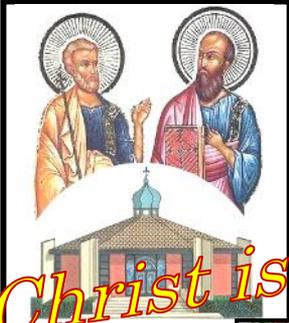


# The Word of Sts. Peter & Paul



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**Christ is Born!**

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Nativity Epistle of the Permanent Conference of Ukrainian Orthodox Bishops Outside the Borders of Ukraine

To the God-beloved Pastors, Honoured Monastics, and all Faithful Children of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in the Diaspora and Ukraine,

“Today, the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent One and the earth offers a cave to the Unapproachable One. Angels with shepherds give glory. The magi journey with a star. For unto us is born a young Child, the Pre-eternal God” (Kondak of the Nativity of Christ).  
**Christ is Born!**

Once again, according to the Mercy of God, we celebrate the Feast of the Nativity. Faithful hearts, full of gratitude to God, again glorify the Pre-eternal Word, the Divine Christ Child, Who for us and our salvation came down to

earth and was incarnated from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became man. Today the soul of every Christian with great spiritual joy cries out “Christ is Born -Glorify Him! Christ from Heaven - Let us meet Him! Christ on Earth – be exalted! Let all the earth sing to the Lord! (St. Gregory the Theologian). The coming of the Son of God to earth was the most important event in the entire history of the human race. It is an event which the human mind cannot fully comprehend, the wonder of wonders: “great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh” (1 Tim. 3:16).

The Nativity of Christ was the event which ushered in a new cultural life rooted in love for God and neighbor, an event which initiated the Kingdom of Christ on earth. Many things have happened and happen on our earthly planet. But none of them have been discussed and preached for ages as has the event of the Nativity of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

The Nativity of Christ is for all of us a great and joyful feast. St. John Chrysostom writes: “The day of Christ’s Nativity is the most important day among all the feasts, for it is shown to be the mother of all feasts. Without the Nativity of Christ there would be no Resurrection.” Humanity awaited the coming into the world of the Saviour with great impatience. The Lord, yet in the earthly paradise of Eden, after the sin of Adam and Eve said that He would send them a Saviour Who would return to them and to the entire human race their lost happiness and conquer the power of the devil.

Adam’s sin is the history of the sin of all mankind and every person individually. The transgression of Adam is repeated in each one of us when we turn from God and commit sin.

The greatest and deepest mystery of the Christian faith is the mystery of the incarnation of the Son of God. The Pre-eternal God becomes a small child without ceasing to be God. As St. John the Evangelist writes, “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us” (Jn. 1:14). Christ “for the sake of us men and for our salvation came down from the heavens and took flesh from the Holy



Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man” so that He might destroy the barrier between man and God which arose due to human sin. And every time we Christians celebrate the Nativity of Christ a meeting takes place in our heart and soul with God Himself. We meet the Messiah – Christ – in the Mystery of the Eucharist. Through Holy Communion our human flesh is filled with His Divine power, which strengthens us spiritually and physically. We meet the Saviour in the other mysteries of our Orthodox Faith, which open to us the path to eternal life. We meet Christ in our daily life, sensing in everything His care and presence. And so every year Christ is born in the hearts and souls of faithful people.

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

In 2018 we celebrated the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Ukrainian Orthodox Churches in the USA and in Canada. We thank God for all His grace and bounties poured out upon us in the past. We beseech Him that in the coming century the Lord would continue to preserve and protect our Ukrainian Orthodox Church in the diaspora.

We especially beseech the Divine Christ Child that in this new year He would bless our ancestral homeland of Ukraine with peace, spiritual and economic growth, and our God-beloved Ukrainian people with unity, brotherly love, and a united Orthodox Church in Ukraine which is recognized by all other local Orthodox Churches.

We extend our gratitude to the Mother Church – the Great Church of Constantinople, and especially to His All-Holiness, Patriarch Bartholomew and the Holy Synod for all that they have done on behalf of the daughter Church, the Orthodox Church of Ukraine, during the past year of 2018.

We beseech Christ the Saviour, who said “I will build my Church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it.” (Mt. 16:18), that in the new year the Lord will preserve His One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church from schism.

From sincere hearts and the depth of our souls we greet all of you on the occasion of the great feast of the Nativity of our Lord, the New Year of God’s goodness 2019, and the Holy Theophany.

We prayerfully wish you God’s limitless mercies.

May the Newly-born in Bethlehem Lord and Saviour of world grant all of you good physical health, spiritual peace, familial

warmth, joy, and prosperity.

Bowing before the manger in Bethlehem, we offer the New-born Christ Child our sincere and heartfelt prayers, and thank Him for all that we have.

May the joy of the Nativity enter into every Christian heart, be present within every family, and ever abide among all of you.

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

With Hierarchical Blessings,

† YURIJ, Metropolitan, Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada

† ANTONY, Metropolitan, Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and in the Diaspora

† JEREMIAH, Archbishop, Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Brazil and South America

† DANIEL, Archbishop, Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and Western Europe

† ILARION, Bishop, Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada

† ANDRIY, Bishop, Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada

### ***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:*** 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 Sunday January 20, 2019 *Representatives from parish organizations must be present. Guests are welcome.*

### *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.

### *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 January 15, 2019** 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

### *50/50 Club*

*Congratulation to Julius Machnikowski – winners of 50/50 for the month of December 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. *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 my wife Mariia, new baby Veronica and Victoria by Julius Machnikowski

For the health of Michael Salup by Noreen Neswick

For the health of my mother Polina and father Pavlo by Halyna Kashpar

For the health and God blessings of Famiy Members by Alvine & Mike Gbur

For improve health of my husband Paul Seliga by His wife Dorothy

For the health of my mother Oksana by Fr. VasyI

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In loving memory of Mother Anne Todosichuk on the 26th Anniversary of her eternal life. Barbara Patronik

In memory of aunt Nadia uncle Vladik by Kashpar Family

In memory of Grandmother Sofia by Kashpar Family

## *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



## *Snow Removal Winter 2018-2019*

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

WEEK OF 01/13 THRU 01/19 ----- FATHER VASYL

WEEK OF 01/20 THRU 01/26 ----- FATHER VASYL

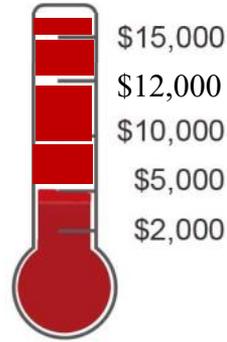
As in the past years, we need volunteers to remove snow if it is less than 2 inches. If it is more than 2 inches the snow removal company will do it. If you would like to volunteer, please see Rich Ganske



## ***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 \$16,065.00 towards this project. Every little bit helps.



Marlene and Joe Bubnich— \$500.00 in memory of Michael and Pauline Demkowicz.

Linda Sereda —\$2000.00 - In memory of my deceased family members, especially my Father, Michael Sereda; my Mother Josephine Sereda and my Brother, Michael Sereda Jr.

### ***In the Mail Donation — \$250.00***

Donation made in recognition of members of your congregation. Michael and Michele Bezney. This family has brought the joy, the generosity, kindness, and deep devotion to serving Christ by spreading his love through their actions to our Mercy Health (now Bon Secours Mercy Healthy ) Community. Each day those who work with Michael know his love for his church community at the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Sts. Peter and Paul and of the history of the Ukrainian people. I am grateful for understanding more about this rich history and congratulate the church on the creation of a new unified Orthodox Church independent from Russia. Many blessings for this Christmas Season and throughout the year.

*Claire Grandpre' Combs*

### ***Coffee Hour Schedule***

01/13/2019	Nina Coker & Maria Iordanov
01/20/2019	Janet Milton and Pat Wolsko
01/27/2019	Sandra Hladky & Jeanne Maack



## **Nativity Season Schedule**

**Sunday, January 6 at 9:30 Divine Liturgy (Only one Liturgy)**

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

**Monday 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.

**Tuesday, January 8 at 9:30 am.** Divine Liturgy. The Second Day of Nativity. Synaxis of Theotokos

**Saturday, January 12 at 5:00pm** Vespers

**Sunday, January 13 at 9:30am** Divine Liturgy. Sunday Before Theophany

**Monday, January 14 at 9:30am** the New Year Julian calendar and the Feast of St. Basil the Great

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

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

**Sunday, January 20 at 9:30 am** Divine Liturgy Sunday after Theophany. House blessings

**Sunday, January 27 at 9:30 am** Divine Liturgy