

The Word of Sts. Peter & Paul

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Christ is Born!

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The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

“Christ is born! Glorify Him!

Christ came from heaven, welcome Him!

Christ is on the earth, exult!

Sing to the Lord all the earth,

Joyfully praise him all you nations,

For He has become glorious!”

With these inspiring words, Saint Gregory of Nazianz, in the 4th century, be-

gan his famous sermon on the Nativity of Christ, which was later incorporated into the Canon of the Nativity by St. Cosmas of Maiuma . These words are actually the origin of our traditional Christmas greeting: “Christ is born! Glorify Him!” After Saint Gregory proclaimed his sermon, people started to use these words by greeting each other at the Christmas time. This is how the tradition was born, which is caring on for centuries. However, one must note here, saying these words is not just a regular “How are you?” in our daily life, nor it is not just a simple seasonal greeting. Because Jesus is the reason for this special season. By proclaiming these joyful words we are testifying about the mystery of the Incarnation of Our God. Our Lord Himself came from heaven and took on our corrupt and sinful human nature, so we may become as Him. As these words solemnly resound in our churches, we are invited to be joyful and to exult as we welcome into our midst Emmanuel, “God with us”, at Christmas time.

Christmas Card 2018

Thank you very much to all of those who have donated towards the Nativity card. Your generosity helped us to defray the cost of making and mailing the card. May God bless you! Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. *Fr. Vasyl*

UOL

May the New Born Christ enlighten our hearts and fill them with peace and love at this special season. We thank all of our members for a great year and encourage them to continuously labor for the prosperity of our parish and glory of God!
Join UOL Today! Interested? Please see Dr. Harry Oryhon president of Senior UOL chapter.

Announcements

My Dear Parish Family! Wishing you Health and Happiness in the New Year. May New Born Christ visit each and everyone's heart and fill them with His love and peace! Happy and Blessed Nativity!

Join us for Nativity Celebration. See the Schedule on the back of the bulletin. Pick a schedule for the Month of January at the entrance to the Church.

You can always see schedule of our parish activities; Divine Services and events at our parish website

<http://sspeterandpauluoc.net>

Fr. Vasył

Soup –er Bowl Sunday

UOL Chapter – Soup-er Bowl Sunday

Once again this year, Senior UOL chapter is sponsoring and organizing Soup-er Bowl on Sunday February 4 after Divine Liturgy. Please come and share a bowl of soup for a good cause. All proceeds will be donated to Soup Kitchen in Ukraine. Our talented Chefs of the parish please create and donate soups for the event. You have a chance to shine with your talents!!! For more info see PM Olenka

50/50 Club

Congratulation to Drewno Family – winners of 50/50 for the month of December 2017.

We wish all of our members Happy and Healthy New Year and Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ!

Join the 50/50 Club in our parish. Membership is only \$5.00 a month or \$60.00 a year. You can win from \$130.00 to \$200.00 every month. The more members we get the more money you can win. In our history we had prizes of \$500.00 a month.

Plus, all of the proceeds from the club are donated to the parish.

Since the beginning, the 50/50 Club, has donated over \$99,000.00 to the parish!

Become a member and support your Parish Church.

For more information please see the president of the 50/50 club Mr. Michael Gbur or call the rectory

The Meaning of 12 Days of Christmas



There is one particular Christmas Carol that has always baffled Will and Guy. What in the world do leaping lords, French hens, swimming swans, and especially the partridge who won't come out of the pear tree have to do with Christmas?

From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember.

The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.
Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments.
Three French hens stood for faith, hope and love.
The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament.
The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.
Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit: Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.

The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.
Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control.

The ten lords a-leaping were the ten commandments.
The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples.
The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.

Parish Council

Wishing all of our parishioners and guests Blessed Nativity and Happy New Year!

Parish Council meeting is every third Sunday of the Month.

Next meeting is Sunday January 21st after the Coffee Hour.

Representatives from parish organizations must be present.

Seraphim Group



Seraphim group meets every second Tuesday of the month. ***Next meeting is Tuesday January 16, 2018 We will meet*** at Noon at the Church Hall for lunch and socializing. ***Election of the seraphim Group President.*** Join us for great get togethers, outings and more each month. Fun time in the circle of fellow parishioners. Delicious food, nice atmosphere and great company. Great opportunity to socialize, make friends. *For more information see Fr. Vasyl.*

Sisterhood of St. Anne



We wish all of our sisterhood members, our perogie team helpers and all parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul Blessed Nativity and a Happy New Year!

Thank you again for a good and successful year. May God continue to bless you and your family throughout the New Year.

Next Pierogy working days are:

January 28-31. Sale February 1, 2018

Prayer Corner for the Month of January



We ask all of you to remember in your prayers the following individuals, who are in need of God's healing and grace: Ethel Smith, Michael P, Stephanie Luchyn, Catherine Hladky, Andrew Hladky, Wally and Ann Podlecki, Valentina Schacht, Susan Hendrixson, Rayan, Dean Manson, Vera Beggs, Pavlo & Polina, Barbara Patronik, Elias, Roxana, Irene, Katheryna Czerniak, Lilian Cepynsky, Josephine Hobert, Anthony Bendi, Katie Bruce, Maria Omelian, Patti Faye, Toni Marie Klavin, Hazel Gardiner, Michael Kimak, Chloe Mckinney, Yuriy Zmysly, Paul Jr & Dorothy Seliga, Wolodymer Kashpar, Nick Kapusta, Priest Vasyl Dovhan, Priest Bazil Zaveruha, Priest David Clooney, Frankie, Zachary, Alexander, Paul, Dolores.

Eternal Light

Russell D Skocypec, Diane Ryan and Natalie Skocypec in memory of our parents Mary Ann and Russell Skocypec



Seven Day Vigil Candles

For my mother's health by Julius Machnikowski
For the health and God's Blessing of Family Members
by Alvine & Mike Gbur



For the health and quick recovery of Aimee and new-born baby Nikolai by Fr. Vasyl
God's blessings for our expecting mothers Asta & PM Olenka by Fr. Vasyl

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



For the health of Baba Cepynsky by Donna & Jim Nevels

For quick recovery after the surgery of Loraine Ehlart
by PM Olenka

For the health and quick recovery of Lilian Cepynksy
by Fr. Vasyl

In memory of Deceased Family Members by Alvine & Mike Gbur

In loving memory of cousin John, uncle Volodimer and Grandmother Sofia by Kashpar Family

Michael Cheroim and His Family in loving memory of his sister Alexandra Pawlenko

In loving memory of our Mother and Grandmother Anne Jodosichuk on the 25th Anniversary of her repose in the Lord. Memory Eternal! Barbara Patronik & family

Christmas Season Donations

Russell D Skocypec, Diane Ryan and Natalie Skocypec in memory of our parents Mary Ann and Russell Skocypec - \$1000.00



Snow Removal Winter 2018

WEEK OF 01/07 THRU 01/13 --- FATHER VASYL

WEEK OF 01/14 THRU 01/20 -- JEFF BENDY

WEEK OF 01/21 THRU 01/27 -- HARRY ORYHON

WEEK OF 01/28 THRU 02/03 -- MARK MASUR

If unable to make your scheduled week, please find the replacement and let Fr. Vasyl know.



Coffee Hour Schedule



We kindly remind to provide and set aside snacks/food/ drinks for our children who attend Sunday School.

Today -- Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Banquet

January 14 -- PM Olenka & Fr. Vasyly

January 21 -- open

January 28 -- Nina Coker and Pat Wolsko

February 4 -- **“SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY” - SOUP MAKERS –**

February 11 -- Sandra Hladky and Alexopolous Family

February 18 -- Donna & Jim Nevels

February 25 – Masur Family

If you would like to volunteer for the Coffee Hour or need to change your scheduled date, please see Dr. Harry Oryhon call 708-301-5565 or email harrymolars@aol.com

Church Humor

Holiday Cheer

There was an elderly man living next door to a ten year old Peter. Man was not the friendliest one. Around Christmas time Peter decided to bring him some Holiday cheer and stopped with a box of cookies he baked with his mom.

The boy knocked on his door. The elderly man answered, angrily demanded that he leave and slammed the door. The door, however, bounced back open, and the man shouted, “Get your foot out of my door!” “But sir...” the boy began, when the man again slammed the door in his face. Once again it bounced back open. “I said get your foot out of my door!” the man yelled again. One more time he slammed the door. One more time it bounced open again. “But sirrr...” the boy said again, only to be cut off. “Don’t talk back to me!” the man screamed in a rage. “I want you off my property!” He slammed the door a fourth time, only to see it bounce open a fourth time. “Sir,” the boy yelled as he beat a hasty retreat down the sidewalk, “you’ll be able to close your door if you move your cat out of the way!”

Nativity Dinner

Celebrate Nativity with your parish family Annual Nativity Dinner

to follow After the Divine Liturgy Today

Donation to cover partially the cost of the

caterer \$17.00 per adult (18+) and \$10.00 per Child (6-17)

Children 5 and under free



Nativity Season Schedule

Saturday, January 6 at 5:30 pm **Eve of the Nativity of Jesus Christ.** *Lenten Potluck dinner “Svitij Vechir” “Holy Supper followed by Vigil Service 7:00pm*

Sunday January 7 at 9:30 am **Divine Liturgy on the Feast of the Nativity According to the Flesh of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ. Nativity Dinner at the Church Hall. PLEASE R.S.V.P to Karoline O'Neil. via email to karoline.ciapinski@gmail.com**

Sign up on the list at the entrance to the church

Monday, January 8 at 9:00 am. **The Second Day of Nativity. Synaxis of Theotokos**

Tuesday January 9, at 9:00 am **Divine Liturgy led by His Grace Daniel. Third Day of Nativity. St. Steven.**

Saturday January 13, at 5:00 pm **Vespers with Litia**

Sunday, January 14 at 9:30am **Divine Liturgy. Sunday Before Theophany and the New Year Julian calendar and the Feast of St. Basil the Great**

Thursday, January 18 at 6:00pm **Eve of the Theophany Vespers and Great blessing of the water**

Friday, January 19 at 9:30 am **Divine Liturgy and blessing of the water. The Holy Theophany. The Baptism of Our Savior Jesus Christ. House blessing Begins**

Saturday January 20, at 5:00 pm **Vespers and Confessions**

Sunday, January 21 at 9:30 am **Divine Liturgy Sunday after Theophany**

Saturday January 27, at 5:00 pm **Vespers and Confessions**

Sunday, January 28 at 9:30 am **Divine Liturgy**