



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

February 3, 2019
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Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of February 3, 2019
Celebrating our 92nd year of Service to the Lord

Sunday, February 3 – 36th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 3

8:30 – 9:00 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Souper Bowl Sunday – Parish Annual Meeting

Monday, February 4

7:00 PM – Bible Study

Wednesday, February 6

9:00 AM – Steaming cabbage

Sunday, February 10 – Sunday of Zacchaeus – Tone 4

8:30 – 9:00 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

SCRIPTURAL READINGS

36th Sunday after Pentecost – Matins: Mark 16:9-20; Liturgy: 1 Timothy 1:15-17; Luke 18:35-43

Monday – James 2:14-26; Mark 10:46-52

Tuesday – James 3:1-10; Mark 11:11-23

Wednesday – James 3:11-4:6; Mark 11:23-26

Thursday – James 4:7-5:9; Mark 11:23-26

Friday – 1 Peter 1:1-2,10-12-2:7-10; Mark 12:1-12

Saturday – Translation of the Relics of St. John Chrysostom – Matins: John 10:1-9;

Liturgy: Hebrews 7:26-8:2; John 10:9-16; Day: 1 Thessalonians 5:14-23; Luke 17:3-10

Sunday of Zacchaeus – Matins: Luke 24:1-12; Liturgy: 1 Timothy 4:9-15; Luke 19:1-10

CELEBRATE LIFE IN CHURCH BEFORE OTHERS MOURN

Dear Abby: About five or six years ago, you printed a wonderful piece written by a preacher in Port Orchard, Washington. It was a tongue-in-cheek poem advising people not to put off going to Church. Will you please print it again? I sure like it. A BAPTIST MINISTER IN DALLAS

Dear Minister: Here it is. I sure like it, too.

DEAR CHURCH MEMBER:

Don't wait until the hearse hauls you to church. If you do -

- 1) You will go, regardless of the weather.
- 2) You will go, regardless of the condition of your body.
- 3) There will be beautiful flowers there, but you won't enjoy them.
- 4) You will go, regardless of how your family feels.
- 5) The minister may say many good things, but they will do you no good.
- 6) There will be beautiful music, but you won't hear it.
- 7) There will be heartfelt prayers, but they will not touch your heart.
- 8) There will be friends and relatives there, but you won't worship with them.
- 9) You will go, no matter how many hypocrites there are.
- 10) You will go, no matter how much you are needed at home or at work.
- 11) You will receive no blessing from the service.
- 12) You won't feel concerned about your clothes.
- 13) You will never have to decide about attending Church again.

Aren't you glad to be alive and well and full of zest and able to choose to go to church? WALTER NUESSELE, PASTOR, PORT ORCHARD, WASH.

"I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD"

There is no worse feeling in life than that of loneliness, and many men and women go through life genuinely believing that no one cares about them. Our streets are filled with individuals whose lives are a reflection of hopelessness and despair. Such feelings affect those on all levels of society. They touch the rich as well as the poor. You do not have to be "homeless" to feel a sense of abandonment. Often, those who seemingly have everything find themselves quite alone, surrounded by their possessions.



As Orthodox Christians, we must believe with all our hearts that we are never alone. Our blessed Savior left this world with these final words of comfort for us: "Lo, I am with you always!" Christ described Himself in the Gospel of John as being the "Good Shepherd". "I am the Good Shepherd, and I know my sheep and they know Me." (John 10:14). We have a God Who cares about us! What a wonderful thought! Just as a shepherd knows every member of his flock, Christ knows us and loves us all! He is always only a prayer away. He reminds us that "... everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks, finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened" (Matthew 7:8).

It is only human to sometimes feel "down". Still, we are never "out", for our Lord is always with us! Take your troubles and worries to Him. He will ease them. Turn to Him with your questions. He will provide answers. Go to Him when you are weary. He will give you rest.



A THOUGHT ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

"The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners; but I received mercy for this reason that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display His perfect patience for an example to those who were to believe in Him for eternal life" (1 Timothy 1:15-16).

President Coolidge never wasted words. One Sunday he returned to the White House after attending church alone. "Was the sermon good?" his wife asked. "Yes," he answered. "What was it about?" "Sin." "What did the minister say?" "He was against it."

"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us" (I John 1:8). Yet we do say we have no sin - many of us. It is easy to fool ourselves because as Aristotle said, the easiest person in the world to deceive is oneself. Sin is dangerous and deceptive precisely because it is so blind to itself. It calls "evil good and good evil." It puts "darkness for light and light for darkness." It puts "bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter" (Isaiah 5:20).

It belongs to the nature of sin to blind as it grows; the more you have of it, the less you see of it. That is why people who do not believe in God and ignore His Church are always the first to protest that they are not sinners. They find the words of St. Paul to Timothy distasteful: "...Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners... (1 Timothy 1:15). It is the nature of sin to blind us to itself. As William Temple said, "No crime looks so bad to the man who has committed it as to the man who has kept clear of it. As soon as we have done something that is nasty, we have blunted our own capacity to be disgusted, we have tarnished the mirror in which we are to look at our own reflection." Yet the experts who are being quoted today are the great sinners. The movie actress is quoted in the magazine as an authority on men. After all, she's had seven husbands! The wealthy sportsman is quoted in the newspaper concerning automobiles. He's an authority - having had seven wrecks. But the poor amateurs who have never failed in marriage, or wrecked a car, what do they know! Thus it comes to pass, as Jesus said, that the blind become the leaders of the blind!

Sin in Greek (hamartia) means a failure to hit the bull's eye; failure to be what God created us to be. Sin is failure to treat our fellow humans as human beings created in the image and likeness of God. Sin is hubris, pride, making oneself instead of God, the center of the universe. Sin is refusing to let God love us. Sin is anything that creates distance between God and man. If you keep all the commandments and disobey just one, you have sinned. Sin is not realizing that the extra coat in the closet belongs to him who shivers out in the cold because he has none; the extra loaf of bread in our pantry belongs to him who

is dying of starvation in Bangladesh. Sin is what makes me put my own desires before everything else. It's what makes me lack pity for others; it's what takes away my courage in the face of difficulties; it's what makes me lose my faith in God; it's what makes me envy even those I love; it's what keeps my tongue tied when just a word is needed to heal; it's what makes me give excuses for not doing acts of mercy and love; it's what keeps me from spending more time with God in prayer; it's what clouds the vision of God for us and makes us afraid of the light. Plato once said: "We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light."

A sense of sin can lead either to despair or to God. Paul says that it is meant to lead us to God; to the forgiveness, peace and new life that only He can give.

There is something bigger than sin - and that is God's grace. "Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound" (Romans 5:20). God's grace is always greater than any sin. That is why Paul emphasizes, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (I Timothy 1:15).

If Christianity talks much about sin, it is because it alone has the cure for sin. "I came into the world not the righteous, but the sinners to repentance," said Jesus. A doctor was once asked how he could endure being in the presence of so much disease with all its pain and suffering. He replied, "I always look at disease from the curative standpoint. We Christians always look at sin from the curative standpoint.

The first sermon Jesus ever preached dealt with the cure for sin: "Repent!" make an about face, a U-turn. Return to the God Whom you have left; Whom your sin has crucified. He will forgive you and accept you and give you the power to become a new person in Christ.

Today, we celebrate the preparation for the five Sundays of preparation before the Great Fast (Zaccheus, Publican and Pharisee, Prodigal Son; Meatfare and Cheesefare); which prepares us to celebrate Holy Week, which prepares us to live and experience the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As we celebrate the Sunday of Bartimeus, the man born blind, we need only cry out, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!" (Luke 18:38). How can we do this you ask? By returning to Christ - by making a good confession and asking God to forgive our sins. Then, we too will have our sight, which was tarnished by sin, restored.

GOD SAID NO

I asked God to take away my pride and God said "NO".
He said it's not for Him to take away, but for me to give up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole, and God said, "NO".
He said, Her spirit IS whole, her body is only temporary.

I asked God to grant me patience, and He said, "NO".
Patience is a by-product of tribulation. It isn't granted, it is earned.

I asked God to give me happiness, and He said, "NO".
He gives blessings, happiness is up to me.

I asked God to spare me pain, and He said, "NO".
Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and draws you close to Me.

I asked God to make my spirit grow, and God said, "NO".
He said I must grow it on my own. He will help me with regular pruning.

I asked God if He loved me, and God said, "YES".
He gave His only Son to die for me. And that is why I shall be in heaven with Him one day.

So I asked God to help me love others as much as He loves me.
And He said, "Ahh! So you finally got the point!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY - is expressed to the following: Vera Muntyanu, 2/3; Keith Beaudean, 2/4; Michael Moroz, 2/4; John Cramer, 2/5; Victor Melnychenko, 2/8. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

THE POWER OF PRAYER – Please remember your daily prayer for our country.
Today, we begin Day 40.

PYROHY – ORDERS (9-11AM) (302) 798-4588
Monday – Tuesday
February 18 & 19
March 18 & 19

MAKING & PICKUP
Friday
February 22
March 22

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!

MEETINGS - MINISTRIES

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – Sunday, February 3

PARISH BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, March 5 @ 6:30 PM

GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 3 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik & Alexander Smith

February 10 - Nancy Tur, Zina Twardus

February 17 - John and Sandy Cramer

February 24 - David & Eve Lazaration

READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 3 - Thomas Kasprzak

February 10 - John Plachta

February 17 - Irene Maskaly

February 24 - Andrew Duncan

March 3 - Jean Roeth

March 10 - Linda Hnatow

March 17 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

March 24 - Jean Roeth

TRUSTEES MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

February 3 - Victor Kaliakin and Ann Duncan

February 10 – Irene Maskaly and Linda Hnatow

February 17 – Irene Maskaly and Linda Hnatow

February 24 – Lorraine Neff and Victor Kaliakin

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES – will begin at our Parish on Wednesday, March 13 with the Canon of St. Andrew at 6:00 PM and a Lenten Supper to follow.

DUE TO A SCHEDULE CONFLICT – The Icon of Our Lady of Iveron of Taylor, PA will visit our Parish on Saturday, June 15th. More later.

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.

GETTING READY FOR THE SPRING BAZAAR – we have much to prepare for with the number of people we had at the last Bazaar. Here is the schedule of work parties that are scheduled so far:

Steaming Cabbage – February 6 & February 13 @ 9:00 AM

Baking nut rolls – Tuesday, February 26 @ 9:00 AM

Making holubtsi – Saturday, March 16 @ 9:30 AM

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of February 4 - Mark & Laura Andreas, Paul Andreas

Week of February 11 - John Cramer, Victor Melnychenko & Joseph Thurstlic

Week of February 19 - WE NEED A TEAM TO TAKE THIS TIME SLOT

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

Week of March 5 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

Week of March 12 - Dawn Daniels, David Duncan & Kathy Duncan

Tentative 2019 Schedule

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

Sunday, February 3 – UOL Souper Bowl Sunday

Monday, March 11 – First Day of the Fast

Wednesday, March 13 – Community Lenten Service (here)

Saturday, April 13 – Spring Bazaar

Sunday, April 28 – Pascha

Sunday, May 5 – St. Thomas Sunday – Cemeteries

Sunday, May 12 – Mother's Day Dinner

Saturday, June 15 – Visit by Weeping Icon from Taylor, PA

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 (Holy Rosary)

Sunday, December 15 – UOL Cookie Sale

DONATIONS FOR THE BAZAAR – of Coke products and water as well as Bounty (Paper Towels) and Bathroom tissue will be graciously accepted.

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, David Dalldorf, 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 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, Sue Kreisa-Christian, 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 Swec, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, Lydia 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.

THE CHAINS OF ST. PETER

The Acts of the Apostles tell the amazing story of the growth of the Church in its earliest years. The Christian Faith spread from country to country, and from people to people. But in those years, there was persecution, suffering and death, too. The rulers of the Roman Empire, along with the enemies of Christ, made life difficult for those involved in the spread of the Gospel.

Wicked King Herod had the Apostle James, brother of St. John, killed by the sword. And then he had St. Peter arrested and put into prison. However, the Christian faithful did not abandon those who were persecuted. They gathered, even at night, at the home of Mary, mother of John Mark, to pray to the Lord for aid. As for Peter, he was guarded by four squads of Roman Soldiers, in fact he slept at night between two of them, bound with chains, and with sentries at the doors.

It was then that a brilliant light pierced the prison cell, and an Angel of the Lord appeared, woke Peter up and the chains fell off his hands. They hurried out past the guards, out of the prison and into freedom. At first Peter thought it was all a dream, but soon came to realize that the miraculous event was real. He went to the home where Christians met for prayer, and there amazed them with his presence. It is this event that is commemorated by the "Chains of Peter" in the Church Calendar.

The icon vividly depicts the scene as the Angel of God takes St. Peter by the hand and leads him out of the prison, even as the chains fall to the ground and the guards slumber on. Of course, Peter went on spreading the Gospel and the Faith until his death for Christ.