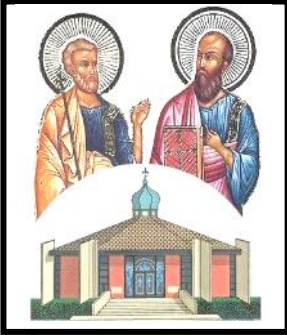


# The Word of Sts. Peter & Paul



December 2, 2018

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## Nativity Fasting

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The Nativity Fast is one of the four Canonical Fasting

Seasons in the Church year. It has started on Wednesday, November 28 this year.

During the Nativity Fast, Orthodox Christians prepare for the celebration of the Nativity of Christ. The word “nativity” means “birth.” In western countries, this day became known as Christmas (Christ’s Mass) because it is a day when religious services (which some churches call a “Mass” and we call the “Liturgy”) are held to celebrate the birth of Christ, the Son of God, our Savior.

We know that in the present-day secular American tradition, the “holiday season” begins in November (usually the day after Thanksgiving). The Nativity Fast occurs at the same time as the secular American “holiday season.” But its it is a lot different in its meaning from secular “holiday” celebrations and traditions.

The original meaning of the word “holiday” actually was “Holy Day,” a sacred day to glorify God and His Saints. The Pre-Nativity Fast is meant to get us ready, not for a present-opening party, but for a celebration of the birth of Christ.

In many Christian churches, several weeks prior to Christmas are known as Advent, from a Latin word that means “coming.” In the Orthodox Church, this season of preparation for the Pre-Nativity of Christ always begins on November 15, the day after the Feast of the Apostle Philip. For this reason it is known as St. Philip’s Fast.

This special period lasts 40 days, the same as Lent, and it is therefore sometimes called the Winter Lent. The Nativity Fast is different from the period of Great Lent, which has a connotation of sorrow and repentance.

This is a joyous fast in anticipation of the Nativity of Christ. That is the reason it is less strict than other fasting periods. The fast is divided into two periods. The 1st period is November 28th through January 1st when the traditional fasting discipline (no meat, dairy, fish, wine, and oil) is observed. There is dispensation given for wine and oil on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Similarly, fish, wine, and oil are permitted on Saturdays and Sundays. The 2nd period is January 2nd through 6th when the traditional fasting discipline (no meat, dairy, fish, wine, and oil) is observed. There is dispensation given for wine and oil only on Saturday and Sunday during this period.

#### The Purpose of Fasting

The purpose of fasting is to focus on the things that are above, the Kingdom of God. It is a means of putting on virtue in reality, here and now. Through it we are freed from dependence on worldly things. We fast faithfully and in secret, not judging others, and not holding ourselves up as an example.

Fasting in itself is not a means of pleasing God. Fasting is not a punishment for our sins. Nor is fasting a means of suffering and pain to be undertaken as some kind of atonement. Christ already redeemed us on His Cross. Salvation is a gift from God that is not bought by our hunger or thirst.

## Liturgical Schedule

27<sup>th</sup> in Sunday after Pentecost. **tone two.**

Today

Nativity (St. Philip's Fast). Fish Allowed  
 Prophet Obadiah (Abdias) (9th c. B.C.).  
 Martyr Barlaam of Caesarea in Cappadocia  
 (304). Venerables Barlaam and Ioasaph, prince of  
 India, and St. Abenner the King, father of St.  
 Ioasaph (4th c.). Venerable Barlaam, abbot of the  
 Kiev Caves (1065). Martyr Azes of Isauria, and  
 with him 150 soldiers (284). Martyr Heliodorus  
 in Pamphylia (273). Venerable Hilarion of Geor-  
 gia, wonderworker of Thessalonica (875)  
 (Georgia). "The Joy of All who Sorrow" (1863)  
 Icon of the Mother of God. St. Patroclus of  
 Bourges (577) (Gaul).

Ephesians 6:10-17

Luke 12:16-21



Reader of the Hours - Karen Jakubczak

Reader of the Eng. Epist.– Karen Jakubczak

Reader of the Ukr. Epist.– Natalie Cepynsky

Saturday, December 8

Vespers at 5:00pm

Sunday  
 December 9

28th Sunday after Pentecost. **Tone three.**

Nativity (St. Philip's Fast). Fish Allowed

Venerable Alypius the Stylite of Adrianopolis  
 (640).

Dedication of the Church of St. George in Kiev  
 (1051).

Venerable James the Solitary of Syria (457).

Venerable Stylianos of Paphlagonia, monk (5th  
 - 6th c.) (Greek).

Venerable Nikon Metanoite ("Preacher of Re-  
 pentance") of Armenia (998).

New Martyr George of Chios (1807) (Greek).

St. Silas, bishop of Persidos (Greek).

St. Peter, patriarch of Jerusalem (552).

St. Acacius of Mt. Latros (6th c.) (Greek).

Colossians 1:12-18

Luke 13:10-17



Reader of the Hours - Gayle Woloschak

Reader of the Eng. Epist.– Gayle Woloschak

Reader of the Ukr. Epist.– Olga Piskoun

We fast to be delivered from carnal passions so that God's gift of Salvation may bear fruit in us.

We fast and turn our eyes toward God in His Holy Church. Fasting and prayer go together.

Fasting is not irrelevant. Fasting is not obsolete, and it is not something for someone else. Fasting is from God, for us, right here and right now.

Most of all, we should not devour each other. We ask God to "set a watch and keep the door of our lips."

### *Sunday School Teacher's corner*

This past Sunday we carried on the theme from this summer's church school camp—Creation. Or more specifically – animals. As the days get colder and the snow piles up, birds, squirrels, feral cats. etc. struggle to find food. Just like we give donations to food pantries to take care of families and for those in need, we also should care for the gift of animals in our lives. The children read the hymn – "All Things Great and Small". We finished the lesson by making birdfeeders from pinecones, peanut butter, birdseed and cranberries. For those with peanut allergies honey or suet can be used in place of peanut butter.

"Cast your bread upon the waters and it shall come back to you."

Yours in Christ~

Miss Debbie and Miss Karen

### *Seraphim Group*



Seraphim Group is a group of seniors and their friends that meets at least every second Tuesday of the month. The group enjoys verity of activities. From get together in the Church hall for lunch and games to outings to the movies and local restaurants or attractions. Everyone is welcome to join them for great time in the friendly atmosphere of fellow parishioners and friends.

**Next meeting is Tuesday December 11, 2018** Seraphim Group Christmas Party. **Bring a dish to share.** Come and join us. Bring a friend. For more info see Debbie Pierog— President of the Seraphim Group [Deb12153@aol.com](mailto:Deb12153@aol.com)

708-710-6009 Text or Call

## Announcements

### Parish Council

Monthly Parish Council meeting is every third Sunday of the month after the Coffee Hour. Next meeting is December 16, 2018. *Representatives from parish organizations must be present. Guests are welcome.*

### Sisterhood of St. Anne



Next working days are:

TODAY— make cheese balls

Monday December 3 8:00am

Tuesday December 4 - 8:00am make SK & Pot balls

Wednesday December 5 8:00am make SK & Pot Pierogies

Thursday December 6 Sale Noon—4:00pm

### DCFS Christmas Gift Drive



On behalf of the DCFS Christmas Gift Drive chairs, I would like to thank all of those who have participated in this drive and made a dream come true for foster children in Chicago area.

This project is sponsored jointly by Pan -Orthodox community in the Chicagoland area.

With gratitude, PM Olenka

### 50/50 Club

*Congratulation to Barbara Patronik – winners of 50/50 for the month of November 2018.*

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 membzzrs 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*

## *Seven Day Vigil Candles*

For the health of our granddaughter Stephany on her 18th birthday. God's blessings. Kashpar Family

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

For the health and God's blessings of wife Alvine by Mike Gbur

For the health of Maria Iordanov by PM Olenka



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In memory of my Grandmother Oksana by Halyna Kashpar

In loving memory of husband John on the 9th anniversary of his passing in the Lord

In memory of our parents John and Anna & Michael and Mary



## *Snow Removal Winter 2018-2019*

WEEK OF 12/2 THRU 12/08 ----- JOHN GRZYMSKI

WEEK OF 12/09 THRU 12/15 ----- RICH GANSKE

WEEK OF 12/16 THRU 12/22 ----- RICH KIMAK

WEEK OF 12/23 THRU 12/29 ----- ELIAS GORDON

WEEK OF 12/30 THRU 1/05 ----- ELIAS GORDON

WEEK OF 1/06 THRU 01/12 ----- ELIAS GORDON

As in the past years, we need volunteers to remove snow if it is less than 2 inches. If it is more than 2 inches the snow removal company will do it.

If you would like to volunteer, please see Rich Ganske



## *Memorial Service*

**December 2** In memory of Andrew Neswick on the 8th anniversary of His passing into eternal life. Requested by Noreen Neswick.

**December 9** Sixth Anniversary of James Ehlert entering into eternal life. Requested by Loraine Ehlert



## 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 \$8,965.00 towards this project. Every little bit helps.



Katie & Barbara Bruce in memory of Mother & Father + Magdalene and +Michael — \$500.00

Thank you for your generous support.

## Eight Annual Cookie Walk



### *Calling all Bakers*

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

Our Eight 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. 0

*Church Baking Team will work on Tuesday's evenings 6:00pm*

***All proceeds to charity***

## Coffee Hour Schedule



**Today** -- UOL SUNDAY – Pot Luck Brunch (Lenten)  
December 9 -- Lillian Naprata and daughters (Lenten)  
December 16 -- St. Nicholas Sunday –*open*  
December 23 -- Kashpar Family & Olga Piskoun (Lenten)  
December 30 -- *open (Lenten)*

*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](mailto:opiskoun@yahoo.com)*

## Save the date

Painting party — TODAY at 1:00PM more info see PM Olenka  
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>

## Nativity Dinner

**Celebrate Nativity  
with your parish family  
Divine Liturgy at 9:30am  
Monday January 7th, 2018  
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](mailto:rev.vasyl@yahoo.com)

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