



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 31, 2021
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Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of October 31 – November 7, 2021
Celebrating our 94th year of Service to the Lord

Sunday, October 31 -19th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 2

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

THIS IS BAZAAR WEEK – WE NEED ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET

Monday, November 1

10:00 AM – Making Sauerkraut

No Bible Study

Wednesday, November 3

10:00 AM – Frying cabbage

Thursday, November 4

10:00 AM – Traying holubtsi

Cutting Veggies for Soup

7:00 PM – Boy Scouts

Friday, November 5

8:00 AM – Making the Mushroom Soup

6:00 PM – Service for the Departed for Demetrius Saturday

Saturday, November 6

10:00 – 3:00 PM – Take out Bazaar

TURN YOUR CLOCK BACK ONE HOUR

Sunday, November 7 - 20th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 3

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Baptismal Liturgy for Leda Nicole Otamas

Pankhyda: +Alexandra (2 Yrs), Alexey (1Yr.), +Victor (3 Yrs), +Valentyna (2 Yrs.) +Tobias - Tatianna Tischtschenko

Coffee Hour

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.

SCRIPTURE READNGS

19th Sunday after Pentecost – Matins: John 20:11-18; Liturgy: 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9; Luke 8:5-15

Monday – Philippians 2:12-16; Luke 9:18-22

Tuesday – Philippians 2:16-23; Luke 9:23-27

Wednesday – Philippians 2:24-30; Luke 9:44-50

Thursday- Philippians 3:1-8; Luke 9:46-56

Friday – Philippians 3:8-19; Luke 10:1-15

Saturday – 2 Corinthians 1:8-11; Luke 7:1-10

20th Sunday after Pentecost – Matins: John 20:19-31; Liturgy: Galatinas 1:11-19; Luke 16:19-31

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. Next week we will read his follow-up article to this one.

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)

GOD'S LOVE

No one today can truthfully say
They have never committed a sin.
God can see into everyone's heart,
There's nothing to hide from Him.
How many times do we speak in hate,
And wish we could recall each one,
Before it is too late.
It matters not how high we are,
Sometimes we are bound to fall,
But a loving God reaches out to us,
To help us again stand tall.
Let each of us wipe our own slate clean,
And on this very day begin,
To fill our hearts with so much love,
No hate can enter in.
What a wonderful world this would be,
If we would only trust in our Lord,
Only then we'd find peace on earth
Without blood shed and the sword.
Forgive us, Lord, for all our mistakes,
And help us to start anew,
To build a better world again
With our faith and love in You.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY - is expressed to the following: Andrew Boitsov, 11/01; Victor Kaliakin, 11/01; Connor Duncan, 11/03 & Andrew Duncan, 11/05. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

ADOPT A CHILD: MINISTRY OF CARING – Our goal is to adopt 20 children. We need your help of donations of either \$100 gift cards from Walmart or a cash donation which we will use to purchase the gift cards. Linda Hnatow is the chairperson for this project. All donations are due on November 14.

UOL BOOK SALE – will take place on Saturday, November 20 from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Light refreshments may be purchased. Books will be sold from many traditions for pennies on the dollar. Please come and enjoy.

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.

MEETINGS

PARISH BOARD MEETING – Wednesday, November 10 @ 6:45 PM

GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

October 31 - Nancy Tur, Zina Twardus

November 7 - John and Sandy Cramer

November 14 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik & Alexander Smith

November 21 - David and Eve Lazaration

WE NEED DONATIONS – of Coke Products, bottled water, paper towels & bathroom tissue.

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of November 1 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of November 8 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

Week of November 15 - John Plachuta and David Lazaration

Week of November 22 - Mark & Laura Andreas

Week of November 29 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of December 6 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

October 24 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

October 31 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

November 7 – Pani Elizabeth and Linda Hnatow

November 14 – Pani Elizabeth and Linda Hnatow

November 21 – Ann Duncan and Victor Kaliakin

November 28 – Ann Duncan and Victor Kaliakin

TENTATIVE CALENDER OF EVENTS

Sunday, October 31 – Boy Scout Road Cleanup on Silverside Road

Saturday, November 6 – Fall takeout Bazaar

Sunday, November 7 – 3:00 PM - Boy Scout Committee Meeting

Saturday, November 20 – UOL Book Sale

Tuesday, November 23 – 7:00 PM Community Thanksgiving Service (Holy Rosary)

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

Sunday, December 5 - 3:00 PM - Boy Scout Committee Meeting

Friday, December 10 – 6:00 PM – Boy Scout lock-in

Sunday, December 12 – UOL Cookie Sale

Tentative Schedule for 2022

Thursday, January 6 – 6:00 PM – Holy Supper

Friday, January 7 – 9:30 AM – Nativity of Our Lord

Sunday, March 6 – Cheesefare Sunday – Forgiveness Sunday

Monday, March 7 – 1st Day of the Great Fast

Saturday, April 9 – Spring Bazaar

Sunday, April 24 – Paskha

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!

READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

October 31 - Andrew Duncan
November 7 – Linda Hnatow
November 14 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick
November 21 - Jean Roeth
November 28 – John Plachuta

Pyrohy Schedule

Taking Orders November 29 & 30 – December 6 & 7
Making pyrohy Friday, November 19 & December 10
Pick up will be Friday, December 17
2022 Schedule will be printed soon



PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL – Archimandrite Raphael, Father Vasili Andrejuk, Father George Bazylevsky, 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 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, 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, 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, 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, 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.

THE FINAL RESTING PLACE FOR JESUS' FRIEND

We know the story of Lazarus – the man Jesus raised from his grave of 4 days. This great miracle is commemorated by our Church the Saturday before Palm Sunday. October 17th, however, holds significance, for it is on this day that we remember the bringing of the earthly remains of St. Lazarus to their final repose.

During the time of our Lord, Lazarus lived in the town of Bethany with his sisters, Martha and Mary. We can only speculate on what a strong bond that must have existed between this saintly family and Christ. After the death and resurrection of Jesus, Lazarus embarked on a mission of his own, taking the message of His Master throughout the Roman Empire. Ultimately, his journeys took him to the island of Cyprus, where he became a bishop of the Church. It is said that Lazarus remained there for some thirty years, giving the community a firm foundation of Christianity. He died at the age of 58 and was buried in a modest chapel with this inscription on his casket: "The Fourth Day – Friend of Jesus Christ."

Cyprus, however, was not meant to be the final resting place of Lazarus. Some 800 years later, the tomb of Lazarus was in ruin and badly in need of repair. The Emperor Leo of Constantinople replaced the crumbling chapel with a magnificent cathedral and monastery. But this still is not the end to this story! Leo soon realized that the relics of such an important saint should rest in a place where more believers would venerate them. On October 17, 891 AD, the relics of St. Lazarus were ceremoniously brought to Constantinople and placed in a bronze casket, which was enshrined in a cathedral erected in his honor. Soon after, Leo arranged for the relics of another close acquaintance of Christ – Mary Magdalene – to be brought to Constantinople. Finally, with the dedication of the cathedral that was built in his honor, the earthly journey of St. Lazarus came to an end.

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