

# The Word of Sts. Peter & Paul



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## *Church growth*

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## **Church Growth Orthodox Style**

*by Kevin Allen*

Church growth has become a buzzword in the Protestant and Evangelical Christian world.

*Continued from the previous bulletin.*

### *Integrate newcomers*

Are you comfortable if newcomers don't look like you, are of a different race or ethnicity from you, don't dress like you, or make the same income as you? Can your parish welcome the homeless, the poor, the needy, the prisoner? We don't know who God is sending our way; our job is to figure out how to welcome them, to love them, and to form them. Several years ago, Fr. David Ogan of the national Orthodox Prison Ministry referred a newly-released prisoner — who had begun Orthodox catechism in prison — to our local parish. The man was released on a Wednesday afternoon and his first stop (bless his heart!) was to our parish that night for Vespers. Our priest met with him, warmly welcomed him, and assigned two men from our parish to be his “mentors.” It worked like

a charm! Now that man is a wonderful and viable part of our parish community. Over the past two to three years we have had an influx of precious “sub-culture” youth come to our parish. Trust me, they don’t look like the average Orthodox! We had to get comfortable with tattoos (on the guys and girls!), piercings, Mohawk haircuts, purple and bright green hair color (on the guys and girls!). But these kids were searching for something; thank God they found it in the Holy Orthodox Faith. Now several of them have started a vibrant ministry and publication called “Death to the World” which is impacting “sub-culture” youth all over the world. Several others have become frequent visitors to monasteries in the area and are considering the monastic life. On the other hand, and sadly, several new “sub-culture” youth recently came to us, after being told by a more “traditional” parish (not in our Archdiocese, thank God) they would be “better off” going somewhere else. Lord Have Mercy!

Whether it’s one or twenty newcomers, they need to be catechized. We have inquirers’ classes and catechumen classes throughout the year. Our priests teach these classes and cover theology, history, the Creed, the sacraments, and spiritual formation. Questions are encouraged and answered on any and all subjects. Our catechism classes — when we were a small parish — were in the apartment of one of our priests. Now we have them in a parish meeting room. We also have several Bible study groups led by Orthodox laity. We are also very fortunate in our Archdiocese to have many well-known and knowledgeable people who are willing to speak to our catechumens. Recently, for example, one of our catechumens sent Frederica Mathews-Green, a well-known author, an e-mail about something she was dealing with. She was surprised, but very grateful, when she received a quick and lengthy response from Kh. Frederica!

*Don’t use a “cookie cutter”*

By that I mean, don’t expect everyone to come along the same way on their journey, in the same amount of time, or express their piety in a prescribed way. Yes, we have customs, traditions and rubrics that (eventually) need to be followed. But, for example, must every woman in your parish wear a head covering? Must every newcomer do a metania when we pray, Lord Have

## Liturgical Schedule

<p>Today</p>	<p><b>2nd Sunday after Pentecost.</b>  <b>All Saints of Ukraine.</b>          Apostles' (Peter &amp; Paul) Fast. Fish Allowed          All venerable and holy Fathers of the Holy Mount Athos (movable holiday on the 2nd Sunday of Pentecost). Martyrs Manuel, Sabel, and Ismael of Persia (362). Hieromartyr Philoneides, bishop of Kurion in Cyprus (306). Venerables Joseph and Pior, disciples of St. Anthony the Great (4th c.). Uncovering of the relics (1562) of the Alfanov Brothers of Novgorod (1389): Saints Nicetas, Cyril, Nicephorus, Clement, and Isaac of Novgorod, founders of the Sikolnitzki Monastery. Venerable Ananias the Iconographer of Novgorod (1581).</p>
	<p>Romans 2:10-16 (Epistle)          Matthew 4:18-23 (Gospel)          Reader of the Hours — Karen Jakubczak          Reader of the Eng. Epist.— Karen Jakubczak          Reader of the Ukr. Epist.— Natalie Cepynsky</p>
<p>July 6          Saturday</p>	<p>Vespers at 6:00pm</p>
<p>Sunday          July 7</p>	<p><b>3rd Sunday after Pentecost. Tone two.</b>  <b>Apostles' (Peter &amp; Paul) Fast. Fish Allowed.</b>          All saints of Ukraine. Nativity of St. John the Baptist. Martyrs Orentius, Pharnacius, Eros, Firmus, Firminus, Cyriacus, and Longinus, in Georgia (3rd c.). St. Nicetas, bishop of Remesiana (414) (Neth.). New Martyr Panagiotes of Caesarea in Cappadocia (1765) (Greek). Translation of the relics (1492) of Martyr John the New (1332) to Suceava, Romania (Romania). Synaxis of the Righteous Zacharias and Elizabeth (Greek). St. John the Hermit of Bohemia (904). St. Athanasius of Paros (1813).</p>
	<p>Romans 5:1-10          Matthew 6:22-33          Reader of the Hours - Jeremy Oryhon          Reader of the Eng. Epist.— Jeremy Oryhon          Reader of the Ukr. Epist. Olena Pawluk—Fitza</p>

Mercy? Must every newcomer say his prayers from the long Russian prayer book? Must all male newcomers grow long beards? I think you get the picture I'm trying to draw here. There's a difference between big "T" tradition, and small "t" tradition. We need to know the difference and emphasize those traditions which are necessary for their salvation. Obviously, it is the job of the priest to determine this.

*Be real. Be Orthodox.*

Let's face it. There are plenty of easier places to be a "Christian" than in the Eastern Orthodox Church, if you struggle to live this faith. Most people who visit and come back aren't looking for "easy." Many have already had that and are looking for something deeper and more meaningful. They are looking for "real." They want to meet real people, whose lives have been transformed by the Orthodox Faith. Recently a very bright, educated, young former Lutheran began attending our parish. He had read deeply in patristics and asked me to have coffee with him. I expected a discussion about church history or doctrine. But his basic questions weren't historical or doctrinal. They were practical. He asked me, "How has becoming an Orthodox Christian changed you from the inside?" Don't be afraid to share your conversion story if you are a convert, or what the faith means to you if you were born into the Holy Orthodox Church. Welcoming "converts" isn't only a job for "converts." Newcomers have as much or more to learn from mature Orthodox who have lived the faith longer than those of us who are "eleventh hour laborers."

### ***Sisterhood of St. Anne***

Thank you to all of our volunteers for working in the kitchen to prepare for our Festival

We will be working again:

Monday July 8 8:00am make SK pierogies

Tuesday July 9 at 8:00am make POT Pierogies

Wednesday July 10 -5:00pm — Bake Sweets for Festival

Thursday July 11— 9:00am Make Stuffed Cabbage

Friday July 12 - 9:00am Make Stuffed Cabbage

Saturday July 13 — Make Sauerkraut & kitchen set up



## *Festival Committee*

The Festival Committee is working hard preparing for Our Annual Festival on July 14, 2019. There is a great need in volunteers to fill the working spots at the Festival. Next meeting is TODAY



## *110 Anniversary Celebration*

## Anniversary

The 110 Anniversary Committee has been formed and started working on preparation for the celebrations .  
Next meeting is TODAY

## *Bible & Faith Study Group*



Next Bible Study group meeting is Wednesday July 17 at 6:30 pm. *If you are interested in joining the study, please see Fr. Vasy!*

## *Church School Summer Camp*

This Year's Church School Camp is expanding! We are expecting more than usual number of kids. The tentative dates are August 1 & 2, 2019



Please look for the announcements and register your children, grandchildren, nephews and nieces. Prayers, fun activities, learning games, outings, guest performances and more. Hours are: from 9:00am—3:30 pm. If needed, the arrangements can be made for children to be drop of earlier or picked up later.

*Adult chaperon help is welcomed!*

*For more information, please see Pat Wolsko or PM Olenka  
Registration papers will be at the entrance of the Church*

## *Seven Day Vigil Candles*

For the health and God's blessing of Family members  
by Alvine & Mike Gbur



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

For the health of Halyna & Volodimer by Kashpar family

For the health and well being of the Huber Family by  
John Gbur



For the safe trip of Halyna Kashpar to Ukraine by  
Kashpar Family

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In memory of Walter Podlecki by Fr. Vasyl

## *From Karen & Stan Jakubczak*

*We were overwhelmed by the outpouring of love, support, prayers and donations in remembrance of our Dad, Walter Podlecki. We would like to thank the following people who donated in our Dad's name: Pat Wolsko, Elena Batura, Barbara May, Cayla Oller, Paul & Cindy Brown, Janet Milton, Mike & Alvine Gbur, Olga Lake, Nick & Nina Malis, Noreen Neswick, Kathy & Anatol bilyk, Richard Kimak, Mike Cheroim, Laura & Jim Drewno, Judy Peullo, Mr & Mrs. Ovacski, Mr. & Mrs McManus, Barbara Patronik, Carol Redmerski, Mr. & Mrs Palasti, Mr. & Mrs. Podlecki, Mr. & Mrs. Ganske, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Drewno, Tessie Podlecki, Weslie Podlecki, Loraine Ehlert, Maye August, John, Mary Jo, Kelsey Grzymiski, Pat Ciapinski*

## *Church Festival Basket Raffle*

Basket Raffle has been very successful for 8 years in a row. The success of this raffle depends on the support of our parishioners and friends. If you would like to donate ready gift baskets, please see PM Olenka.

*Some of the ideas for baskets:*

Kids basket, lottery basket, bakers basket, dog/cat treats basket, tea/coffee basket

**Any kind of basket arrangements. 708-361-5165**

New ideas will be greatly appreciated!

Single items will be arranged into baskets



***Festival Check List:***

1. Save July 14th on your calendar
2. Attend the Festival on July 14th
3. Invite your families
4. Invite your neighbors and friends
5. Volunteer your time. (You can sign up today!)
6. Buy a raffle ticket today
7. Plan on helping Saturday, July 13th to set up
8. Start saving your money now
9. Arrive early and stay late
10. SUPPORT YOUR PARISH CHURCH!!



***Festival Sweet Table***

We are asking all bakers to once again help out the Sisterhood of St. Anne by donating baked goods for the parish Festival. Cakes, pies, cookies and cupcakes are all welcome. Last year baked items with fruit fillings sold especially well. The sweets you have donated were awesome! Please label your creations and cut into serving portions. It will save us a lot of time.

*Janet Beck or Pat Beck Sweet table chairs.*

***Festival Cash Raffle***

***Our Goal 200 Tickets***

This year, we have decided to have an early presale of the Big Cash Raffle tickets of Festival 2019.

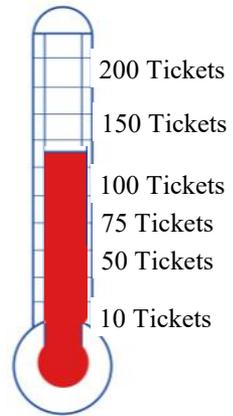
If you would like to purchase the tickets, please see John Grzymiski.

Cost of 1 ticket is \$100.00.

Only 200 tickets are offered.

You can split the cost with family, friends, coworkers, fellow parishioners. You can be on multiple tickets. So far **151 tickets** were committed to be bought. Advanced payment for tickets would be appreciated.

Help us make it a success and have all 200 tickets sold!



***June Memorial Service***



Will be served after the Divine Liturgy TODAY

## Coffee Hour Schedule



Today —	Cucci & Fischer Families
06/30/2019	Ulia Kulik and PM Olenka <i>—thank you for volunteering.</i>
07/07/2019	Olena & Yuriy Korolyk
07/14/2019	Sts. Peter & Paul Feast Day Festival
07/21/2019	Ciapinski family
07/28/2019	PANCAKE FLIP
08/04/2019	Olga & Sergie Bureiko
08/11/2019	Supilowski Family

**Please remember the dates you are signed up to do the coffee hour**  
*If you would like to volunteer for the Coffee Hour or need to change your scheduled date, please see Olga Piskoun*

## Save the Date

Our Parish is going to celebrate 110 years of service to God and His people.

Save the date and come to celebrate. October 5 & 6, 2019

## Church Humor

### *DOMINATED MEN*

God looks over the millions of people and says 'Welcome to Heaven. I want the women to go with Saint Peter, and the men to form two lines. Make one line of the men that dominated their women on earth, and the other of men who were dominated by their women.'

There's much movement, but eventually the women are gone and there are two lines. The line of the men that were dominated is 100 miles long. The line of men that dominated women has only one man.

God gets upset and says, 'You men should be ashamed of yourselves. I created you in my image and you were all dominated by your mates. Look at the only one of my sons that stood up and made me proud. Learn from him!'

He turns to the man and says, 'Tell them, my son. How did you manage to be the only one on that line?'

The man says, 'I don't know, my wife told me to stand here and not to move.'