9:15 AM – Hours**

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

**Panakhyda: +Michael Moroz (40<sup>th</sup> Day)**

**Panakhyda: +David Duncan (2 Yr.) – Family**

**Panahyda: +Metropolitan Constantine (10 Yrs.)**

**Coffee Hour**

## SCRIPTURAL READINGS

Sunday of the Paralytic – Matins: Luke 24:1-12; Liturgy: Acts of the Apostles 9:32-42; John 5:1-15

Monday – Theodosius, Abbot of the Kyivan Caves – Hebrews 13:7-16; Matthew 11:27-30 – Day: Acts of the Apostles 10:1-16; John 6:56-69

Tuesday - Acts of the Apostles 10:21-33; John 7:1-13

Wednesday (Mid-Pentecost) - Acts of the Apostles 14:6-18; John 7:14-30

Thursday - Acts of the Apostles 10:34-43; John 8:12-20

Friday – Apparition of the Cross: 1 Corinthians 1:18-24; John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35. Day: Acts of the Apostles 10:44-11:10; John 8:21-30

Saturday – Apostle and Evangelist John: 1 John 1:1-7; John 19:25-27, 21:24-25 Day: Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11; John 8:31-42

The Sunday of the Samaritan Women – Matins: John 20:1-10; Acts of the Apostles 11:19-26, 29-30; John 4:5-42

HEALING OF THE PARALYTIC



### The Healing of the Paralytic

Christ is Risen! Today, the third Sunday after the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha, the Orthodox world commemorates the Healing of the Paralytic. We remember this event that not only transformed the life of the paralytic physically, but spiritually as he was led to a conversion and to a righteous life. Moreover, we celebrate this event as it exemplifies Jesus' divine power to give life.

As we commemorate this event detailed in the Gospel of John, does it induce a transformation similar to that of the paralytic in our lives? Granted, we may not need to be lifted from a bed where we lay physically paralyzed, but spiritually can we make such a boast that we do not need

the Lord's divine power? Are we able, a mere three weeks after His glorious Resurrection to carry His light that was passed to each of us and walk in His brilliance? My guess is that each of us, to some degree, whether we are willing to admit to ourselves or not, is waiting for the water to be stirred in our life that brings about that healing of body and soul and sets us on a righteous path.

The water though has already been stirred! Let us not forget that at our baptism we were baptized into Christ through our immersion into the water of the font. We were freed from the paralysis of sin and given life in Christ. Similarly, then, we should TODAY celebrate our spiritual transformation along with the paralytic and as Jesus said, "sin no more".

## Great Martyr Irene

**Commemorated on May 5 (18)**



The holy Great Martyr Irene was born in the city of Magedon in Persia during the fourth century. She was the daughter of the pagan king Licinius, and her parents named her Penelope

Penelope was very beautiful, and her father kept her isolated in a high tower from the time she was six so that she would not be exposed to Christianity. He also placed thirteen young maidens in the tower with her. An old tutor by the name of Apellian was assigned to give her the best possible education. Apellian was a Christian, and during her lessons, he told the girl about Christ the Savior and taught her the Christian Faith and the Christian virtues.

When Penelope reached adolescence, her parents began to think about her marriage. One day, a dove flew through the window carrying an olive branch in its beak, depositing it upon a table. Then an eagle swooped in with a wreath of flowers in its beak, and also placed it upon the table. Finally, a raven flew in carrying a snake, which it dropped on the table. Penelope was puzzled by these events and wondered what they meant.

Apellian explained that the dove signified her education, and the olive branch stood for the grace of God which is received in Baptism. The eagle with the wreath of flowers represented success in her future life. The raven and the snake foretold her future suffering and sorrow.

At the end of the conversation Apellianus said that the Lord wished to betroth her to Himself and that Penelope would undergo much suffering for her heavenly Bridegroom. After this Penelope refused marriage, was baptized by the priest Timothy, and she was named Irene (peace). She even urged her own parents to become Christians. Shortly after this, she destroyed all her father's idols.

Since St Irene had dedicated herself to Christ, she refused to marry any of the suitors her father had chosen for her. When Licinius learned that his daughter refused to worship the pagan gods, he was furious. He attempted to turn her from Christ by having her tortured. She was tied up and thrown beneath the hooves of wild horses so that they might trample her to death, but the horses remained motionless. Instead of harming the saint, one of the horses charged Licinius, seized his right hand and tore it from his arm. Then it knocked Licinius down and began to trample him. They untied the holy virgin, and through her prayers Licinius rose unharmed in the presence of eyewitnesses with his hand intact.

Seeing such a miracle, Licinius and his wife, and many of the people, (about 3000 men) believed in Christ and turned from the pagan gods. Resigning his administrative duties, Licinius devoted himself to the service of the Lord Jesus Christ. St Irene lived in the house of her teacher Apellian, and she began to preach Christ among the pagans, converting them to the path of salvation.

When Sedecius, the new prefect of the city, heard of this miracle he summoned Apellian and questioned him about Irene's manner of life. Apellian replied that Irene, like other Christians, lived in strict temperance, devoting herself to constant prayer and reading holy books. Sedecius summoned the saint to him and urged her to stop preaching about Christ. He also attempted to force her to sacrifice to the idols. St Irene staunchly confessed her faith before the prefect, not fearing his wrath, and prepared to undergo suffering for Christ. By order of Sedecius she was thrown into a pit filled with vipers and serpents. The saint spent ten days in the pit and remained unharmed, for an angel of the Lord protected her and brought her food. Sedecius ascribed this miracle to sorcery, and he subjected St Irene to many other tortures, but she remained unharmed. Under the influence of her preaching and miracles even more people were converted to Christ, and turned away from the worship of inanimate idols.

Sedecius was deposed by his son Savorus, who persecuted Christians with an even greater zeal than his father had done. St Irene went to her home town of Magedon in Persia to meet Savorus and his army, and ask him to end the persecution. When he refused, St Irene prayed and his entire army was blinded. She prayed again and they received their sight once more. In spite of this, Savorus refused to recognize the power of God. Because of his insolence, he was struck and killed by a bolt of lightning.

After this, St Irene walked into the city and performed many miracles. She returned to the tower built by her father, accompanied by the priest Timothy. Through her teaching, she converted five thousand people to Christ. Next, the saint went to the city of Callinicus, or Callinicum (possibly on the Euphrates River in Syria). The ruler of that place was King Numerian, the son of Sebastian. When she began to teach about Christ, she was arrested and tortured by the pagan authorities. She was placed into three bronze oxen which were heated by fire. She was transferred from one to another, but miraculously she remained uninjured. Thousands of idolaters embraced Christianity as a result of this wondrous event.

Sensing the approach of death, Numerian instructed his eparch Babdonus to continue torturing the saint in order to force her to sacrifice to idols. Once again, the tortures were ineffective, and many people turned to Christ.

Christ's holy martyr then traveled to the city of Constantina, forty miles northeast of Edessa. By 330, the Persian king Sapor II (309-379) had heard of St Irene's great miracles. To prevent her from winning more people to Christ, she was arrested, beheaded, and then buried. However, God sent an angel to raise her up again, and she went into the city of Mesembria. After seeing her alive and hearing her preach, the local king was baptized with many of his subjects.

Wishing to convert even more pagans to Christianity, St Irene went to Ephesus, where she taught the people and performed many miracles. The Lord revealed to her that the end of her life was approaching. Then St Irene left the city accompanied by six people, including her former teacher Apellian. On the outskirts of the town, she found a new tomb in which no one had ever been buried. After making the Sign of the Cross, she went inside, directing her companions to close the entrance to the cave with a large stone, which they did. Thus did God glorify St Irene, who loved Him and devoted her life to serving Him. Although many of these miracles may seem improbable to those who are skeptical, nothing is impossible with God.

St Irene led thousands of people to Christ through her preaching, and by her example. The Church continues to honor her memory and to seek her heavenly intercession. The holy, glorious Great Martyr Irene is invoked by those wishing to effect a swift and happy marriage. In Greece, she is also the patron saint of policemen. St Irene is also one of the twelve Virgin Martyrs who appeared to St Seraphim of Sarov (January 2) and the Diveyevo nun Eupraxia on the Feast of the Annunciation in 1831. By her holy prayers, may the Lord have mercy upon us and save us.

**Troparion - Tone 4** - Your lamb Irene, O Jesus, \* Calls out to You in a loud voice: \* I love You, O my bridegroom, \* And in seeking You, I endure suffering. \* In Baptism I was crucified so that I might reign in You, \* And died so that I might live with You. \* Accept me as a pure sacrifice, \* For I have offered myself in love. \* By her prayers save our souls, since You are merciful.

**Kontakion - Tone 3** - O pure Irene, you adorned yourself with the splendors of virginity, \* So you became all-beautiful in your struggle: \* You were dyed with the blood you shed for Christ \* And so became all-pleasing to God. \* Therefore you received the prize of glory from your creator.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY** - is expressed to the following: Adam Duncan, 5/17; Sophia (Sonya) Patronik, 5/17; Max Roch, 5/17; Alexander Beaudean, 5/18; Nicholas Beaudean, 5/18 & Sarah Hutnick, 5/19. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

**SPECIAL THANKS FOR MOTHER'S DAY** – Special thanks are expressed to Neil and Christopher Belles, Mark and Steven Andreas and John Plachuta for coming and preparing for the Mother's Day Dinner and to Matthew Andreas, Joseph Lum and Michael Tilson who joined the other men in serving the meal. We hope that you all enjoyed your dinner and Happy Mother's Day!!!

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

Week of May 16 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

Week of May 23 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of May 30 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

Week of June 6 - Mark & Laura Andreas

Week of June 13 - John Plachuta and David Lazaration

Week of June 20 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

**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.

### **READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

May 15 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

May 22 - John Plachuta

May 29 - Andrew Duncan

June 5 - Linda Hnatow

June 12 - Jean Roeth

**FUND RAISER FOR UKRAINE** – Special thanks are offered to the Claymont Fire Company for hosting this event at the ACME on Marsh Road yesterday. A total of \$3335.00 was realized that will be given to the UOC of USA for humanitarian aid to Ukraine. Special thanks to Tom Grant, Bruce Patterson, Nick Scrobott, Ron Reid, Bill and Leslie Lacombe, Eric Braun and Adam Diavonti from the Fire Company and Pani Elizabeth Hutnick, Anastasia Hutnick and Father Stephen from our Parish.



**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 Ukrainian (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 4 dates in which we would like to make pyrohy – Saturdays June 4<sup>th</sup> & June 25<sup>th</sup>, 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**

May 22 - John and Sandy Cramer

May 29 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik

June 5 - David and Eve Lazaration

June 12 - Zina Twardus

#### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

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

May 8 – Ann Duncan and Linda Hnatow

May 15 – Ann Duncan and Linda Hnatow

May 22 – Matthew Andreas and Victor Kaliakin

May 29 – Matthew Andreas and Victor Kaliakin

June 5 – Lorraine Neff and Ann Duncan

June 12 – Lorraine Neff and Ann Duncan

June 19 – Linda Hnatow and Matthew Andreas

June 26 – Linda Hnatow and Matthew Andreas

#### **10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE REPOSE OF METROPOLITAN CONSTANTINE**

– May 21<sup>st</sup> at St. Vladimir UO Church, 1810 Sidney Street, Pittsburgh, PA 10:00 AM – Archpastoral Divine Liturgy; 12 Noon, Service at the Grave. All are invited to attend.

**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.

### **TENTATIVE CALENDER OF EVENTS**

Sunday, June 19 – Father’s Day

Sunday, June 19 – Graduate Sunday

Saturday, July 9 – Eagle Scout Program - Hall

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



**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, Larry Dugan, Margaret Durell, Mary Eagleton, Rose Eldridge, Thomas Fagan, James Garrett, Lisa Gee, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovniiov, 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 Hnатов, 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, 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, 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 & James Zook.**

## SICKNESS COMES IN MANY FORMS

**T**he **SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC** seems almost out of place in the Paschal cycle of services. This day is dedicated to commemorating a miracle which, historically and chronologically, took place quite early in Christ's ministry. At first glance, it appears to have no correlation with the joyful theme of the Resurrection, which we continue to celebrate. Careful study, however, shows that a subtle, but wonderful connection can be made between this miraculous event and our Saviour's rising from the dead.

The power of Jesus to **HEAL** is intimately linked to His Resurrection. It proclaims to us that He Who can overcome death in His **OWN** body certainly has power over **ALL** human flesh. Simply put, our Lord can heal the paralytic because He Himself can rise from the dead.

Today's Gospel lesson is a touching story of a man waiting for 38 years for someone to help him into the healing waters of the pool of Bethesda. How heart-breaking are his words to Christ: "*I have no one to put me into the pool.*" With compassion for the lonely paralytic, Jesus commands the man to do something that he must have longed to do for nearly four decades: "*Rise, take up your bed and walk!*"

So caught up in the joy of this miracle, it is easy for us to overlook the stern admonition given to the paralytic by Christ after curing him: "*Sin no more, lest something worse happens to you.*" Sickness and affliction come in many forms. While physical pain and suffering seem to be the greatest obstacles to a happy life, we must remember that **SPIRITUAL ILLNESSES** have consequences that are much more severe. Remember how Christ once condemned those who have eyes "*but do not see*" and who have ears "*but do not hear.*" Fortunately, our Saviour is always there to provide relief from any "*sickness of the soul.*" Truly, He is the "**Physician**" of our bodies and souls.