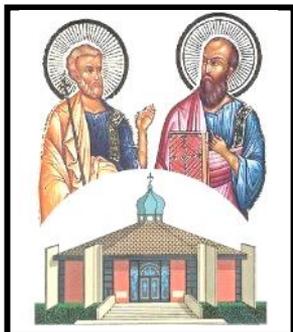


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Regarding the Granting of Autocephaly to the Church of Ukraine.



In the context of the study undertaken by the Ecumenical Patriarchate for the granting of the ecclesiastical status of autocephaly to Ukraine, various opinions have been formulated—even by representatives of official institutions—expressing misgiving about the canonical prerogative of the Church of Constantinople to proceed with such an act. The principal argument proposed in this regard is that Ukraine “constitutes the canonical territory of the Patriarchate of Moscow” and that, consequently, such an act on the part of the Ecumenical Patriarchate would comprise an “intervention” into

a foreign ecclesiastical jurisdiction.

Therefore, it has been deemed necessary for the Ecumenical Patriarchate to remind everyone of the historical and canonical truth with regard to the relationship of the Church of Constantinople to the Church of Ukraine as derived from the surviving formal documents, which unfortunately are either disregarded or else deliberately obscured for apparent reasons.

At its formal session on April 20, 2018, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and the Holy and Sacred Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople voted to proceed with taking the necessary steps for granting autocephaly to the Orthodox Christians of Ukraine. This decision was made after extensive study and discussion based on the responsibilities and rights of the Ecumenical Patriarchate as enumerated by the sacred canons, and the historical reality that in 1589 when the Church of Russia received its status as a patriarchate from the Ecumenical Patriarch, the Metropolis of Kiev, the capital of Ukraine, was not included but remained under the jurisdiction of Constantinople. Additionally, within the Patriarchal and Synodal “Praxis” (act) of 1686 there is further affirmation that the Ukraine remained under the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

Fully conscious of the ecclesiastical, political and geopolitical dimensions of granting autocephaly to Ukraine, the Ecumenical Patriarchate commissioned a delegation – comprising Their Eminences John Metropolitan Geron of Pergamon, Metropolitan Emmanuel of France, and Metropolitan Bartholomew of Smyrna - to visit its sister Orthodox Autocephalous Churches throughout the world from May through July 2018, in order to inform them and explain its decision. Moreover, within the framework of preparing to issue the Tomos (official document granting autocephaly), the Ecumenical Patriarchate appointed two Exarchs to the Ukraine – His Excellency Archbishop Daniel of Pamphilon (from the United States) and His Grace Bishop Ilarion of Edmonton (from Canada) - in order to deliberate with congregations and communities, as well as all parties and individuals involved in

Liturgical Schedule

29th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone four.

Today

Nativity (St. Philip's Fast). Fish Allowed
 Prophet Zephaniah (Sophonias) (635 B.C.).
 Venerable Theodulus, eparch of Constantinople
 (440). Venerable John the Silent of St. Sabbas'
 monastery (558). Hieromartyr Theodore, arch-
 bishop of Alexandria (606). Venarable Gregory
 of Cherniksk (Romania). New Hieromartyr Ga-
 briel, bishop of Ganos (1659) (Greek). St. Biri-
 nus, bishop of Dorchester (649-650) (Celtic &
 British). New Martyr Angelos of Chios (1813)
 (Greek). Venerable Cosmas of St. Anne's Skete,
 Mt. Athos. St. Sola, Anglo-Saxon missionary
 priest under St. Bobiface (790-794) (Germany).

1 Timothy 1:15-17
 Luke 18:18-27



Reader of the Hours - open
 Reader of the Eng. Epist.– Julius Machnikowski
 Reader of the Ukr. Epist.– Halyna Kashpar

Saturday, December 22 Vespers at 5:00pm

30th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone five.

Sunday
 December 23

Nativity (St. Philip's Fast). Fish Allowed
 Martyrs Menas the Melodius, Hermogenes, and
 Eugraphus of Alexandria (310).
 St. Ioasaph, bishop of Belgorod (1754).
 Virgin-martyr Thecla confessor
 (1954). Venerable Anna confessor
 (1958). Martyr Gemellus of Paphlagonia
 (361). Venerable Thomas of Bithynia (10th
 c.). Blessed John, king of Serbia (1503), and his
 parents Stephen (1468) and Angelina Bran-
 covich (16th c.). Hieromartyr Theotecnus
 (Greek). Martyr Marianus (Greek). Martyr Eu-
 gene (Greek).



Colossians 3:12-16
 Luke 17:12-19

Reader of the Hours - Sandra Hladky
 Reader of the Eng. Epist.– Sandra Hladky
 Reader of the Ukr. Epist.– PM Olenka

the granting of the Tomos. These two hierarchs of the Ecumenical Throne serve the large Ukrainian Orthodox community in North America, which is under the omophorion of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, attesting to the abiding ties that bind Kiev and Constantinople.

In its ecclesial responsibility and regard for healing divisions and strengthening unity among the Autocephalous Orthodox Churches, the Ecumenical Patriarchate is sometimes obliged to adopt difficult resolutions. In its historical role and right to hear appeals from Churches isolated for diverse reasons from the rest of the Orthodox Church, the Ecumenical Patriarchate is occasionally compelled to assume painful initiatives. Finally, in its traditional consideration and maternal concern not to neglect even a single lost sheep (as in Christ's parable in Luke 15.1-7), the Ecumenical Patriarchate is from time-to-time required to reach out in reconciliation and forgiveness.

The historical reasons in support of the Ecumenical Patriarchate's involvement in seeking a canonical resolution to the ecclesiastical anomaly in Ukraine have been analyzed and elaborated in a number of places, notably in numerous articles.

Prayer Corner for the Month of December

We ask all of you to remember in your prayers the following individuals, who are in need of God's healing and grace: Maria, Andrew J, Tony Zerebny, Maria Savoy, Nicole, Victoria, Barbara, Tom Macauliffe, John, Margaret, Eleanor, Ethel Smith, Michael P, Anthony, Catherine Hladky, Andrew Hladky, Wally and Ann Podlecki, Valentina Schacht, Susan Hendrixson, Rayan, Dean Manson, Pavlo & Polina, Barbara Patronik, Elias, Roxana, Anthony Bendy, Katie Bruce, Patti Faye, Toni Marie Klavin, Michael Kimak, Chloe Mckinney, Yuriy Zmysly, Paul Jr & Dorothy Seliga, Wolodymer Kashpar, Priest Vasyl Dovhan, Priest David Clooney, Priest Petro, PM Maria, Frankie, Zachary, Orest, Oksana, Alexander, Paul.

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

If you would like me to visit with the Sacraments of the Holy Confession and Eucharist, please call the rectory to set up an appointment. I will gladly visit everyone.

Announcements

Parish Council

Monthly Parish Council meeting is every third Sunday of the month after the Coffee Hour. Next meeting is TODAY. *Representatives from parish organizations must be present. Guests are welcome.*

Sisterhood of St. Anne



God bless our volunteers.

Next working days are:

TODAY — peel potatoes

Monday December 17, 8:00am - make SK & Pot balls

Tuesday December 18, 8:00am Make POT pierogies

Wednesday December 19, 8:00am make SK & Pot Pierogies

5:00pm bake bread

Thursday December 20 Sale Noon—4:00pm

Sunday Services in two Languages

Every First Sunday of the Month there will be All English Divine Liturgy at 9:30am followed by All Ukrainian Pro-Liturgy at 11:30am. Next Special Sunday is February 3, 2019.

Due to the feast of Nativity of Our Lord there will be only one bilingual service on January 6, 2019 at 9:30am and Holy Supper “Sviata Vechera” at the Hall at 5:30pm followed by Nativity Eve Service at 7:00pm

Sunday School



We are going to have a special Mitten tree this year in our Church Hall. Special Collection of New gloves, mittens, scarfs and hats for the homeless at the local PADS shelter. All sizes are appreciated. Please

drop of your donations in the box located in the vestibule of our Church building or handed it to one of the teachers of Sunday School. Kids will decorate the tree with the mentioned items. Help the homeless to keep warm this winter.

Seven Day Vigil Candles

God's blessing for Walter Podlecki on his 91st Birthday! With love, Ann, Karen and Stanley



For the health of my ill parents in Ukraine Pavlo & Polina by Halyna Kashpar

For the health of our parents Alvine and Mike Gbur by Tom Gboor and Jody Lang & fmaily

For the health and God's blessings of family members by Alvine & Mike Gbur

For the health of my mother Oksana by Fr. Vasyl



Anatol and Kathy Bilyk in memory of Ann Laitar

Sunday School Teachers' Corner

SINGING

Dear Miss Church Manners~

I sing in the Children's Choir. Although people me I have a good voice, I'm self-conscious about and often just mouth or mumble some of the words. I'm sure no one notices. Why do we sing so much anyway?

Signed, Singing the Blues

Dear Vocally Challenged,

I find your letter to be so note-worthy (pun intended!). First and foremost—you are NOT vocally challenged. The beauty of Orthodoxy is that our Liturgy is always sung. Singing is considered prayer set to music. What could be more beautiful? I certainly can understand you feeling awkward. It's only natural—especially when singing with a small group. Do not be afraid to sing. Don't you sing along and tap your feet to the songs you hear on the radio or your iPod? Whether you sing with your friends in the Children's Choir, from the pews with your family or with the full choir—sing with all your heart, mind and soul. God will smile down upon you!

As to your comment that “no one notices”. You're mistaken. People do notice. Remember, it's important to follow along in the song book, take direction from the person leading the choir and don't fidget or whisper with the others near you. Look interested and sing with a smile on your face! People will definitely take notice and may even join in the singing!

As the saying goes, “Make a joyful noise!”

~Miss Church Manners



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Church Temple Main Chandelier



We are working on replacing Main Chandelier at the Church Temple. Current one is too small for our temple as well as in very poor condition. We have collected so far \$12,965.00 towards this project. Every little bit helps.



Janet Milton in memory of Oryhon/Patronik Family members as we enter the 110th Anniversary of Sts. Peter and Paul parish UOC — \$4000.00.

Thank you very much for your generosity!

Eighth Annual Cookie Walk



Calling all Bakers

We thank some of the families, who brought their cookies already for their creativity and generosity.

Our Eighth Annual Cookie Walk will take place on Thursday December 20, 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Last year's Cookie Walk was a **Tremendous Successes** thanks to our talented and generous bakers who baked at home and donated their creation as well as to a hard working team, who baked at the church hall premises. We are looking for bakers to make 6-10 dozen of their favorite home baked goodies. If you would like to make more, we will be glad if you would do so! If you would like to make and donate your favorite goodies or volunteer to work with the church baking team at the church kitchen, please see PM Olenka or Olga Piskoun, call the rectory 708-361-5165. You can start baking and freezing them now!

Bring your Cookies from now through Thursday Dec. 20
Church Baking Team will work on Tuesday evening 5:00pm
All proceeds to charity

Coffee Hour Schedule



Today –*Olga Piskoun & Tina Palasti*

—*thank you for volunteering*

December 23 -- Kashpar Family & Olga Piskoun (Lenten)

December 30 -- **Vitalii & Ulia Kulyk thank you for volunteering**

If you would like to volunteer for the Coffee Hour or need to change your scheduled date, please see Olga Piskoun call 708-361-5165 or email opiskoun@yahoo.com

Save the date

Christmas Cookie Walk — December 20, 2018 noon– 4:00pm

St. Luke's Shelter

Shelter is in need of volunteers for December morning shift of the 11th and 25th and in January on the 1st and 8th.

You can sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084DA5AA28AAFC1-volunteer>

Or You can also call / e-mail the St. Luke coordinator Jill Olson for particulars, at 630.296.7520, e-mail macrina1054@gmail.com

Nativity Dinner



**Celebrate Nativity
with your parish family
Divine Liturgy at 9:30am
Monday January 7th, 2019
Annual Nativity Dinner**

to follow After the Divine Liturgy

Donation to cover partially the cost of the caterer

\$17.00 per adult (18+)

\$10.00 per Child (6-17)

Children 5 and under free

PLEASE R.S.V.P sign in on the sheet in front of the church,
via email rev.vasyl@yahoo.com

or call the Rectory 708-361-5165 by December 30, 2018