



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

June 23, 2019
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Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of June 23 - 30, 2019
Celebrating our 92nd year of Service to the Lord

Sunday, June 23 – 1st Sunday after Pentecost – All Saints – Tone 8 – Graduate Sunday

8:30 – 9:00 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Panakhyda: +Kathryn Malinowski (5Yr. An.); +Anne Tyrawski (5 Yr. An.),
+Anna (35 Yr. An.) & +Philip (56 Yr. An.) Krasnopera, +Xenia
(71 Yr. An.) & +Konstantin (58 Yr. An.) Hnatow – Michael
Tilson and Linda Hnatow

Coffee Hour

Wednesday, June 26

6:30 PM – Sisterhood Board Meeting

Thursday, June 27

6:30 PM – Choir and Altar Servers Practice

Saturday, June 29

9:50 AM – Greeting His Eminence, Archbishop Daniel

10:00 AM - Archpastoral Liturgy with the Subdeaconate and Deaconate Ordinations of
Timothy Kelleher and the Ordination to the Holy Priesthood of Deacon Oleh Kravchenko

Dinner to Follow

Sunday, June 30 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost – All Saints of Ukraine – Tone 1

8:30 – 9:00 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

ORDINATIONS HERE AT STS. PETER AND PAUL - On Saturday, June 29, our Parish will host His Eminence, Archbishop Daniel who will celebrate a Hierarchical Liturgy and ordain to the Holy Deaconate, Timothy Kelleher who will be attached to our Parish and to the Holy Priesthood, Deacon Oleh Kravchenko. The festivities will begin at 10:00 AM. Many priests and clergy will be attending this special Liturgy. I am hoping that all of our Parishioners will make the attempt to be here for this auspicious occasion. Our Sisterhood is preparing a dinner following. **RESERVATIONS ARE NEEDED!!! By TODAY!!!** – There is a sign-up sheet in the hall.

SCRIPTURE READING

1st Sunday after Pentecost – All Saints – Matins: Matthew 28:16-20; Liturgy – Hebrews 11:33-12:2; Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30
Monday - Romans 2:28-3:18; Matthew 6:31-7:11.
Tuesday - Romans 4:4-12; Matthew 7:15-21.
Wednesday - Romans 5:10-16; Matthew 7: 21-23
Thursday - Romans 5:10-16; Matthew 8:23-27.
Friday - Romans 5:17-6:2; Matthew 9: 14-17
Saturday - Romans 3:19-26; Matthew 7:1-8
All Saints of Ukraine - Matins - Mark 16:1-8; Liturgy: Romans 2:10-16; Matthew 4: 18-23.

THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

"We extol you, Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets and all the Saints, and we honor your holy memory, as you pray for us to Christ our God."

The first Sunday after Pentecost, is called the Sunday of All Saints. This feast completes the cycle of moveable feasts [those feasts which are computed before (the Great Fast) and after (Ascension Thursday, Pentecost) Easter.] On this day the Orthodox Church pays particular veneration to all those who are the fruit of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

We read in the Synaxary of the Sunday after Pentecost: "On this day we celebrate the Feast of all Saints all over the world - in Asia, Libya, Europe, in the north and in the south. Our holy fathers instituted this feast and directed it to be kept after the feast of the Descent of the Holy Spirit as if to set before us an example of how the coming of the Holy Spirit enabled them to attain sanctity. He made holy and all-wise those who were of the same nature as we in order to give them the place forfeited by the fallen angels. Through Christ, He brought them to God - some through suffering and martyrdom; others through perseverance in the life of heroic virtue."

The Deacon Constantine (6th century) of Constantinople, in his sermon on the first Sunday after the Descent of the Holy Spirit says: "The Greek Church, by a distinguished and very illustrious feast, honors the memory of those immortal flowers which the whole earth brings forth from that soil which is continually refreshed by the flowing streams of the Holy Spirit."

One must not think of sainthood as an **'extraordinary'** state, nor identify it with extraordinary ascetic exploits or with rare mystical graces. There are indeed superior - heroic - degrees of saintliness, but in the sense given in the New Testament, saintliness is simply the state of a soul united to God through the operation of the Holy Spirit. This state of union exists in every Christian whom sin has not separated from God. Saintliness is therefore a normal state for a Christian, and the call to saintliness is addressed to all. There is therefore a logical link between today's feast and that of last Sunday (Pentecost).

At the Liturgy a portion of the Epistle to the Hebrew's (11:33 - 12:2) is read which evokes the sufferings of the "cloud of witnesses", that is to say the prophets, the martyrs, the righteous, those who were stoned, put to the sword, or tortured, "of whom the world is not worthy". We know this passage well, for the Church has already given it to us to hear twice during the liturgical year: first on the Sunday before Christmas, and then on the first Sunday of the Great Fast (Lent). It seems that the Church, in calling our attention to this text before the Nativity, before Easter, and immediately after Pentecost, wants to emphasize that we draw near to these great mysteries universally, surrounded by the saints and helped by their prayers; she (the Church) wishes above all to tell us that saintliness is not an abnormal or exceptional state: that on the contrary it is the normal flowering of every Christian life. The call to holiness is addressed to each one of us.

HISTORY OF THE FEAST

The veneration of the saints began with the death of the first martyrs of the Christian era. The cult of the martyrs in later centuries incorporated also the cult of the apostles, bishops and ascetics, and religious of both sexes. Emperor Constantine the Great (+337) built a Church in Constantinople in memory of the Twelve Apostles.

Before long the cult of the New Testament saints was extended to include that of the Old Testament saints. St. Cyril of Jerusalem (+386) in his fifth **Mystagogical Catachesis** attests that during the Divine Liturgy after the consecration "we commemorate those who have fallen asleep before us, first, patriarchs, prophets, apostles and martyrs, so that through their prayers and intercessions, God may receive our petition. Afterwards, we commemorate the Holy Fathers and bishops who have fallen asleep before us..." Our Church commemorates the Old Testament Saints on the Sunday of the Forefathers and

Fathers before the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord. Some of these saints also have a special day of their own dedicated to them during the year.

Our Church calendar dedicates each day of the year to one or more saints or classes of saints. There are multitudes of saints in heaven whose names are not recorded in the Church Calendar and whose names are unknown to the world even though they are forever inscribed in the Book of Life. Therefore it is the wish of the Church that fitting honor be paid to both the known and the unknown saints in heaven. The first class of saints to be so honored was the holy martyrs. The feast of All martyrs was kept in the Greek Church even during the time of St. John Chrysostom (+407). A eulogy in their honor delivered by him on the first Sunday after Pentecost survives. "Seven days had not yet passed since we celebrated the feast of Pentecost, and once again the choir of martyrs received us, the faithful warriors and army, who do not yield to the army of angels, whom Jacob had seen, but are equally zealous and are equal to them," he writes.

MOTIVES FOR VENERATING THE SAINTS

Many motives prompt us to venerate the saints and implore their intercession. By honoring the saints we honor God, for respect shown to them is respect shown to God. The saints did not become saints by their own power. Their holiness is the result of God's grace. The saints are the closest friends of God. Therefore, the honor that we pay them is pleasing to God, for they loved God above all things. All the saints are very close to us since they, like us, were once citizens of this earth and are of our own flesh and blood. They are members of the same Church that we are. They are not indifferent to our welfare and salvation. They readily listen to all our petitions and prayers and gladly present them before the throne of God.

We are obliged, not only to venerate the saints and to seek the assistance of the saints, but also to imitate their life and holiness. All Christians are called to holiness by virtue of the mystery of Baptism. Every person, regardless of status and condition of life, can become a Saint and is called to strive after holiness of life. Our Lord Jesus Christ addressed all people without exception when He said: "Therefore, be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matt. 5:48). St. Paul also reminds us of our duty to pursue holiness, "This is the will of God - your sanctification" (I Cor. 4:3).

GRADUATE SUNDAY

I'M ALIVE AND LIVING IN A WORLD OF GREAT POSSIBILITIES

None of us can say exactly what the future holds for us. But as we move forward with God as our guide, we can be certain that the future will be full of phenomenal experiences for all of us. And although the future is uncertain, perhaps we can begin to influence the possibilities that abound by establishing a permanent bond of harmony and love in the world around us. Like a seed planted in the ground, this unbridled sense of peace and harmony will soon grow and spread on its own, from person to person, from city to city, until the whole world is infused with good will. Yes, the future holds great things for us, and together we can look forward to it with an expectation of unlimited peace and harmony. "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible" (Mark 10:27)

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

Damian Krautthausen – Damian graduated from Concord High School on June 2nd. Congratulations Damian!

FRIENDS OF THE PARISH

Alexandra Jeandell – Alexandra graduated from Bohemia Manor High School on June 7. Congratulations Alexandra!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR GRADUATES!!!!!!



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

The Deeper Meaning of Success

Today is the Sunday of All Saints. Liturgically it is the last of the movable holy days for this year, that is, a holy day which depends on the date of Pascha [Easter].

God does not ask us to be successful as the world measures it. He simply calls us to go forth and bear good fruit for the glory of the Father and be faithful. We live in times which put tremendous pressure on the individual to excel. Young people feel this pressure from their earliest years and they work hard all along the way to get promoted in order to get into a good college, in order to be able to command a good salary. But is "having money" the bottom line of a good life? Jesus didn't think so. He asked that we seek first the Kingdom of God; to put God first and seek His will.

It's worth remembering that God doesn't love us because we are successful or even because we are good. He loves us because we are little. He wants us to be good, but our success or failure does not change His attitude toward us. His love is constant, like the sun; it shines on good and bad alike. His love endures forever.

Five thousand years ago, the psalmist said that he felt toward God like "... a child in its mother's arms." God loves us and allows us to remain little and spiritually immature (which means prone to sin) to teach us the importance of depending on Him. If God loved only those who were not sinners, there would be no one at all for Him to love for we all have sinned.

When a true lover loves, he doesn't smother or overpower the beloved. He treats the loved one with respect, giving him or her the freedom to respond without duress. God does that with each of us. He loves us, and leads us ever so gently. The Holy Spirit exerts a subtle attraction on the soul, drawing us in a direction we probably would not have chosen for ourselves. It is not necessarily in the, direction of worldly success.

The saints often spoke of the happiness they found working among the poorest of the poor, suffering great privation in order to be available for others. They end up doing things they never envisioned for themselves when they were young. Read the lives of the saints and you will find ample evidence of a mysterious transformation in their ambition. The change is always related to the action of grace and the degree of their own prayerfulness.

If possible look up your patronal saints and try to imitate their goodness As we have heroes in the world it is good to have heavenly heroes whom we can strive to imitate

Therefore, never be discouraged if you are not successful as the world views success. Maybe God is calling you higher. All you really have to be is little. The Holy Spirit, who leads where He will, only wants your happiness. So be at peace. God is in control.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY - is expressed to the following Marina Otamas, 6/25; Maria Russak, 6/25 & Alexander Novikov, 6/26. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

MEETINGS – MINISTRIES

SISTERHOOD BOARD MEETING - Monday, June 24 @ 6:30 PM

PARISH BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, July 9 @ 6:30 PM

THE POWER OF PRAYER – Please remember your daily prayer for our country. Today, we begin Day 20.

TRUSTEES MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

June 23 - Victor Kaliakin and Ann Duncan
June 30 – Thomas Bringle and Linda Hnatow
July 7 – Thomas Bringle and Linda Hnatow
July 14 – Lorraine Neff and Victor Kaliakin
July 21 – Lorraine Neff and Victor Kaliakin
July 28 – Ann Duncan and Thomas Bringle

GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

June 23 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik & Alexander Smith
June 30 - Nancy Tur, Zina Twardus
July 7 - John and Sandy Cramer
July 14 - David & Eve Lazaration

HALL USAGE

Saturday, July 27 - Troop #70 1-4 PM – Eagle Scout Court of Honor

READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

June 23 - Jean Roeth

June 30 - Linda Hnatow

July 7 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

July 14 - Jean Roeth

July 21 - Thomas Kasprzak

July 28 - John Plachuta

August 5 - Irene Maskaly

August 12 - Andrew Duncan

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!

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of June 24 - Mark & Laura Andreas, Paul Andreas

Week of July 1 - John Cramer, Sandy Cramer, Victor Melnychenko & Joseph Thurstlic

Week of July 8 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of July 15 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

Week of July 22 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

Week of July 29 - Dawn Daniels, David Duncan & Kathy Duncan

Week of August 5 - John Plachuta and David Lazaration

Tentative 2019 Schedule

Sunday, June 23 – Graduate Sunday

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

Saturday, June 29 – Ordination to the Diaconate of Timothy Kelleher and the Holy Priesthood of Deacon Oleh

Sunday, July 14 – Patronal Feast Dinner

Monday, July 15 – 19 – Summer Camp

Saturday, August 3 – UOL Flea Market

Saturday, October 12 – UOL Retreat

Wednesday, October 16 – Saturday, October 19 – XXII SOBOR

Saturday, November 2 – Fall Bazaar

Tuesday, November 26 – Community Thanksgiving Service (Holy Rosary)

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 Mark Leisure, 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, Ethel Bernhard, Yaroslav Bilinsky, Betty Bosland, Becky Bosley, 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, James Garrett, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovniou, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Mary Eleanor Hamilton, Rick Hastings, Dolores Helms, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Anthony Hnatow, Betty Hnatow, 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, Wendy Klinedinst, 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, Emily Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Rich Steinman, Joseph Stevens, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczyszyn, Wasyl Szeremeta, Tatiana Schwec, 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, Barbara Weeks, Peter Weremedic, Stephen Wienkowitz, Laura Worley, & James Zook.

AN ICON OF THE HOLY TRINITY

The 18th Chapter of Genesis records the appearance of the Lord to Abraham on the plains of Mamre. One day he lifted his eyes to the door of his tent and saw 3 men standing there. He ran to meet them and bowed himself toward the ground. He welcomed them, and then asked Sarah, his wife, to prepare food for them.

To show that the 3 guests belong to the heavenly world, they are portrayed as angels. This image shows the first appearance of God to man, signifying the beginning of the promise of redemption to mankind. This promise was ultimately fulfilled on the day of Pentecost, when the final revelation concerning the Holy Trinity is given to the Apostles in Jerusalem. Therefore, we might say that the Holy Trinity literally binds together the beginning of the Old Testament Church with the establishment of the Church of the New Testament.

Today's Icon shows Abraham and Sarah serving their heavenly visitors. The table has on it a sacrificial dish, considered to be a symbol of the Eucharist. All sacred images of the Trinity tend to present the angels with identical faces, emphasizing the single nature of the 3 Divine Persons. While enjoying the hospitality of Abraham, the angels reveal that in a year's time, his wife Sarah will bear a son. They also, according to the Genesis account, foretell the destruction of the sinful cities of Sodom and Gomorrah.

The Trinity itself is a mystery. Any attempt to set it into iconographic terms is fraught with difficulty, but our Church attempts to capture this essential part of our theology. We are reminded that our religion is TRINITARIAN in nature. The dogma states that God is "Father, Son and Holy Spirit." Here it is depicted graphically.

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