



Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church Bulletin

1406 Philadelphia Pike

Wilmington, DE 19809

www.sspeterandpauluoc.org

www.orthodoxdelaware.net



Father Stephen Hutnick

(302) 798-4455

E-mail: otche@aol.com

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

December 2, 2018
Volume 54: Number 48
Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of December 2 - 9, 2018
Celebrating our 91st year of Service to the Lord

Sunday, December 2 – 27th Sunday after Pentecost –Tone 2

8:30 – 9:00 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful
Coffee Hour

Monday, December 3

9:00 – 11:00 AM – Taking Pyrohy Orders

6:00 PM –Great Vespers for the Feast

7:00 PM – Bible Study

Tuesday, December 4 – Feast of the Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple

8:00 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

9:00 – 11:00 AM – Taking Pyrohy Orders

7:00 PM - SEMINAR: TECHNICAL & FINANCIAL REVOLUTION

Thursday, December 6

7:00 AM – Peeling the potatoes

6:00 PM – Making the potato balls

7:00 PM – Boy Scouts

Friday, December 7

7:00 AM – Making the pyrohy

1:00 – 3:00 PM – pick up

Sunday, December 9 – 28th Sunday after Pentecost –Tone 3

8:30 – 9:00 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Panakhya: +Bill Duffy (2nd Yr. An.) – Svitlana and Mary Duffy

Coffee Hour – Religious Education

SCRIPTURE READINGS

27th Sunday after Pentecost – Matins: Luke 24:12-35; Liturgy: Ephesians 6:10-17; Luke 12:16-21

Monday – 2 Timothy 2:20-26; Luke 17:20-25; Vespers: 1) Exodus 40:1-5; 9-10; 16, 34-35; 2) III Kings 7:51; 8:1, 3-7; 9-11; 3) Ezekiel 43:27-44:1-4

Tuesday – Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple – Matins: Luke 1:39-44, 56; Liturgy: Hebrews 9:1-7; Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28; Day: 2 Timothy 3:16-4:4; Luke 17:26-37

Wednesday – 2 Timothy 4:9-22; Luke 18:15-17, 26-30

Thursday – Titus 1:5-2:1; Luke 18:31-34

Friday – Titus 1:15-2:10; Luke 19:12-28

Saturday – Ephesians 1:16-23; Luke 10:19-21

28th Sunday after Pentecost – Matins: Luke 24:36-53; Liturgy: Colossians 1:12-18; Luke 13:10-17

From the Pastor's Desk ST. PHILIP'S FAST

You are again reminded that our Church has already begun its time of preparation for Christmas-Theophany. This is designated as a special time during which we are called to focus our lives by performing good works, praying, fasting and attending to things of the Spirit. Frequently, this preparation period, known by some as the Winter Lent, is disregarded since our entire society is gearing up to celebrate this "Winter Festival" with great merriment and feasting. We do well, however, to pause and ask ourselves "Why" and "What" we are celebrating. It is imperative that we, who say that we believe in Christ to place our **CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS BACK INTO CHRIST** by the way we **CELEBRATE IT**. We cannot blame anyone but ourselves if Jesus is not present in the Christmas that we celebrate. We cannot blame others or our society. If we want to place our Christmas back into Christ we will find a way to accomplish that. We don't have to change the entire world in order to accomplish this. We only have to change ourselves and convince ourselves that we shall observe these holy days with a special "fervor" and "piety". It is usually a special time of love and joy. Let us also make it a special time when we become more aware of our faith and allow God to become more real to us. Let us begin, if we haven't already, to observe the Nativity Fast.

Take the time to go to confession and receive the Eucharist as has been prescribed by our Church from the earliest time to prepare for the coming of the Lord. We will be celebrating a special Moleben for Advent every Monday evening at 6:30 PM. Please plan to attend. Try and read a little of Holy Scripture every day or take time to pray a little more during this season. Go and try to help others who are less fortunate than you or take the time to visit some of our Parishioners or friends that are ill and shut-in. There are many ways in which we can allow ourselves the opportunity to grow spiritually. Let us stop procrastinating. Let us start doing.

PRESENTATION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD INTO THE TEMPLE

In the Icon of the Presentation of the Mother of God into the Temple, Mary is shown as a

young girl being escorted to the Temple by her parents, Joachim and Anna. Mary is also seen being accompanied by the holy virgins carrying candles. The High Priest is greeting the Holy family at the entrance of the Temple.



The Feast of the Presentation of the Mother of God into the Temple praises and glorifies God for His plan of salvation. God prepares for Himself a holy dwelling place. The Tropar of the Feast calls us to cry out to the Ever-Virgin Mary, “Rejoice, and fulfillment of the Creator’s plan!”

The Church never tires of praising the Mother of God for her role in our salvation. She is called the “Heavenly Tabernacle” and the “Living Tabernacle of God”, she is given these titles because from her the Word of God has taken flesh and dwelt among us. She is the living tabernacle of the Incarnate Word and through her; God has taken on our human nature and elevated us to become sharers in the divine nature (2nd Peter 1:4). God Who is beyond our reach and beyond our grasp comes to dwell among us. This is God’s plan and in the Virgin Mary this plan of salvation was achieved.

Through the Mother of God, God comes to us. He chooses her to become the living tabernacle of the Most High God and through the Mother of God we have received God’s salvation. The Feast calls us to join in this praise in saying: “May the lips of the faithful endlessly sing out joy to the Mother of God the greeting of the Angel: “O pure Virgin, you are truly above all creatures!” (Irmos)

ON FASTING

St. John Chrysostom

The value of fasting consists not only in avoiding certain foods, but in giving up of sinful practices. The person who limits his fast only to abstaining from meat is the one who especially lowers the value of it.

Do you fast? Prove it by doing good works. If you see someone in need, take pity on them. If you see a friend being honored, don't get jealous of him. For a true fast, you cannot fast only with your mouth. You must fast with your eye, your ear, your feet, your hands, and all parts of your body.

You fast with your hands by keeping them pure from doing greedy things. You fast with your feet by not going to see forbidden shows or plays. You fast with your eyes by not letting them look upon impure pictures. Because if this is forbidden or unlawful, it mars your fast and threatens the safety of your soul. But if you look at things which are lawful and save you increase your fast, for what you see with your eye influences your conduct. It would be very stupid to eliminate or give up meat and other foods because of the fast but feed with your eyes upon other things which are forbidden.

You don't eat meat, you say. But you allow yourself to listen to lewd things. You must fast with your ears, too. Another way of fasting with your ears is not to listen to those who speak evil or untrue things about others. "Thou shalt not receive an idle report." This is especially true of rumors, gossip, untruths which are spoken to harm another.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY - is expressed to the following: Michael Tilson, 12/03; Elizabeth Kaliakin, 12/04; Stephanie McConaghy, 12/06 & Alyssa Pappas, 12/07. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

SEMINAR: TECHNICAL & FINANCIAL REVOLUTION – on Tuesday, December 4 beginning at 7:00 PM given by John Plachuta on . He will explain the following: What is the Technical and Financial Revolution? When did it start and its history? What is happening now? Where are we going in the future? How can people profit from it? This can be life changing information. All are invited to attend and bring a friend.

MALANKA NEWS – Our Annual Malanka is scheduled for **Saturday, January 12th**. Our Sisterhood has graciously volunteered to subsidize our Parishioner's tickets for the affair. Price for our Parishioners will be \$20.00 for adults and \$15 for youth. Non-Parishioner prices are still \$35 for adults and \$15 for youth. We will also have a contest to find the Parishioner who brings the most people. Their ticket will be free. We are changing the times for the Malanka: Doors open at 4:30, the Malanka will be from 5:00 – 9:00 PM. Let's fill the hall!!!

MEETINGS - MINISTRIES

PARISH BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, December 11 @ 6:30 PM

GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

December 2 - David & Eve Lazaration

December 9 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik & Alexander Smith

December 16 - Nancy Tur, Zina Twardus

December 23 - John and Sandy Cramer

READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

December 2 - Jean Roeth

December 9 - Thomas Kasprzak

December 16 - John Plachta

December 23 - Irene Maskaly

December 30 - Andrew Duncan

January 6 - Jean Roeth

January 13 - Linda Hnatow

January 20 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

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.

PYROHY – ORDERS (9-11AM) (302) 798-4588

Monday – Tuesday

December 3 & 4

January 21 & 22, 2019

February 18 & 19

March 18 & 19

** Only if there is an overflow, we may be making pyrohy December 14 as well.

MAKING & PICKUP

Friday

December 7**

January 25

February 22

March 22

TRUSTEES MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

November 25 - Linda Hnatow and Lorraine Neff

December 2 - Ann Duncan and Irene Maskaly

December 9 - Ann Duncan and Irene Maskaly

December 16 – Linda Hnatow and Lorraine Neff

December 23 - Linda Hnatow and Lorraine Neff

December 30 – Ann Duncan and Irene Maskaly

January 6 - Ann Duncan and Irene Maskaly

January 13 – Linda Hnatow and Lorraine Neff

January 20 – Linda Hnatow and Lorraine Neff

January 27 – Victor Kaliakin and Ann Duncan

HOLODOMOR COMMEMORATION – special thanks are offered to Father Volodymyr Klanichka and his faithful of Saint Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Parish and Soyuz Ukrainok for participating in this commemoration. May those who suffered, survived or died in the artificial famine in Ukraine never be forgotten. May their memory be eternal.

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!

PEACE LIGHT – has come to our Parish on Saturday, December 1st. This is the Light that a Boy Scout from Austria travels to Bethlehem to the Church of the Nativity and brings the Light back to Austria where it is distributed all through the world. The Peace Light first came to the US after the tragedy of 9/11. The official Boy Scout ceremony will take place on Thursday evening at 7:00 PM. May the Peace of the Prince of Peace of Bethlehem be with us now as we prepare to celebrate His birth and throughout our entire life.

CLAYMONT COMMUNITY CENTER – provides holiday food baskets to more than 225 local families. They need frozen turkeys, canned vegetables, boxed stuffing and boxed mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, evaporated milk, macaroni and cheese and other nonperishable holiday food items. We shall be collecting them here at the Parish after the Bazaar and delivering them to the Center before December 23. Please support those in need.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. SOPHIA SEMINARY –Saturday, December 15 from 1:00 – 5:00 PM. Our UOL will be collecting the following items to help celebrate the occasion: Gift Cards (Costco, Shop Rite, Amazon, Target, Home Depot, Restaurant Depot, Visa) Cleaning Products: (Windex, Pinesol, Pledge, Clorox, Mr. Clean, etc), dishwashing liquid, dishwasher detergent, HE laundry detergent, dryer sheets, toilet paper, tissue boxes, disposable paper products (plates, bowls, cups, plastic ware) paper towels, napkins, Ziploc bags (all sizes and freezer bags) trash bags. Shop the Target registry online: tgt.gifts.SaintSophiaSeminary or bring the gifts to Church after the Bazaar. Our UOL will make sure they get to the Seminary. Thank you.

THE POWER OF PRAYER – Please remember your daily prayer for our country. Today, we begin Day 17.

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of December 3- Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

Week of December 10 - Dawn Daniels, David Duncan & Kathy Duncan

Week of December 17 - Mark & Laura Andreas, Paul Andreas

Week of December 24 - John Plachuta and David Lazaration

Week of December 31 - John Cramer, Victor Melnychenko & Joseph Thurstlic

Week of January 7 - John Plachuta and David Lazaration

Week of January 14 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

Week of January 21 - Jodi, Michael and Andrew Hamilton

SPECIAL THANKS KARAOKE NIGHT – are offered to John Plachuta, our MC for the evening. Also to Sarah Hutnick, computer specialist, Valentina Plachuta, chief cook of hot dogs and beans, Lydia Otamas for her delicious cabbage rolls, Ivan Otamas for the live music and singing, to Annie and Andy Duncan for bringing Sonny and Cher back together again. We heard from Carusso and Pavorotti, Frankie Vali, Frank Sinatra and others who came to entertain. It was a lot of fun, hopefully we'll do it again soon.

Tentative 2018 Schedule

Friday, December 14 – Boy Scout Lock-in

Sunday, December 16 – St. Nicholas (UOL Cookie Sale)

Tentative 2019 Schedule

Sunday, January 6 – Holy Supper (Reservations will be taken later)

Saturday, January 19 – Malanka – Millcreek Fire Company

Sunday, February 3 – Parish Annual Meeting – Election of Officers

Sunday, February 3 – UOL Souper Bowl Sunday

Monday, March 11 – First Day of the Fast

Saturday, April 13 – Spring Bazaar

Sunday, April 28 – Pascha

Sunday, May 5 – St. Thomas Sunday – Cemeteries

Sunday, May 12 – Mother's Day Dinner

Sunday, June 16 – Father's Day Dinner

Monday, June 24 – First Day of the Apostle's Fast

Sunday, July 14 – Patronal Feast Dinner

Monday, July 15 – 19 – Summer Camp

Saturday, August 3 – UOL Flea Market

Saturday, November 2 – Fall Bazaar

Tuesday, November 26 – Community Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, December 15 – UOL Cookie Sale

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL – Metropolitan Antony, Archimandrite Raphael, Father Vasili Andrejuk, Father Paul Bigelow, Father John Bohush, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Nestor Kowal, Father Andrew Molewski, Father John Nakonechney, Father James Norton, Father Victor Wronskyj, Pani Dobrodyka Lisa Weremedic, Mykola, Brennan, Deborah, Charles, Galina, Dolores, Krystyna, Julian, Madison, Mykola, Rita, Ryan, Randy Allen, Carolyn Angelo, Colby Atkinson, Shannon Austin, Stephania Bacha, Joyce Belles, Neil Belles, Mary Berbick, Ethel Bernhard, Yaroslav Bilinsky, Betty Bosland, Angie Brengle, Paul Brengle, Patricia Bringle, Richard Bringle, John Brick, Fedir Bukacz, George Burns, Christine Cain, Mark Cello, Betty Charney, Mildred (Myrophora) Christo, Erik Colazo, Mary Crystal, Patricia Crystal, Alex Czernik, Sharon Dalaski, Stephen Dalecki, Peter DiVirgilio, John Dmytryk, James Dudrick, David Duncan, Rose Eldridge, Thomas Fagan, Stephen Farrell, James Garrett, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovnirov, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Mary Eleanor Hamilton, Rick Hastings, Dolores Helms, Victoria Herrschaft, Daniel Holoviak, Caroline Humphrey, Richard Humphrey, Sally Hutnick, Joette Jago, Stephen Johnson, Linda Josepinson, Rosalie Ann Kane, Josephine Kapelus, Sandra Kasch, Thomas Kasprzak, Charles Kaszytski, Julia Kaszytski, Diane Keyser, Barbara Kirylic, Judith Kocinski, Ludmyla Krawchenko, Mykola Krawchenko, Emma Krasnopera, Volodymyr Krasnopera, Marlene Kuhar, Karen Livick, Charles Lontor, Alla Lysenko, Andrew Makolynyk, Paul Markow, Natalia McDonough, Ronald Michel, Lisa Miller, Matthew Miller, Mary Elizabeth Moran, Barry Morris, Elsie Moroz, Michael Moroz, Karen Needham, Julie Neff, Ann Nester, Laurie Newman, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry Pinkowicz, Bernice Pinkowicz, Ryan Pinkowicz, Valentina Plachuta, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Lynn Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Roman, Fred Royer, Alla Rudawsky, John Ruczhak, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, Maria Russak, Dorothy Sacco, Charles Scully, Doris Scully, Joella Seale, Clay Seman, Larissa Serth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Richard Simmons, Emily Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Rich Steinman, Joseph Stevens, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczyszyn, Wasyl Szeremeta, Tatiana Szewc, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Lydia Thomas, Stella Thomas, Mark Tomei, Violetta Tomei, Aria Tonner, Anna Tur, Charles Tyrawsky, Richard Twardus, Martha Vignali, Jack Vognetz, Margaret Vognetz, Marilyn Wagner, John Wardigo, Olena Wasylevska, James Watts, Chris Way, Leah Way, Peter Weremedic, Stephen Wienkowitz, Laura Worley, & James Zook.

HIS VOICE IS STILL HEARD . . .

Although ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM fell asleep in Christ in the year 407, his voice is still heard expounding the Scriptures and proclaiming the Gospel. Century after century, the surviving works of Christianity's most eloquent preacher have been printed and preserved, studied and examined, by students and theologians.

The physical figure of Chrysostom may not have been imposing (he was rather small in stature, pale and emaciated, somewhat bald, with piercing, deep eyes), but the message he proclaimed was loud and clear. Volume upon volume of his works continue to be published in our day. Here is a sample from one of John's works, referring to Christ as our Rock of Faith:

"The sea is surging and the waves are high: but we have nothing to fear because we stand on a rock - the rock of faith. Let the sea surge with all the power at its command, and let the waves rise as high as mountains; the rock on which we stand will remain firm and unshaken. Do I fear death? No, because on the rock of faith I know that death is the gateway to eternal life. Do I fear exile? No, because on the rock of faith I am never alone; Christ is always beside me, my friend and my brother. Do I fear slander and lies? No, because on the rock of faith I know that I am always protected by truth - Christ, who is the truth, is my protector. Do I fear poverty? No, because on the rock of faith God also provides for my needs. Do I fear ridicule? No, because however low I may sink in the esteem of those without faith, on the rock of faith all are treated with respect. Far from fearing the surge of the sea, I enjoy it, because it assures me that the rock on which I stand is immovable."

The Orthodox Weekly Bulletin Vestal, Cliffwood, New Jersey Litho in U.S.A.