



## **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

**December 23, 2018**  
**Volume 54: Number 51**  
**Schedule of Services and Activities**  
**Week of December 23 - 30, 2018**  
**Celebrating our 91<sup>st</sup> year of Service to the Lord**

Sunday, December 23 – 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost –Tone 5

8:30 – 9:00 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

Monday, December 24

8:00 AM – Moleben for Saint Philip's fast

Sunday, December 30 – 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost –Sunday of the Holy Forefathers -  
Tone 6

8:30 – 9:00 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

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**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

30<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Matins: John 20:11-18; Liturgy: Colossians 3:12-16; Luke 17:12-19

Monday – Hebrews 11:17-23, 27-31; Mark 8:11-21

Tuesday – Hebrews 12:25-26, 13:22-25; Mark 8:22-26

Wednesday – James 1:1-18; Mark 8:30-34

Thursday – James 1:19-27; Mark 9:10-16

Friday – James 2:1-13; Mark 9:33-41

Saturday – Colossians 1:3-6; Luke 14:1-11

Sunday of the Holy Forefathers - Matins: :19-31; Liturgy: Colossians 3:4-11; Luke 14:16-24

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## **25 WAYS WE'RE DIFFERENT THIS CHRISTMAS**

1. Last Christmas we were thinking about all the things we didn't have; this Christmas we are thinking about all the things we do have.
  2. Last Christmas we were placing wreaths on the doors of our homes; this Christmas we are placing wreaths on the graves of our heroes.
  3. Last Christmas we were letting our sons play with toy guns; this Christmas we are teaching them that guns are not toys.
  4. Last Christmas we were counting our money; this Christmas we are counting our blessings.
  5. Last Christmas we were lighting candles to decorate; this Christmas we are lighting candles to commemorate.
  6. Last Christmas we paid lip service to the real meaning of the holidays; this Christmas we are paying homage to it.
  7. Last Christmas we were digging deep into our bank accounts to find money to fly home for the holidays; this Christmas we are digging deep into our souls to find the courage to do so.
  8. Last Christmas we were trying not to let annoying relatives get the best of us; this Christmas we are trying to give the best of ourselves to them.
  9. Last Christmas we thought it was enough to celebrate the holidays; this Christmas we know we must also find ways to consecrate them.
  10. Last Christmas we thought a man who could rush down a football field was a hero; this Christmas we know a man who rushes into a burning building is the real hero.
  11. Last Christmas we were thinking about the madness of the holidays; this Christmas we are thinking about the meaning of them.
  12. Last Christmas we were getting on one another's nerves; this Christmas we are getting on our knees.
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13. Last Christmas we giving thanks for gifts from stores; this Christmas we are giving thanks for gifts from GOD.
  14. Last Christmas we were wondering how to give our children all the things that money can buy; this Christmas we are wondering how to give them all the things money can't (peace, security).
  15. Last Christmas we were thinking about all the pressure we are under at the office; this Christmas we are thinking about all the people who no longer have an office to go to.
  16. Last Christmas we were singing carols; this Christmas we are singing anthems.
  17. Last Christmas we were thinking how good it would feel to be affluent; this Christmas we are thinking how good it feels to be alive.
  18. Last Christmas we thought angels were in heaven; this Christmas we know they are right here on earth.
  19. Last Christmas we were contemplating all the changes we wanted to make in the New Year; this Christmas we are contemplating all the changes we will have to make in this new reality.
  20. Last Christmas we believed in the power of the pocketbook; this Christmas we believe in the power of prayer.
  21. Last Christmas we were sharing / spreading / listening to gossip; this Christmas we are sharing / spreading and listening to the Gospel.
  22. Last Christmas we were complaining about how much of our earnings went to taxes; this Christmas we comprehend that freedom isn't free.
  23. Last Christmas we valued things that were costly; this Christmas we value things that are holy.
  24. Last Christmas the people we idolized wore sports uniforms; this Christmas the people we idolize wear police, firefighter and military uniforms.
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25. Last Christmas peace on earth is something we prayed for on Sunday morning; now it's something we pray for every day.

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### A LOVE STORY

One day, I woke early in the morning to watch the sunrise. Ah the beauty of God's creation is beyond description. As I watched, I praised God for His beautiful work. As I sat there, I felt the Lord's presence with me. He asked me, "Do you love Me?" I answered, "Of course, God! You are my Lord and Savior!"

Then He asked, "If you were physically handicapped, would you still love Me?" I was perplexed. I looked down upon my arms, legs and the rest of my body and wondered how many things I would not be able to do, the things that I took for granted. And I answered, "It would be tough, Lord, but I would still love You."

Then the Lord said, "If you were blind, would you still love My creation?" How could I love something without being able to see it? Then I thought of all the blind people in the world and how many of them still loved God and His creation. So I answered, "It's hard to think of it, but I would still love You."

The Lord then asked me, "If you were deaf would you still listen to My Word?" How could I listen to anything being deaf? Then I understood. Listening to God's Word is not merely using our ears, but our hearts. I answered, "It would be tough, but I would still listen to Your Word."

The Lord then asked me, "If you were mute, would you still praise My Name?" How could I praise without a voice? Then it occurred to me: God wants us to sing from our very heart and soul. It never matters what we sound like. And praising God is not always with a song, but when we are persecuted, we give praise with our words of thanks. So I answered, "Though I could not physically sing, I would still praise Your Name."

And the Lord asked, "Do you really love Me?" With courage and a strong conviction, I answered boldly, "Yes, Lord! I love You because You are the One and true God!"

I thought that I had answered well, but God asked, "THEN WHY DO YOU SIN?" I answered, "Because I am only human. I am not perfect."

“THEN WHY IN TIMES OF PEACE DO YOU STRAY THE FURTHEST? WHY ONLY IN TIMES OF TROUBLE DO YOU PRAY THE EARNEST?” No answers. Only tears.

The Lord continues, “Why only sing at fellowships and retreats? Why seek Me only in times of worship? Why ask things so selfishly? Why ask things so unfaithfully?” The tears continued to roll down my cheeks.

“Why are you ashamed of Me? Why are you not spreading the Good News? Why in times of persecution do you cry to others when I offer My shoulder to cry on? Why make excuses when I give you opportunities to serve in My name?” I tried to answer, but there was no answer to give.

“You are blessed with life. I made you not to throw this gift away. I have blessed you with talents to serve me, but you continue to turn away. I have revealed My Word to you, but you do not gain in knowledge. I have spoken to you but your ears were closed. I have shown my blessings to you, but your eyes were turned away. I have sent you servants, but you sat idly by as they were pushed away. I have heard your prayers and answered them all. DO YOU TRULY LOVE ME?”

I could not answer. How could I? I was embarrassed beyond belief. I had no excuse. What could I say to this? When my heart had cried out and the tears had flowed, I said, “Please forgive me Lord. I am unworthy to be Your child.”

The Lord answered, “This is My grace, My child.” I asked, “Then why do You continue to forgive me? Why do You love me so?”

The Lord answered, “Because you are My creation. You are My child. I will never abandon you. When you cry, I will have compassion and cry with you. When you shout with joy, I will laugh with you. When you are down, I will encourage you. When you fall, I will raise you up. When you are tired, I will carry you. I will be with you till the end of days, and I will love you forever.”

Never had I cried so hard before. How could I have been so cold? How could I have hurt God as I had done? I asked, “How much do You love me?”

The Lord stretched out His arms and I saw His nail-pierced hands. I bowed down at the feet of Christ my Savior. And for the first time, I truly prayed.

**Author Unknown**

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY** - is expressed to the following: Michael Kapelus , 12/24 & Daphne Pantelopulos, 12/25. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

**HALUSHKI DINNER** – will be on Sunday, December 23 for coffee hour. Donation: \$5. Please support this dinner which will help to support our Parish. Thanks!

**FLOWERS FOR THE NATIVITY** – A requested \$15.00 towards the flowers for the Nativity is asked. You may make the donation in Memory of a loved one or for the health of a loved one. Please see Linda Hnatow for more info.

**HOLY SUPPER SIGN UP** – Holy Supper will be on Sunday, January 6 beginning at 6:00 PM. We need to have an approximate number of people so that we have enough food. Please sign in and let us know if you can bring some food for the evening. Thanks.

**MALANKA NEWS** – Our Annual Malanka is scheduled for **Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**. 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!!!

### **GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

December 23 - John and Sandy Cramer

December 30 - David & Eve Lazaration

January 6 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik & Alexander Smith

January 13 - Nancy Tur, Zina Twardus



## **READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

December 23 - Irene Maskaly

December 30 - Andrew Duncan

January 6 - Jean Roeth

January 13 - Linda Hnatow

January 20 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

January 27 - Jean Roeth

February 3 - Thomas Kasprzak

February 10 - John Plachta

**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!

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

**Monday – Tuesday**

January 21 & 22, 2019

February 18 & 19

March 18 & 19

## **MAKING & PICKUP**

**Friday**

January 25

February 22

March 22

**THE POWER OF PRAYER** – Please remember your daily prayer for our country.  
Today, we begin Day 38.

## **TRUSTEES MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

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

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

February 3 - Victor Kaliakin and Ann Duncan

February 10 – Irene Maskaly and Linda Hnatow

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

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

Week of January 28 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

Week of February 4 - Dawn Daniels, David Duncan & Kathy Duncan

Week of February 11 - Mark & Laura Andreas, Paul Andreas

## **MEETINGS - MINISTRIES**

**PARISH BOARD MEETING** – Tuesday, January 8 @ 6:30 PM

**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.

## **Tentative 2019 Schedule**

Sunday, January 6 – Holy Supper (Reservations are being accepted)

Saturday, January 12 – 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, father Volodymyr 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 Golovniiov, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Mary Eleanor Hamilton, Rick Hastings, Dolores Helms, Victoria Herrschaft, Daniel Holoziak, 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, Dana Sargent, 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, Elenora Thomas, Lydia Thomas, Stella Thomas, Brysen Tomei, Dominic Tomei, Mark Tomei, Violet 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.

## **BELOVED SAINT NICHOLAS**

**T**he Church knows Nicholas as a Saint, a Wonderworker, the Archbishop of Myra and a true shepherd to his flock. As the patron of children, he is perhaps the most beloved and popular saint in all of Christendom.

He was born in Patara, a town in Asia Minor, now in southern Turkey. Nicholas is said to have begun to fast from his cradle, refusing nourishment on Wednesday and Fridays, except after sundown. He lost his parents, Theofanes and Nonna, when young but distributed their wealth to the poor.

He felt called to the Priesthood, and was ordained by his uncle, the Bishop of Myra. Nicholas later succeeded him and became the Archbishop of that busy seaport community. He was a beloved hierarch, serving God and faithful with complete devotion and dedication.

Stories abound about the wonders wrought by this saint. The most popular seems to be the incident of the father with three daughters. He was unable to provide them with funds for a marriage dowry and was about to send them into the streets. Nicholas came to their home at night and threw a bag of gold through the window. The saint repeated the act a second, then a third time. The father watched and found out who his generous benefactor was.

A Greek historian wrote about this famous saint over 1,000 years ago: *“Wherever there are people, in the country and in the town, in the villages and isles, in the farthest parts of the earth, his name is revered, and churches are built in his honor . . .”* We could write the same of him today.

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