



## **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

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## Schedule of Services and Activities

Week of September 12 - 19, 2021  
Celebrating our 94<sup>th</sup> year of Service to the Lord

Sunday, September 12 – 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 3

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

Monday, September 13 – Feasts: Belt of the Mother of God and the Hieromartyr Cyprian

7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy (Veneration of the Relics)

6:00 PM – Parish Board (Supper) also Zoom for those who cannot be present (6:30)

Wednesday, September 15

3:00 PM – Steaming Cabbage

Friday, September 17

8:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Saturday, September 18

10:00 AM – Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacon Ihor Procak (South Bound Brook, NJ)

6:00 PM – Karaoke Night

Sunday, September 19 – 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 4

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Panakhyda: +Doris Scully

Coffee Hour

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**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 READINGS

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Matins: Matthew 28:16-20; Liturgy: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Matthew 19:16-26

Monday – 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 3:6-12; Belt MG Hebrews 9:1-7; Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

Tuesday – Liturgical New Year: 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 4:16-22; Day: 2 Corinthians 8:16-9:5; Mark 3:13-19

Wednesday – 2 Corinthians 9:12-10:7; Mark 3:20-27

Thursday – 2 Corinthians 10:7-18; Mark 3:28-35

Friday – 2 Corinthians 11:5-21; Mark 4:1-9

Saturday – 1 Corinthians 2:6-9; Matthew 22:15-22

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Matins: Mark 16:1-8; Liturgy: 1 Corinthians 16:13-24; Matthew 21:33-42

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### **Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, Pope Francis and the Archbishop of Canterbury**

#### **Join Together for the First Time in Urgent Appeal for the Future of the Planet**

*For the first time, the leaders of the Roman Catholic Church, the Eastern Orthodox Church and the Anglican Communion have jointly warned of the urgency of environmental sustainability, its impact on poverty, and the importance of global cooperation.*

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, Pope Francis and Archbishop Justin Welby urge everyone to play their part in ‘choosing life’ for the future of the planet.

In a joint statement, the Christian leaders have called on people to pray, in this Christian season of Creation, for world leaders ahead of COP26 this November. The statement reads: ‘We call on everyone, whatever their belief or worldview, to endeavor to listen to the cry of the earth and of people who are poor, examining their behavior and pledging meaningful sacrifices for the sake of the earth which God has given us.’

The joint declaration strikes a clear warning - ‘Today, we are paying the price... Tomorrow could be worse’ and concludes that: ‘This is a critical moment. Our children’s future and the future of our common home depend on it.’

The three Christian leaders spoke against injustice and inequality, saying: ‘We stand before a harsh justice: biodiversity loss, environmental degradation and climate change are the inevitable consequences of our actions, since we have greedily consumed more of the earth’s resources than the planet can endure. But we also face a profound injustice: the

people bearing the most catastrophic consequences of these abuses are the poorest on the planet and have been the least responsible for causing them.’

The statement calls on people to:

- ❖ Pray for world leaders ahead of COP26
- ❖ For individuals: To make meaningful sacrifices for the sake of the planet, working together and taking responsibility for how we use our resources
- ❖ For those with far-reaching responsibilities: To choose people-centred profits and lead the transition to just and sustainable economies

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### **A JOINT MESSAGE FOR THE PROTECTION OF CREATION**

For more than a year, we have all experienced the devastating effects of a global pandemic - all of us, whether poor or wealthy, weak or strong. Some were more protected or vulnerable than others, but the rapidly-spreading infection meant that we have depended on each other in our efforts to stay safe. We realized that, in facing this worldwide calamity, no one is safe until everyone is safe, that our actions really do affect one another, and that what we do today affects what happens tomorrow.

These are not new lessons, but we have had to face them anew. May we not waste this moment. We must decide what kind of world we want to leave to future generations. God mandates: ‘Choose life, so that you and your children might live’ (Dt 30:19). We must choose to live differently; we must choose life.

September is celebrated by many Christians as the Season of Creation, an opportunity to pray and care for God’s creation. As world leaders prepare to meet in November at Glasgow to deliberate on the future of our planet, we pray for them and consider what the choices we must all make. Accordingly, as leaders of our Churches, we call on everyone, whatever their belief or worldview, to endeavor to listen to the cry of the earth and of people who are poor, examining their behavior and pledging meaningful sacrifices for the sake of the earth which God has given us.

### **The Importance of Sustainability**

In our common Christian tradition, the Scriptures and the Saints provide illuminating perspectives for comprehending both the realities of the present and the promise of something larger than what we see in the moment. The concept of stewardship—of individual and collective responsibility for our God-given endowment—presents a vital starting-point for social, economic and environmental sustainability. In the New Testament, we read of the rich and foolish man who stores great wealth of grain while forgetting about his finite end (Lk 12.13–21). We learn of the prodigal son who takes his inheritance early, only to squander it and end up hungry (Lk 15.11–32). We are cautioned against adopting short term and seemingly inexpensive options of building on sand,

instead of building on rock for our common home to withstand storms (Mt 7.24–27). These stories invite us to adopt a broader outlook and recognize our place in the extended story of humanity.

But we have taken the opposite direction. We have maximized our own interest at the expense of future generations. By concentrating on our wealth, we find that long-term assets, including the bounty of nature, are depleted for short-term advantage. Technology has unfolded new possibilities for progress but also for accumulating unrestrained wealth, and many of us behave in ways which demonstrate little concern for other people or the limits of the planet. Nature is resilient, yet delicate. We are already witnessing the consequences of our refusal to protect and preserve it (Gn 2.15). Now, in this moment, we have an opportunity to repent, to turn around in resolve, to head in the opposite direction. We must pursue generosity and fairness in the ways that we live, work and use money, instead of selfish gain.

### **The Impact on People Living with Poverty**

The current climate crisis speaks volumes about who we are and how we view and treat God's creation. We stand before a harsh justice: biodiversity loss, environmental degradation and climate change are the inevitable consequences of our actions, since we have greedily consumed more of the earth's resources than the planet can endure. But we also face a profound injustice: the people bearing the most catastrophic consequences of these abuses are the poorest on the planet and have been the least responsible for causing them. We serve a God of justice, who delights in creation and creates every person in God's image, but also hears the cry of people who are poor. Accordingly, there is an innate call within us to respond with anguish when we see such devastating injustice.

Today, we are paying the price. The extreme weather and natural disasters of recent months reveal afresh to us with great force and at great human cost that climate change is not only a future challenge, but an immediate and urgent matter of survival. Widespread floods, fires and droughts threaten entire continents. Sea levels rise, forcing whole communities to relocate; cyclones devastate entire regions, ruining lives and livelihoods. Water has become scarce and food supplies insecure, causing conflict and displacement for millions of people. We have already seen this in places where people rely on small scale agricultural holdings. Today we see it in more industrialized countries where even sophisticated infrastructure cannot completely prevent extraordinary destruction.

Tomorrow could be worse. Today's children and teenagers will face catastrophic consequences unless we take responsibility now, as 'fellow workers with God' (Gn 2.4–7), to sustain our world. We frequently hear from young people who understand that their futures are under threat. For their sake, we must choose to eat, travel, spend, invest and live differently, thinking not only of immediate interest and gains but also of future

benefits. We repent of our generation's sins. We stand alongside our younger sisters and brothers throughout the world in committed prayer and dedicated action for a future which corresponds ever more to the promises of God.

### **The Imperative of Cooperation**

Over the course of the pandemic, we have learned how vulnerable we are. Our social systems frayed, and we found that we cannot control everything. We must acknowledge that the ways we use money and organize our societies have not benefited everyone. We find ourselves weak and anxious, submersed in a series of crises; health, environmental, food, economic and social, which are all deeply interconnected.

These crises present us with a choice. We are in a unique position either to address them with shortsightedness and profiteering or seize this as an opportunity for conversion and transformation. If we think of humanity as a family and work together towards a future based on the common good, we could find ourselves living in a very different world. Together we can share a vision for life where everyone flourishes. Together we can choose to act with love, justice and mercy. Together we can walk towards a fairer and fulfilling society with those who are most vulnerable at the center.

But this involves making changes. Each of us, individually, must take responsibility for the ways we use our resources. This path requires an ever-closer collaboration among all churches in their commitment to care for creation. Together, as communities, churches, cities and nations, we must change route and discover new ways of working together to break down the traditional barriers between peoples, to stop competing for resources and start collaborating.

To those with more far-reaching responsibilities—heading administrations, running companies, employing people or investing funds—we say: choose people-centred profits; make short-term sacrifices to safeguard all our futures; become leaders in the transition to just and sustainable economies. 'To whom much is given, much is required.' (Lk 12:48)

This is the first time that the three of us feel compelled to address together the urgency of environmental sustainability, its impact on persistent poverty, and the importance of global cooperation. Together, on behalf of our communities, we appeal to the heart and mind of every Christian, every believer and every person of good will. We pray for our leaders who will gather in Glasgow to decide the future of our planet and its people. Again, we recall Scripture: 'choose life, so that you and your children may live' (Dt 30:19). Choosing life means making sacrifices and exercising self-restraint.

All of us—whoever and wherever we are—can play a part in changing our collective response to the unprecedented threat of climate change and environmental degradation.

Caring for God's creation is a spiritual commission requiring a response of commitment. This is a critical moment. Our children's future and the future of our common home depend on it.

1st September 2021

*Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew    Pope Francis    Archbishop of Canterbury*

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY** - is expressed to the following: Anthony Pantelopulos, 9/13; Anna Duncan, 9/16 & Ana Victoria Beaudean, 9/18. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

**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** – Monday, September 13 @ 6:00 PM (Supper)

**UOL MEETING** – Sunday, September 19 during coffee hour

### MESSAGE FROM OUR TREASURER

As many of you know, summer is a time for relaxation and vacation. Hopefully, many of you had the opportunity to have some time for some fun in the sun. Unfortunately, the vacation time has reflected in the attendance at Sunday services and in our collections. The past three weeks we have collected about \$2,500. Unfortunately, we need \$2,700 a week in order to our utilities, our mortgage, Father's salary, property insurance, maintenance, trash and other bills. On behalf of our Parish Board, I am asking that you be generous in the next weeks collections so that we may overcome this financial deficit. May God reward your kindness. Michael Tilson, Treasurer

**KARAOKE NIGHT** – Saturday, September 18 from 6 – 9 PM. Hot dogs and snacks to be provided. Donations accepted. Please bring your voice or just come out to hear others sing. It is always an entertaining evening.



**DANCING UNDER THE STARS** – Saturday, September 25 from 6 – 10 PM. This year's themes will be **Music Through the Decades: 20's, 30's 40's and 50's**. The Donation is \$20 per person which includes appetizers, a meal, wine, beer, soda and dessert. It is always a great time. Please plan to attend.

**SCHEDULE CHANGES:**

Parish Board Meeting will be on Monday, September 13 beginning with supper at 6PM

Bible Study will be moved to Monday, September 20 at 7PM

Priest Retreat three days has been cancelled because of covid and travel, it will be a Zoom conference on October 9

UOL Retreat has been canceled because of the Priest's Retreat – may be rescheduled later

**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 Ukrainiaan (yes it is misspelled and we've tried to correct it). Try it and help our Parish Family benefit from your shopping experience!

**CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

Week of September 13 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

Week of September 20 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of September 27 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

Week of October 4 - John Plachuta and David Lazaration

Week of October 11 - Mark & Laura Andreas

Week of October 18 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

**GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

September 12 - John and Sandy Cramer

September 19 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik & Alexander Smith

September 26 - David and Eve Lazaration

October 3 - Nancy Tur, Zina Twardus

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

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

September 12 – Ann Duncan and Victor Kaliakin

September 19 – Ann Duncan and Victor Kaliakin

September 26 – Lorraine Neff and Thomas Bringle

October 3 – Lorraine Neff and Thomas Bringle

October 10 – Linda Hnatow and Ann Duncan

October 17 – Linda Hnatow and Ann Duncan

## **TENTATIVE CALENDER OF EVENTS**

Saturday, September 18 – Karaoke Night (6:00 PM)  
Sunday, September 19 – Religious Education Begins  
Monday, September 20 – Bible Study Resumes (7PM)  
Friday, September 24 – 6:00 PM – Coptic Wedding Rehearsal  
Saturday, September 25 – 1:00 – 4:00 PM – Wedding from the Coptic Church  
Saturday, September 25 – Dancing Under the Stars  
Saturday, October 9 – UOL Retreat - CANCELLED  
Saturday, October 9 - Clergy Retreat – ZOOM  
Saturday, October 23 – UOL Book Sale  
Saturday, November 6 – Fall Bazaar  
Tuesday, November 23 – Community Thanksgiving Service (Holy Rosary)  
Sunday, November 28 – St. Philip’s Fast Begins  
Sunday, December 12 – UOL Cookie Sale

## **READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

September 12 - Jean Roeth  
September 19 – John Plachuta  
September 26 - Andrew Duncan  
October 3 - Linda Hnatow  
October 10 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

## **FALL PYROHY SCHEDULE –**

Wednesday, September 15 – 3:00 PM – Steaming Cabbage  
Monday, September 20 - Butter and Onions  
Thursday, September 23 – Peeling potatoes, making balls, pinching sauerkraut pyrohy  
Friday, September 24 – Pinching potato and cheese pyrohy  
Monday & Tuesday, October 4 & 5 – Taking orders for the Bazaar  
Monday & Tuesday, October 11 & 12 – Taking orders for the Bazaar  
Friday, October 15 – Peeling potatoes, making balls, pinching sauerkraut pyrohy  
Saturday, October 16 – Pinching potato and cheese pyrohy  
Monday, October 25 – 250 lbs of Butter and Onions  
Saturday, October 30 – Making holubtsi  
Tuesday, November 2 – Peeling potatoes  
Wednesday, November 3 – Pinching potato pyrohy  
(More will be added to the schedule)

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL** – Metropolitan Antony, 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 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, 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, 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, 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, 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, Sophia Zomcahk & James Zook.



## BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



**A** star football player, drafted by a team in the NFL, faced a grave decision. He decided, after much prayer and thought, not to play professional football. His reason was that playing in the league would interfere with his keeping of Sunday as the Lord's Day!

That is what is called having a standard in life, a value, which a person will uphold at all costs. This is what is so lacking as we look at people in all walks of life today. There has been compromise with God's standards and laws.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST had a high moral standard. When King Herod married his brother's wife, John went to him and protested, saying it was against God's law. The king's standards were different from John's. Though he listened to the Baptist's admonition carefully, the king didn't change. The woman involved, Herodias, also lacked standards. In fact, she was so angry that she wanted John killed.

An opportunity for just that came at a birthday party. The daughter of Herodias, Salome, danced for the crowd, and so delighted the king that he promised to give her whatever she asked. After consultation with her mother, Salome asked for the head of John. The King ordered the Baptist decapitated, and soldiers carried out this gruesome task.

And so each year the Church honors the man with high standards, who refused to compromise his deep-seated beliefs. He paid with his life, for what he believed. That man, "the greatest born of woman," was St. John the Baptist.