



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

January 26, 2020
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Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of January 26 – February 2, 2020
Celebrating our 93rd year of Service to the Lord

Sunday, January 26 – Sunday after Theophany – Holy Fathers of the Sinai -Tone 7

8:30 – 9:00 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour – IOCC Rep. Rebecca Druash – TO BE RESCHEDULED

Saturday, February 1

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Holy Trinity, Whaleyville, MD)

2:00 PM – Bible Study (St. Nicholas, Dover, DE)

3:00 – 5:00 PM – Boy Scout Court of Honor

Sunday, February 2 – Sunday of Zacchaeus -Tone 8

8:30 – 9:00 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Panakhya: +John Litchko (15 Yr.) – Peg Litchko

Souper Bowl Sunday – ANNUAL MEETING

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday after Theophany – Matins: John 21:1-14; Liturgy: Ephesians 4:7-13; Matthew 4:12-17

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 – Venerable Anthony the Great – Matins: Matthew 11:27-30; Liturgy: Hebrews 13:17-21; Luke 6:17-23

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

Saturday – 1 Thessalonians 5:14-23; Luke 17:3-10

Sunday of Zacchaeus – Matins: John 21:15-25; Liturgy: 1 Timothy 4:9-15; Luke 19:1-10

Venerable and God-bearing Father Anthony the Great

Commemorated on January 17 January 30



Saint Anthony the Great is known as the Father of monasticism, and the long ascetical sermon in *The Life of Saint Anthony* by Saint Athanasius (Sections 16-34), could be called the first monastic Rule.

He was born in Egypt in the village of Coma, near the desert of the Thebaid, in the year 251. His parents were pious Christians of illustrious lineage. Anthony was a serious child and was respectful and obedient to his parents. He loved to attend church services, and he listened to the Holy Scripture so attentively, that he remembered what he heard all his life.

When Saint Anthony was about twenty years old, he lost his parents, but he was responsible for the care of his younger sister. Going to church about six months later, the youth reflected on how the faithful, in the Acts of the Apostles (4:35), sold their possessions and gave the proceeds to the Apostles for the needy.

Then he entered the church and heard the Gospel passage where Christ speaks to the rich young man: "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come follow Me" (Mt.19:21). Anthony felt that these words applied to him. Therefore, he sold the property that he received after the death of his parents, then distributed the money to the poor, and left his sister in the care of pious virgins in a convent.

Leaving his parental home, Saint Anthony began his ascetical life in a hut not far from his village. By working with his hands, he was able to earn his livelihood and also alms for the poor. Sometimes, the holy youth also visited other ascetics living in the area, and from each he sought direction and benefit. He turned to one particular ascetic for guidance in the spiritual life.

In this period of his life Saint Anthony endured terrible temptations from the devil. The Enemy of the race of man troubled the young ascetic with thoughts of his former life, doubts about his chosen path, concern for his sister, and he tempted Anthony with lewd thoughts and carnal feelings. But the saint extinguished that fire by meditating on Christ and by thinking of eternal punishment, thereby overcoming the devil.

Realizing that the devil would undoubtedly attack him in another manner, Saint Anthony prayed and intensified his efforts. Anthony prayed that the Lord would show him the path of salvation. And he was granted a vision. The ascetic beheld a man, who by turns alternately finished a prayer, and then began to work. This was an angel, which the Lord had sent to instruct His chosen one.

Saint Anthony tried to accustom himself to a stricter way of life. He partook of food only after sunset, he spent all night praying until dawn. Soon he slept only every third day. But the devil would not cease his tricks, and trying to scare the monk, he appeared under the guise of monstrous phantoms. The saint however protected himself with the Life-Creating Cross. Finally the Enemy appeared to him in the guise of a frightful looking black child, and hypocritically declaring himself beaten, he thought he could tempt the saint into vanity and pride. The saint, however, vanquished the Enemy with prayer.

For even greater solitude, Saint Anthony moved farther away from the village, into a graveyard. He asked a friend to bring him a little bread on designated days, then shut himself in a tomb. Then the devils pounced upon the saint intending to kill him, and inflicted terrible wounds upon him. By the providence of the Lord, Anthony's friend arrived the next day to bring him his food. Seeing him lying on the ground as if dead, he took him back to the village. They thought the saint was dead and prepared for his burial. At midnight, Saint Anthony regained consciousness and told his friend to carry him back to the tombs.

Saint Anthony's staunchness was greater than the wiles of the Enemy. Taking the form of ferocious beasts, the devils tried to force the saint to leave that place, but he defeated them by trusting in the Lord. Looking up, the saint saw the roof opening, as it were, and a ray of light coming down toward him. The demons disappeared and he cried out, "Where have You been, O Merciful Jesus? Why didn't You appear from the very beginning to end my pain?"

The Lord replied, "I was here, Anthony, but wanted to see your struggle. Now, since you have not yielded, I shall always help you and make your name known throughout all the world." After this vision Saint Anthony was healed of his wounds and felt stronger than before. He was then thirty-five years of age.

Having gained spiritual experience in his struggle with the devil, Saint Anthony considered going into the Thebaid desert to serve the Lord. He asked the Elder (to whom he had turned for guidance at the beginning of his monastic journey) to go into the desert

with him. The Elder, while blessing him in the then as yet unheard of exploit of being a hermit, decided not to accompany him because of his age.

Saint Anthony went into the desert alone. The devil tried to hinder him, by placing a large silver disc in his path, then gold, but the saint ignored it and passed by. He found an abandoned fort on the other side of the river and settled there, barricading the entrance with stones. His faithful friend brought him bread twice a year, and there was water inside the fort.

Saint Anthony spent twenty years in complete isolation and constant struggle with the demons, and he finally achieved perfect calm. The saint's friends removed the stones from the entrance, and they went to Saint Anthony and besought him to take them under his guidance. Soon Saint Anthony's cell was surrounded by several monasteries, and the saint acted as a father and guide to their inhabitants, giving spiritual instruction to all who came into the desert seeking salvation. He increased the zeal of those who were already monks, and inspired others with a love for the ascetical life. He told them to strive to please the Lord, and not to become faint-hearted in their labors. He also urged them not to fear demonic assaults, but to repel the Enemy by the power of the Life-Creating Cross of the Lord.

In the year 311 there was a fierce persecution against Christians, in the reign of the emperor Maximian. Wishing to suffer with the holy martyrs, Saint Anthony left the desert and went to Alexandria. He openly ministered to those in prison, he was present at the trial and interrogations of the confessors, and accompanying the martyrs to the place of execution. It pleased the Lord to preserve him, however, for the benefit of Christians.

At the close of the persecution, the saint returned to the desert and continued his exploits. The Lord granted the saint the gift of wonderworking, casting out demons and healing the sick by the power of his prayer. The great crowds of people coming to him disrupted his solitude, and he went off still farther, into the inner desert where he settled atop a high elevation. But the brethren of the monasteries sought him out and asked him to visit their communities.

Another time Saint Anthony left the desert and arrived in Alexandria to defend the Orthodox Faith against the Manichaeian and Arian heresies. Knowing that the name of Saint Anthony was venerated by all the Church, the Arians said that he adhered to their heretical teaching. But Saint Anthony publicly denounced Arianism in front of everyone and in the presence of the bishop. During his brief stay at Alexandria, he converted a great multitude of pagans to Christ.

People from all walks of life loved the saint and sought his advice. Pagan philosophers once came to Abba Anthony intending to mock him for his lack of education, but by his words he reduced them to silence. Emperor Constantine the Great (May 21) and his sons wrote to Saint Anthony and asked him for a reply. He praised the emperor for his belief in Christ, and advised him to remember the future judgment, and to know that Christ is the true King.

Saint Anthony spent eighty-five years in the solitary desert. Shortly before his death, he told the brethren that soon he would be taken from them. He instructed them to preserve the Orthodox Faith in its purity, to avoid any association with heretics, and not to be negligent in their monastic struggles. "Strive to be united first with the Lord, and then with the saints, so that after death they may receive you as familiar friends into the everlasting dwellings."

The saint instructed two of his disciples, who had attended him in the final fifteen years of his life, to bury him in the desert and not in Alexandria. He left one of his monastic mantles to Saint Athanasius of Alexandria (January 18), and the other to Saint Serapion of Thmuis (March 21). Saint Anthony died peacefully in the year 356, at age 105, and he was buried in the desert by his disciples.

The Life of the famed ascetic Saint Anthony the Great was written by Saint Athanasius of Alexandria. This is the first biography of a saint who was not a martyr, and is considered to be one of the finest of Saint Athanasius' writings. Saint John Chrysostom recommends that this Life be read by every Christian.

"These things are insignificant compared with Anthony's virtues," writes Saint Athanasius, "but judge from them what the man of God Anthony was like. From his youth until his old age, he kept his zeal for asceticism, he did not give in to the desire for costly foods because of his age, nor did he alter his clothing because of the infirmity of his body. He did not even wash his feet with water. He remained very healthy, and he could see well because his eyes were sound and undimmed. Not one of his teeth fell out, but near the gums they had become worn due to his advanced age. He remained strong in his hands and feet.... He was spoken of everywhere, and was admired by everyone, and was sought even by those who had not seen him, which is evidence of his virtue and of a soul dear to God."

The following works of Saint Anthony have come down to us:

Twenty Sermons on the virtues, primarily monastic (probably spurious).

Seven Letters to various Egyptian monasteries concerning moral perfection, and the monastic life as a spiritual struggle.

A Rule for monastics (not regarded as an authentic work of Saint Anthony).

In the year 544 the relics of Saint Anthony the Great were transferred to Alexandria, and after the conquest of Egypt by the Saracens in the seventh century, they were transferred to Constantinople. The holy relics were transferred from Constantinople in the tenth-eleventh centuries to a diocese outside Vienna. In the fifteenth century they were brought to Arles (in France), to the church of Saint Julian.

Troparion — Tone 4 - You imitated the ways of zealous Elijah, * and followed the straight path of John the Baptist. * You became a desert dweller * and strengthened the world by your prayers. * Father Anthony, intercede with Christ God that our souls may be saved.

Kontakion — Tone 2 - You rejected the tumult of this life * and lived your life to the end in solitude, * imitating the Baptist in every way. * With him we honor you, most venerable Anthony, foundation of the Fathers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE POWER OF PRAYER – Today, we begin Day 37.

IOCC REPORT – Unfortunately, Rebecca has been ill this past week. We shall reschedule.

MEETINGS – MINISTRIES

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

A SPECIAL PRESENTATION – will be made at the Annual Meeting about a new fund raising project in which I believe everyone will be interested. Always remember that each tiny effort builds on the next so that brick by brick magnificent things can be created.

TRUSTEES MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

January 26 – Thomas Bringle and Linda Hnatow

February 2 – Linda Hnatow and Lorraine Neff

February 9 – Victor Kaliakin and Ann Duncan

February 16 – Victor Kaliakin and Ann Duncan

February 23 – Linda Hnatow and Lorraine Neff

March 1 - Linda Hnatow and Lorraine Neff

FEEDING THE HUNGRY – please see Linda Hnatow, Chairperson, if you are interested in continuing this ministry at Emmanuel Dining Room West. Four people are needed. We have been scheduled for the first Saturday of each month.

COFFEE HOUR – IMPORTANT – ALL coffee hour dates must be cleared by Linda Hnatow, Chairperson, so that food is not wasted. There is no automatic sponsorship for a Sunday. Your donations to coffee hour are greatly appreciated. Please book a date. Thanks

READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 26 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick
February 2 - Jean Roeth
February 9 - Linda Hnatow
February 16 - John Plachuta
February 23 - Irene Maskaly
March 1 - Andrew Duncan

SWEET BREADS – are available at let's make room in the freezer price!! \$4 a loaf!!
Please see Kathy Duncan or Loraine Neff.

Tentative 2020 Schedule

Sunday, February 2 – Parish Annual Meeting
Sunday, February 2 – UOL Souper Bowl Sunday
Sunday, February 9 – Installation of Officers
Sunday, February 9 – Boy Scout Sunday
Monday, March 2 – Great Lent Begins – Clean Monday
Sunday, March 8 – Orthodox Sunday – tentative Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood here
Wednesday, March 11 – Hosting the Local Church Lenten Service
Saturday, April 4 – Spring Bazaar
Sunday, April 12 – Palm Sunday – Holy Week
Sunday, April 19 – PASKHA
Sunday, April 26 – St. Thomas Sunday – Cemeteries
Sunday, May 10 – Mother's Day
Sunday, June 21 – Father's Day
Sunday, July 12 – Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul – Parish Appreciation Day
Saturday, August 1 – UOL Flea Market
Saturday, November 7 – Fall Bazaar
Tuesday, November 24 – Community Thanksgiving Service (Ascension Episcopal)
Sunday, December 13 – St. Nicholas (Sts. Peter and Paul) UOL Cookie Sale

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

Week of February 3 - Mark & Laura Andreas, Paul Andreas

Week of February 10 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of February 17 – **WE NEED A TEAM TO FILL THIS SLOT**

Week of February 24 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

PYROHY SCHEDULE

2020 - Tentative

Friday, February 21

Friday, March 20

Wednesday, April 1 (for the Spring Bazaar)

Friday, May 15

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!

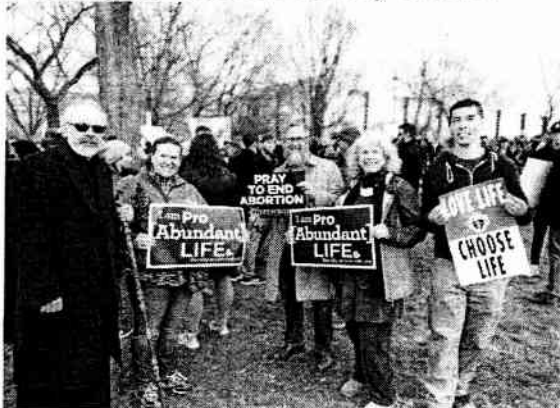
GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 26 - David & Eve Lazaration

February 2 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik & Alexander Smith

February 9 - Nancy Tur, Zina Twardus

February 16 - John and Sandy Cramer



Our Parishioners at the March for Life

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, Julian, Madison, Michele, 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, Thomas Bringle, John Brick, Fedir Bukacz, George Burns, 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, David Duncan, Rose Eldridge, Thomas Fagan, James Garrett, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovniov, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Rick Hastings, Celeste Heiser, Dolores Helms, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Anthony Hnatow, Daniel Holoviak, Caroline Humphrey, Richard Humphrey, Sally Hutnick, Joette Jago, Stephen Johnson, Linda Josepinson, Rosalie Ann Kane, 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, Jean Marano, Paul Markow, Frederick McCarthy, 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, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry Pinkowicz, Bernice Pinkowicz, Ryan Pinkowicz, Valentina Plachuta, Maria Plumpton, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Lynn Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Roman, Alla Rudawsky, John Ruczhak, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, Maria Russak, Anthony Saldutti, Dana Sargent, 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 Szweg, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, Lydia Thomas, Brysen Tomei, Dominic Tomei, Mark Tomei, Violet Tomei, Aria Tonner, Anna Tur, Richard Twardus, Martha Vignali, Jack Vognetz, Margaret Vognetz, Marilyn Wagner, Olena Wasylevska, James Watts, Chris Way, Leah Way, Barbara Weeks, Peter Weremedic, Janet Wheeler, Stephen Wienkowitz, Laura Worley, & James Zook.

ST. NINA THE EVANGELIZER

When we think of areas that might be considered “cradles of Christianity,” it is unlikely that the province of Georgia (in Asia) comes to mind! It may surprise you, then, to learn that the Christian Church there can trace her roots back to the 4th century. Even more amazing is the fact that our Saviour’s Gospel was brought to this remote region by a slave girl, who we reverently refer to now as **ST. NINA, EQUAL-TO-THE APOSTLES!**

Nina’s early life is a mystery to us. We do know, however, that at a young age, she was captured in battle and bound over to slavery in Georgia. It was difficult being a Christian among pagans who paid homage to the god Amazi. Still, Nina prayed constantly for the conversion of her captors.

It is said that the Lord blessed Nina with healing powers, and word of this spread to the Queen, who had been crippled for years. The royal servants sought out Nina and brought the Queen to her. Incredibly, Nina was able to make her whole again! Returning to King Mirian, the Queen embraced Christianity and sought to convince her husband to do the same. Although skeptical of this “new religion” at first, King Mirian, after miraculously being delivered from being lost in a fog-shrouded forest, became a follower of Christ also.

King Mirian immediately embarked on a mission to build churches throughout his kingdom. Nina, in turn, tirelessly travelled to all parts of this rugged land, carrying Christ’s message to all who would listen.