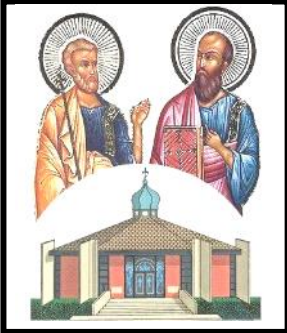


The Word of Sts. Peter & Paul



December 9, 2018

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EPISTLE OF THE CONFERENCE OF
 UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX BISHOPS
 BEYOND THE BORDERS OF UKRAINE
 AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE NA-
 TIVITY (“ST. PHILIP”) FAST

To: The Reverend Presbyters, the Honourable
 Diaconate in Christ, Venerable Monastics, and
 Pious Faithful of our Ukrainian Orthodox com-
 munities beyond the borders of Ukraine
 Beloved-in-Christ!

We have begun a forty-day period of anticipa-
 tion of a great event in the salvific work of our
 Lord – His coming-in-the-flesh in order that
 we, through hearing His teaching, through wit-
 nessing His healing, and participating in His
 death and resurrection, may become inhabit-
 ants of His Heavenly Kingdom.

The Holy Church prescribes for us, faithful, a
 period of fasting and prayer to prepare our-
 selves properly for greeting the great day of the
 Nativity of Jesus Christ. We are challenged by
 the Gospel reading on the eve of the Nativity
 Fast (Luke 14:25-35) to not simply greet Him

in the tranquil and humble setting of the Cave, and then return to our previous routine of life, but to follow Him by bearing our cross every day and hating those relationships – with those people and, especially in our day, with those things – that hinder our struggle for the Kingdom of God. Let us use this advent season to break away from dark, destructive temptations keeping us from Christ, who is the Light and Life! Take advantage of this time to renew our dedication to the reading of Scripture, to regular prayer, to good works. Keep the fast, each according to their strength, as the Church prescribes. With determined will and with our gaze to the Heavenly Kingdom, abstain from those distractions which cause the “salt to lose its flavour.”(Luke 14:34) That is, make a decision to turn from those things which prevent us from being the disciples Christ is calling us constantly to be in this world: frivolous parties (that have little or nothing to do with Christ’s birth), excessive time on social media, overspending on unnecessary presents, etc. Recall that we serve a God who dwelt among us to serve. To save ourselves and inspire those around us to follow Christ and be saved, it is for us to learn and imitate this service to the people of God, that we may understand we are to be faithful stewards in this world and not presume to be masters of this world.

As hierarchs serving in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church outside Ukrainian lands, we are also compelled during this time to exhort you all to engage in fervent prayer for our ancestral homeland! Let us pray for the softening of hearts and return to proper discernment of those who seek to prohibit the confirmation of the See of Kyiv to her proper place as a loving sister within the family of local Orthodox churches; who attempt to diminish and discredit the good reputation and status of the Mother Church of Constantinople and, in particular, her Holy and Sacred Synod and of His All-Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew specifically. Let us pray for those who, most tragically, in these past few days have once again shown a preference to act as an enemy rather than a friend to Ukraine by ordering and carrying out deliberate, unjustified aggression against Ukrainian naval personnel on the open

Liturgical Schedule

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 Nicon Metanoete ("Preacher of Repentance") 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

Saturday, December 15 Vespers at 5:00pm

Sunday
December
16

29th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone four.

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, archbishop of Alexandria (606). Venerable Gregory of Cherniksk (Romania). New Hieromartyr Gabriel, bishop of Ganos (1659) (Greek). St. Birinus, 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

seas. Let us pray for the those struggling to establish a law-abiding, free, peace-loving Ukrainian nation. Let us pray especially for those charged with defended her lands, among whom are numerous wounded and captured as a result of discharging their loyal and sacrificial duty.

Assuring you of our constant prayers, we beseech your prayers for us, your hierarchs – for our health, wisdom, and strength as we strive to be good and faithful archpastors to you in these complicated and even dangerous times.

May we all walk together in peace and in tranquility to the Holy Cave and the Christ-child therein, Who leads us to salvation, eternal life, and the Heavenly Kingdom!

A blessed fast to you, all!

With love in Jesus Christ, our Lord,

+Yurij, Metropolitan, Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada

+Antony, Metropolitan, Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and Diaspora

+Jeremiah, Archbishop, Ukrainian Orthodox Diocese of Brazil and Church South America

+Daniel, Archbishop, Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA

+Ilarion, Bishop, Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada

+Andriy, Bishop, Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada

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 variety 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
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 Next Sunday December 16, 2018. *Representatives from parish organizations must be present. Guests are welcome.*

Sisterhood of St. Anne



God bless our volunteers. We had great help this past week. Special thank you to the Lansing Bus for bringing hard working peirogy pinchers.

Next working days are:

Sunday, December 16 — prepare plum

Monday December 17, 8:00am - make plum pierogies

Tuesday December 18, 8:00am make SK & Pot balls

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

5:00pm make Stuffed cabbage bake bread

Thursday December 20 Sale Noon—4:00pm

Donations to Beautification of Church Grounds

Janet Milton in memory of Monte Milton - \$1000.00

Prayer Corner for the Month of November

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 Bendi, Katie Bruce, Patti Faye, Toni Marie Klavin, Michael Kimak, Chloe Mckinney, Yuriy Zmysly, Paul Jr & Dorothy Seliga, Wolodymer Kashpar, Priest Vasyly Dovhan, Priest David Clooney, Priest Petro, Frankie, Zachary, Orest, Oksana, Alexander, Paul.

Eternal Light

In memory of Dear Husband James Ehlert by Loraine Ehlert



Seven Day Vigil Candles

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

For the health of Sofia & Luka by Garmatii family

For the health and God's blessings for good health, safety & happiness of Oberts family, Anne, Son Bill, Nicholas & Michelle. Prayers & God's healing fro my brother Paul Seliga.

Make him well. Anne Oberts

For the health of Donna Nevels by Sendeha Family

For the health and quick recovery after the surgery of my mother Maria by PM Olenka



In loving memory of my Mother Anna Chaika on her Birthday

In loving memory of my father-in-law Mark Piskoun on his birthday by Ludmila Piskoun

Janet Milton in blessed memory of brother-in-law, Eugene Culen.

In memory of Stefan by Garmatii family

In memory of Ivan by Maria

In memory of my Father Fedor, mother Rozalia, sister Luba, Yaroslava, husband Walter, brother Mikola, nephew Michailo. Fmaily Stefurak, Plazok, Yaniv, Matveev, Bahriy, Mischishun, Marteklas, Urchik, Slava, Halina and Hurack Sergiy by Mariya Yaniv Zerebny.

In memory of family: Zerebny, Buliek, Difillipo, Mother Zuzzana, Father Antony, Sisters Julia, Ana, brother Michael, his son Michael jr, son-Jeorigiy, Zuzzana and Anthony by Anthony Zerebny

Memorial Service

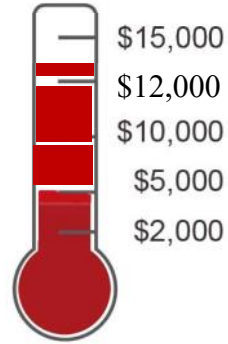


Today Sixth Anniversary of James Ehlert entering into eternal life. Requested by Loraine Ehlert

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 \$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 -- Lillian Naprata (Lenten)

December 16 -- St. Nicholas Sunday –*Olga Piskoun & Tina Palasti—thank you for volunteering*

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

December 30 -- **Vitalii & Uliia 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>

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