

The Word of Sts. Peter & Paul



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Continued from the previous bulletin. The Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Diaspora convened its 12th Clergy-Laity Congress (SOBOR) on Friday, February 2, 2024, marking a significant moment in the ongoing



journey of this ecclesiastical community scattered across the globe. Under the spiritual leadership of His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, the Prime Hierarch of the UOC in Diaspora and Archbishop Daniel, the Sobor delved into pivotal matters, notably the establishment of 30 new Ukrainian Orthodox parishes in Germany.

The church becomes a place of solace, a sanc-

tuary where the displaced can find spiritual nourishment and a sense of community in a foreign land.

Belgium, France, and Germany, being closer to the epicenter of the war, have witnessed a significant influx of Ukrainian refugees. The Clergy-Laity Congress acknowledged the challenges faced by the diaspora in these regions and emphasized the role of the Church in providing not only spiritual guidance but also practical assistance, ranging from language support to aiding in the integration process.

The pastoral service extended to Ukrainian refugees reflects the Church's commitment to the well-being of its members, transcending geographical boundaries. Metropolitan Antony and Archbishop Daniel emphasized the importance of standing in solidarity with those affected by the war, offering a message of hope and resilience during these challenging times.

As the plenary sessions of the Sobor unfolded, discussions also touched upon the broader role of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Diaspora in fostering unity, preserving Holy Orthodox identity, and promoting dialogue in the countries where its parishes are established. The church serves as a bridge between the Ukrainian diaspora and the local communities, fostering understanding and cooperation.

The commencement of the 12th Clergy-Laity Congress of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Diaspora with the celebration of the Divine Liturgy for the feast of the Meeting of the Lord was a poignant and spiritually enriching experience. It laid the foundation for a Sobor that would navigate the complexities of the Diaspora existence, drawing inspiration from the timeless traditions of the Holy Orthodox faith and seeking guidance for the path ahead.

In conclusion, the 12th Clergy-Laity Congress of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Diaspora, led by Metropolitan Antony and Archbishop Daniel, has been a momentous occasion marked by the establishment of new parishes in Germany and a deep reflection on the pastoral service to Ukrainian refugees in various corners of the world. It underscores the church's unwavering commitment to providing spiritual guidance and support, transcending borders and offering a beacon of hope in times of uncertainty.



Liturgical Schedule



<p>Sunday February 11 8:15 Matins 9:00am Hours 9:30am Di- vine Liturgy</p>	<p>36th Sunday after Pentecost Tone 3 St. Ignatius of Antioch (Translation of relics) Martyrs Romanus, James, Philotheus, Hyperechius, Abibus, Julian and Paregorius (297) Martyrs Silvanus, bishop of Emesa, Luke the Deacon, and Mocius (Mucius) the Reader (312). St. Laurence, recluse of the Kyiv Caves and bishop of Turov (1194). Mark 16:9-20 (3rd Matins Gospel) 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1 24 Matthew 15:21-28 Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Hieromartyr Ignatius Mark 9:33-41 Hieromartyr Ignatius</p>
<p>Thursday February 15</p>	<p>Liturgy at St. Michael's at 10:00am 7035 Columbia Ave, Hammond, IN Feast of Meeting of the Lord Matins: Lk. 2:25-32; Heb. 7:7-17; Lk. 2:22-40;</p>
<p>Sunday February 18 8:15 Matins 9:00am Hours 9:30am Di- vine Liturgy</p>	<p>37th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone four. Holy Martyr <u>Agatha</u> of Palermo in Sicily (251). St. <u>Theodosius</u>, archbishop of Chernihiv (1696). Martyr <u>Theodoula</u> of Anazarbus in Ci- licia, and with her Martyrs Helladius, Macari- us, Boethos, and Evagrius (304). St. Polyeuc- tus, patriarch of Constantinople (970) (<i>Greek</i>). New Martyr Anthony of Athens (1774) Matins Luke 24:1-12 1 Timothy 4:9-15 Luke 19:1-10</p>
<p>Saturday February 24</p>	<p>Moleben for Peace in Ukraine at 1:00pm</p>
<p>Sunday February 25 8:15 Matins 9:00am Hours 9:30am Di- vine Liturgy</p>	<p>Sunday of the Publican & the Pharisee Tone 5 St. Anthony II patriarch of Constanti- nople. St. Eugene monk of Alexandria Luke 24:12-35 Matins Gospel) 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Luke 18:10-14</p>



SUNDAY SCHOOL RECAP FOR JAN. 28TH

We passed out and went over the "Saint Presentations" assignment including the month and when the kids are supposed to do their presentations and which Saints they are assigned to.

It can include pictures of the Saint (if possible), handouts, make use of the white board or speak from their notes. Some are 'lesser known' Saints so we are looking forward to learning something new about these important people in our Orthodox Faith. We ended class by playing a group favorite: Wheel of Religion It was a very lively game and included vocabulary words such as... Nativity, New & Old Testament, Jordan River, Bible, Hanukkah, Ten Commandments, etc.

Blessings, Ms. Karen and Ms. Debbie

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECAP FOR FEBRUARY 4TH

Last Sunday, Mike Supilowski shared with the class little known facts about St. Gregory, the Theologian. According to our Church calendar we honor his memory on February 7th. St. Gregory is one of the three Holy Hierarchs. He is best known for the defense of the Holy Trinity and defender of Christianity. In his time the saint was known as a great orator and was a prolific writer. Little known fact: He was born in 329 A.D. and lived to be about 60 years of age. Due to illness, he retired and lived out his remaining years as a hermit. During this time he wrote well over 100 poems on the subject of religion, and several that were autobiographical in nature (with one of the latter having about 2,000 lines!).

We ended with a short lesson on peer pressure, the good and the bad kind and the impact they have on behavior. We touched upon the enormous pressure faced by saints (both young and old).

We're sure Mike felt pressure of a different kind being the first one to present his report in front of his peers. But he had nothing to worry about as he did a great job!

Yours in Christ-

~Miss Debbie & Miss Karen

Parish Council

Annual meeting of the parish will take place on Sunday March 10, 2024 after the Divine Liturgy. Your participation is vitally important for the future of our parish family. Quite a few major decisions will have to be made at this year's meeting. Participants of the meeting will vote on crucial changes in the life of our parish.

Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council is every second Sunday of the month. Next meeting is Sunday February 18, 2024 after Sunday coffee hour.

College Scholarship Application

With the support of our Parish Council and our church parishioners, we are again offering a scholarship to a graduating high school student, who is a member of Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church to help with the cost of furthering their education. Applications are available from Pat Wolsko and must be returned by March 24. The recipient will be announced at our annual St. Thomas Day dinner.

Sunday's Second Collection

For the month of February special second collection is dedicated to Parish College Scholarship Fund.



Sisterhood of St. Anne

God bless our Volunteers!

Working days:

March 3 Sunday after Divine Liturgy

March 4 Monday at 8:30am

March 5 Tuesday at 8:30am & at 5:30pm

March 11 Monday at 8:30am

March 12 Tuesday at 8:30am & at 5:30pm

March 13 Wednesday at 5:30pm

March 16 Sunday after Divine Liturgy

March 17 Monday at 8:30am

March 18 Tuesday 19 at 5:30pm

March 20 Wednesday at 8:30am & at 5:30pm

March 21 Thursday - Easter Sale



Seven Day Vigil Candles

God's mercy on Elena Batura by the Nevels
For the health of Iryna on her Birthday. God's
blessings by Halyna Kashpar
For the health of Mikola on his birthday. God's blessings by Hal-
yna Kashpar
God's blessings and restored Good health for Mike
Moran by the Tufano Family
For the health of David Lindquist by John Batura
For the health of Elena by John Batura
For the health of Patti Faye by John Batura
For the health and God's blessings of Richard Kimak
by Gbur/Lang Family
Prayers for the health of sweet baby Avery and for sweet baby
angel Addison who rest in God's hands by Masur Family



-In memory of my father Pavlo and my mother Polina. Memory
Eternal. Heavenly Kingdom! Halyna Kashpar
In memory of Tony Kovco by Michael Supilowski
In memory of Tony Kaczor by Michael Supilowski
In memory of my father Fedor, Volodimer, Anthony and my
families Zerebny, Stefurak, Yaniv, Yrchik, Platsok, Metveeva,
Bahriy, Prokopovich, Mischishin, Marteklas, by Mariya Zerebny

2023 donation statements

2023 donation statements will be ready by January 15, 2024. In
an effort to save paper and postage, reports will be emailed upon
request. Requests for a statement can be made by texting or
emailing John Grzymski (708) 704-6401 or
jngrzymski@hotmail.com A paper statement can be mailed if a
donor does not have an email. Thank you,
John Grzymski

Bible Study

Next Bible Study group meeting is
Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 7:00 pm.
Via Teams. We are going to work on the
Four Gospels. Resources; Orthodox Study bible.
If you are interested in joining the study, please see Fr. Vasyil



Soup- er Bowl Sunday

TODAY is Our Annual Soup-er Bowl Sunday

Come and join us! Have a bowl or two or three of soup for a good cause.

We have 25 soup chefs who have created their masterpieces.

Be generous!

All raised funds will be donated to St. Andrew's Society Soup Kitchens for elderly in Ukraine

Eat in or take out!

In the past 12 years our humble parish has raised over or close to \$2000.00 each time!!!

Thank you to all of the soups chefs and to all of those who have donated supplies for the project.

Thank you to PM Olenka for taking responsibility of organizing and running this event.



Prayer Corner for the Month of February

We ask all of you to remember in your prayers the following individuals, who are in need of God's healing and grace:

Michailo, Gail, Elena, Allie Branch, Mike Moran, Christopher Flavin, Even, Edward, Dave, Pat Lewandowski, Michael Melnyk, Lilia, Andy, Irene, Bohdan, Ralph Palm, Nikolai, David, Irine, Zoriana, Lev, Irene Belkow, Alla Grzymiski, Kathy Grzymiski, Nicole, Elena, John & Patti, Barbara Patronik, Katie Bruce, Michael Kimak, Chloe McKinney, Yuriy Zmysly, Dorothy Seliga, Halyna & Wolodymer Kashpar, Mykola, Priest Vasyl Dovhan, Frankie, Alexander, Anatoli & Pamela, Paul & Melissa, Olga, Janet, Sam and Natalia.

Pray for soldiers in Ukraine: Yaroslav, Pavlo, Slavko, Mikola, Victor, Taras, Yuriy, Stepan, Volodimer, Mykola, Svitlana, medic Stella, Oleg, Yuriy, Dmitro, Bohdan, Roman, Mykola, Kostia, Vitaliy, missing in action Volodimer, wounded Roman.

Pray for Our expecting mother:

Pavai, Olha, Anhelina, Kelly & Olena

If there is anyone who is in need of prayers, and you want to add them to the prayer corner, please notify Fr. Vasyl

Coffee Hour Schedule



We are back to sponsored coffee hours

You can sponsor coffee hour monetarily by donating \$50.00 to cover the cost of one coffee hour.

If you would like to volunteer, please let PM Olenka or Fr. Vasyk know.

February 11– Soup-er Bowl Sunday & Deserts by Kulyk Family

February 18 - open

February 25 - Albert & Team

March 3 - Donna Nevels & Pat Beck

March 10– Sisterhood of St. Anne

March 17—Jr. UOL Cheese-fare Sunday

Mark your calendars

- ◆ Saturday, February 24 at 1:00pm Prayer for Peace in Ukraine
Marking second year of war in Ukraine.
- ◆ Sunday, February 25 - Dinner Fundraiser for Ukraine Screening of the Movie “Freedom on Fire”
- ◆ Sunday, March 10 - Annual Meeting of the parish
- ◆ Sunday, March 17 - Forgiveness Sunday Cheese-fare

Допомога новим іммігрантам/ Help for Refugees



Безкоштовне виповнення усіх документів для новоприбулих (TPS, Social Security. Work permit, Benefits) кожний Понеділок та Середа 10:00-16:00 у Церковній залі. За інформацією просимо звертатись до Пм. Оленки Сендега “Асоціація Самопоміч.”

Безкоштовні уроки Англійської мови кожний Четвер о 6:00 вечора. Більше інформації 708-361-5165.

We offer free of charge consultation as well as filling up applications for Social Security, work authorization, benefits and TPS for new immigrants. *For more info see PM Olenka.*

Our Parish offers ESL (English as a Second Language classes in the evenings for adults as well as children free of charge. Every Thursday at 6:00pm at the Church hall.

For more information, please see Pat Wolsko.