



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; 2nd Youth Ministry

October 18, 2020
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Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of October 18 - 25, 2020
Celebrating our 93rd year of Service to the Lord

**ALL SERVICES ARE LIVE STREAMED
ON FACEBOOK & WEBPAGE**

Sunday, October 18- 19th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 1

8:30 – 9:00 AM - Confessions

9:15 AM – Service for the Cross

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Special Meeting – Special Coffee Hour

Monday, October 19 – Apostle Thomas

8:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, October 21

10:00 AM – Frying sauerkraut

Thursday, October 22 – Apostle James

7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Saturday, October 24

9:00 AM – Making Holubtsi

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Coffee Hour – UOL Meeting with Elections

On Saturday, October 24 our Hierarchs, Metropolitan Antony and Archbishop Daniel along with all the Priests and Deacons of our Church will be on a “Zoom” Retreat. Please remember all of us as we take the day to meditate on our commitment to serving God and His people.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

19th Sunday after Pentecost – Matins: John 20:11-18; Liturgy: 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9; Luke 6:31-36

Monday – Holy Apostle Thomas – Matins: John 21:15-25; Liturgy: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16; John 20:19-31; Day: Philippians 2:12-16; Luke 6:24-30

Tuesday – Philippians 2:17-23; Luke 6:37-43

Wednesday – Philippians 2:24-30; Luke 6:46-7:1

Thursday – Holy Apostle James – Matins: John 21:15-25; 1 Corinthians 4:9-16; Luke 10:16-21; Day - Philippians 3:1-8; Luke 7:17-30

Friday – Philippians 3:8-19; Luke 7:31-35

Saturday – 2 Corinthians 1:8-11; Luke 5:27-32

20th Sunday after Pentecost – Matins: John 20:19-31; Galatians 1:11-19; Luke 7:11-16; Holy Fathers: Hebrews 13:7-16; John 17:1-13

The following article was taken from **The Church Messenger** (September 25, 2005 Number 13) the official news journal of the American Carpatho-Russian Diocese. It discusses a disease that has overtaken the Church in recent times. Personally, I have always enjoyed Father's articles. This article sparked more response from the faithful who read it than any of his articles written to date.

Spiritual Insights

Very Rev. Protopresbyter Lawrence Barriger

The Most Deadly Sin

There is a spiritual illness that is consuming the Church and it stems, not from the outside, but from the inside. This illness, this most deadly sin, is not a grand attack by some outside force intent on destroying the Church; there is no emperor or revolutionary council issuing edicts of persecutions for the Christian faith. Yet the end result of this sin is just the same, or perhaps, even more deadly than any open persecution.

At the beginning of the third century AD the prominent North African Churchman Tertullian would write: ***"The Blood of the Martyrs is the seed of the Church."*** To be a Christian in the pagan Roman Empire meant taking a risk; it meant living with the threat of betrayal and the loss of all things. Certainly, in the political and religious freedom in which we live, we no longer have the circumstances that produce martyrs for the faith. Having found that the Church was impossible to destroy overtly, Satan has now set about destroying from within that which emperors, heretics, imams and Communism could not. The method of this

destruction is simply apathy: the indifference demonstrated by so many members of the Church. It is visible in the amount of the faithful who choose their mattress on Sunday over the Church pew; in parish meetings which struggle to even put together a legal quorum to conduct business; in Sunday morning sports events to which parents enthusiastically take their children; in Church School classes that enroll only a small fraction of the parish students in Church events which must, of necessity, be conducted by "same people" because there is no one to relieve the burden.

This feeling of apathy, this indifference to the life of the church and the spiritual life in general, is not a new phenomenon. We read in the Book of Revelation of the indifference that characterized the Church of the Laodiceans: ***"I knew your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth"*** (Revelations 3:15-16).

Many people have recently noticed a decline in the Church in the national and local level and have put an emphasis on "making converts" to fill the breach caused by the loss of membership. All of such efforts have met with only a very limited success, simply because the host congregations themselves have very often not been converted.

Father Alexander Elchaninov, a Russian émigré priest living in France, wrote in the 1930's: ***We often mistake for religion a vague mixture of the reminiscences of childhood, the sentimental emotions sometimes experienced in Church, colored eggs and cakes at Easter. How shall we succeed in awakening in our soul any sense of the way of the Cross which it must follow towards God?***

Faith in Christ and devotion to the Mystical Body of Christ - the Church - has always hinged on one and only one article of faith: ***"I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"*** (John 11:25-26).

This has always been the question posed by Christ to everyone in the world. Although our lips may answer "yes" to the question, our indifference to the question, much less the answer, betrays us. We are like the Apostles sleeping in

the Garden of Gethsemane, unaware until it is too late that the Savior is betrayed into the hands of men.

We have many excuses for our indifference to the Church and every pastor with any experience can recite them all by rote: we cannot attend Liturgy because we are too tired from working, because of sickness or age or someone is a member that we don't like or the priest does not meet our expectations and on and on. Having become indifferent to the Church and to the question of Christ, ***"Do you believe this?"*** We enter into a prideful sophistry answering questions that we think Christ might ask and coming up with possible answers: ***I don't need to go to Church, I am a good person. God is everywhere and I don't need to worship in a church. All the Church is about is money. Christ never said in the Bible that it was necessary to go to Church.***

We reward ourselves in our apathy with a pathetic grace, denying the Cross of Christ, and worshipping the false idol of God that we have created. This idol is agreeable and never makes demands. He congratulates our spiritual indolence and lack of repentance and helps us to feel that we are on the "path of salvation." In our delusion we mistakenly embrace him for the Christ of the Church and the Gospels.

But behind this idol that we have created for ourselves is the father of all idols - Satan, the prince of darkness, into whose kingdom we happily approach every Sunday that we choose the "holy mattress" over the "Holy Spirit". St. Cyprian of Carthage said it perhaps the best: ***"He cannot have God for his father who does not have the Church for his mother."***

The real truth is that it is not a lack of people that is destroying the Church. Jesus warned us that in the last times ***"the love of many would grow cold"***. It is not the size of the congregation that is important. It is the will of the congregation to ***"know Christ and make Him known"*** as was stated in the theme of a recent Diocesan Sobor. It is the desire of every member of the congregation from the Pastor to the smallest child to answer ***"Yes, Lord I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, He Who is coming into the world"*** (John 11:27) to the question posed by Jesus, ***Do you believe this?***

In the words of the Apostle Paul, ***"the night is far advanced the day is at hand"***. The Church in America, the parishes that have nourished so many

spiritually, will either live overcome with the love of Christ or they will die overcome with apathy. There is no middle ground; *no status quo*.

No tree can survive without healthy leaves. As the leaves go, so goes the tree. If the leaves that make up a church are withered and dried out with indifference and diseased with the spirit of "let someone else do it", that Church will perish: ***"I am the Vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch that is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned"*** (John 15:5-6)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY - is expressed to the following: Alexandre Novikov, 10/18 & Craig Schmidt, 10/23. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

PYROHY PRICES HAVE CHANGED – Due to the rising costs of our supplies, our pyrohy prices have changed: Potato - \$10 Doz.; Sauerkraut \$10 Doz.: Cheese \$13 Doz. Holubtsi \$18 half dozen; \$35 dozen; Kovbassa \$13 a ring.

ELECTRONIC 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.

TRUSTEES MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

October 18 – Lorraine Neff and Thomas Bringle

October 25 – Lorraine Neff and Thomas Bringle

November 1 – Linda Hnatow and Ann Duncan

November 8 – Linda Hnatow and Ann Duncan

November 15 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

November 22 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

November 29 – Thomas Bringle and Linda Hnatow



Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church “PATRONS PATH”

A Tribute to the Faithful Founders, Families, Stewards and Supporters of this Holy Temple and All Who Worship Here.

Dear Family, Friends & Supporters,

Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church is a very special place for many of us. For nearly 93 years, our Parish has served as a spiritual home for generations of Ukrainians, Ukrainian-Americans and Orthodox Christians from around the world.

Many of you may have been baptized, married, attended liturgy or simply enjoyed the Bazaars and monthly pyrohy sales, THANK YOU for being part of what makes Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church a unique family gathering place.

You now have the opportunity to leave a lasting imprint on our beloved church home. Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church has created, PATRONS PATH, a lasting remembrance to all who have generously built, supported and sustained our little Parish in Wilmington, Delaware over the years. This tribute will be placed in front of the Holodomor Memorial and surrounding area to be admired and added to for generations. The funds generated from the sale of pavers will be used to offset operational and capital improvement costs. These pavers may be imprinted with special messages, dates, names or combination of such.

A special presentation will be made immediately following Liturgy on October 18th. This presentation will be held at the church as well as live streamed across our Facebook page (SS. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church) and Website (www.sspeterandpauluoc.org).

It is our hope that you join us and be part of this new foundation on which to build for ages to come.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Bringle

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Trustee, Parish Board

READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

October 18 - Andrew Duncan

October 25 - Linda Hnatow

November 1 - Jean Roeth

November 8 - John Plachuta

November 15 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of October 19 - John Plachuta and David Lazaration

Week of October 26 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

Week of November 2 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

Week of November 9 - Mark & Laura Andreas

Week of November 16 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

MEETINGS

UOL MEETING – Sunday, October 25 with the Election of Officers

PARISH BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, November 10 @ 6:30 PM (Zoom Meeting)

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – “Honor your Father and Mother, Be that you may live long in the land of the Lord our God is giving you...” Please plan to attend a special presentation on October 18, 2020 immediately following Liturgy.

ADOPTING CHILDREN FOR THE NATIVITY – DONATIONS - We shall be adopting 6 youth for the Nativity Season. They are asking for Gift Cards so that the parents of the youth can go and buy Christmas Gifts for the children in need. We shall be taking financial donations towards this cause. All donations must be submitted by November 15 and we shall go and buy the appropriate gift cards. Please take an envelope from the Christmas Tree. Linda Hnatow is the Chairperson. They have a lot of children in need this year because of many parents being out of work.

WREATHS FOR THE NATIVITY – Our Sister Parish of St. Nicholas is sponsoring a sale of real wreaths for Christmas. Please see Father Stephen if you are interested in ordering and they will be delivered here to the Church for pick up.

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!

BAZAAR PREPARATIONS

Although this year's Bazaar will be take out only, there are still a lot of preparations that have to be made. We need your help. Here is the Schedule:

Wednesday, October 21 – 10:00 AM – frying sauerkraut

Saturday, October 24 – 9:00 AM - making holubtsi!

Thursday, October 29 – 10:00 AM – Frying cabbage

Monday, November 2 – 7:00 AM – Peeling the potatoes

Wednesday, November 4 – 7:00 AM – making pyrohy

Thursday, November 5 – 9:00 AM – Making holubtsi – cutting up vegetables for soup

Friday, November 6 – making the soups

RULES FOR ATTENDING ALL SERVICES: *

Masks **MUST** be worn during the service – if you do not have one, a mask will be provided. * **PLEASE:** It is crucial for the safety and health of all participants that if you have a fever of over 100°, or have any symptoms **PLEASE STAY HOME!!** For everyone's safety, contact information will be taken at every service so that if someone who attends develops the virus, all attendees will be notified and then would quarantine themselves for 14 days. We shall continue to stream all services until the pandemic is over. **HOLY COMMUNION** – It is imperative that you understand that **YOU CANNOT GET DISEASE FROM HOLY COMMUNION!!!** This is the Body and Blood of Christ. The Communion Cloth is not to be touched. **PLEASE** – listen to the instructions. *

After the Liturgy, each person **MUST** sanitize the area in which he/she is using. * **AFTER HAVING PARTICIPATED IN THE DIVINE SERVICES AND YOU BECOME SYMPTOMATIC – YOU MUST NOTIFY FATHER STEPHEN AT ONCE SO THAT ALL WHO PARTICIPATED COULD QUARENTINE THEMSELVES!!**

* 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.

OUR PRAYER LIST FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL – is a long list. I am asking those who have added names to the list, please let me know if the person has recovered and can be taken off the list. Please do not hesitate to ask if someone might be added to the list if they are ill. It is our responsibility as Pastor and Faithful to pray for them. Thank you.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL – Metropolitan Antony, Archimandrite Raphael, Father Vasili Andrejuk, Father Paul Bigelow, Father John Bohush, Father Vasyl Dovhan, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Mark Leisure, Father Andrew Molewski, Father John Nakonechney, Father James Norton, Father Victor Wronskyj, Father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Pani Dobrodyka Lisa Weremedic, Alicia, Nerry, Mykola, Brennan, Deborah, Charles, Galina, Dolores, Julian, Madison, Michele, Mykola, Rita, Ryan, Randy Allen, Paul Andreas, 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, George Burns, 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, Rose Eldridge, Thomas Fagan, James Garrett, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovniou, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Rick Hastings, Celeste Heiser, Dolores Helms, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Anthony Hnatow, Daniel Holoviak, Caroline Humphrey, Richard Humphrey, Sally Hutnick, Joette Jago, Stephen Johnson, Linda Josepinson, Rosalie Ann Kane, Sandra Kasch, Thomas Kasprzak, Charles Kaszytski, Julia Kaszytski, Diane Keyser, Barbara Kirylic, 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, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Anthony Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry Pinkowicz, Bernice 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, Alla Rudawsky, John Ruczhak, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, Maria Russak, Anthony Saldutti, Dana Sargent, 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, Tatiana Szvec, 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, & James Zook.

THE PROPER WINDOW



Analogy can be defined as “resemblances that imply further similarity.” They are often useful to demonstrate to an audience a greater truth. Today we begin by examining three different kinds of “WINDOWS” and how they relate to our perspective on Life. Each type of window casts a bias on how things are seen through it. Let us delve into these types of windows and the effects they have on our lives.

The first is a DIRTY window. This is the scenario where everything is seen as negative. It may pertain to someone you know or possibly yourself. Life is gloomy and everything is wrong. Although there is sin and imperfection in our lives, we must strive to search for the goodness around us.

The next example is a ROSE-COLORED window. Everything is always positive. Life is wonderful and nothing is wrong, but is this totally accurate? This filter removes the unwanted glare, but perhaps to a fault. Although a happy attitude is necessary, we cannot let it “cloud” our vision. We do need to be able to recognize our faults and set out to fix them.

The last is a CLEAR window. This is the one we all should work towards obtaining. It is seeing the world as God intends. It is realistic and sometimes brutally honest. We strive to acknowledge our sins and wrongdoings and work to do better. Our goal is to purify both our hearts and our souls.

Even though the analogy may not be perfect, hopefully we can see how our PERSPECTIVE is important. With GOD'S help, let us try to look through the proper window, so we can be filled with His Light.

