

The Word of Sts. Peter & Paul



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10 things to grow Your Parish

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Often times in our parish communities we spend a lot of time and energy on thinking about how we can either grow or revitalize our parish. Often these thoughts turn outwardly to the greater community thinking how we can reach them and spread the good news. However, in these discussions we often miss some of the more simple, traditional, yet effective ways we can strengthen our parishes inwardly that would also promote growth and or revitalization. Here are a few suggestions.

1. Get your family to church: Many who grew up in a parish or have been members of a parish for a long time know that people fall away. It is probably a common issue in each of our families. For what ever reason people stop going to church. The first thing we can

do to help revitalize our parishes is to make sure our lapsed family and or friends know they're welcome to return and maybe even offer to give them a ride to Church to ensure they come. Also, in today's society there are many things that compete for our time, sadly, even on Sunday. It is imperative that our children know that the Lord is the sole obligation for Sunday. With very few exceptions should we ever bless them missing church for another function such as sports, entertainment, or over night stays with friends. If children do not know this priority when they are young do not be surprised when they don't get when they are older.

2. Pray: Never underestimate the power of prayer. "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much" (James 5:16). Pray for the growth of your parish. Pray at home during your morning and evening prayers and ask your priest if he can add petitions to the liturgy or serve a moleben (prayer of supplication) for this intention. We can do nothing without God's help so let us not forget His divine assistance on this matter.

3. Evening Services: The Orthodox Church has a cycle of services leading up to the Divine Liturgy that that include: Vespers, Matins, and Hours (sometimes put together as a Vigil). These services should not be seen as optional, rather as a necessary preparation for the reception of Holy Communion. If you want to see your parish grow then go to these services. Parishes that are active and alive will see many parishioners at evening services because they are Grace filled and easy to pray at. Also, if a visitor was to come to these services and find an empty church they are not likely to return.

4. Marriage and children: The Orthodox faith requires that marriages be between an Orthodox man and woman, yet we often make concessions if one of the partners is of another Christian creed. This pastoral approach has more often than not lead to many leaving the Church because support to remain faithful to Orthodoxy and sharing in familiar traditions together is missing. Further, many married couples decide to wait to have children or limit the number "they" want. This approach to children is not in keeping with Orthodoxy. We do

Liturgical Schedule

Today	<p>6th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone five. Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Councils (movable holiday on Sunday closest to July 16). Martyrs Cyricus (Quiricus) and his mother Julitta of Tarsus (305). Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Great Prince Vladimir (in holy baptism Basil), enlightener of the Russ-Ukraine Synaxis of All Saints of Kiev. Martyr Abudimus of the isle of Tenedos (4th c.). St. Donald of Ogilvy (716) (Scotland). St. Swithun, bishop and wonderworker of Winchester (862) (Celtic & British). Finding of the head of St. Matrona of Chios (1462) (Greek). Martyr Lollianus (Greek).</p>
	<p>Romans 12:6-14 Matthew 9:1-8 Reader of the Hours - open Reader of the Eng. Epist.– open Reader of the Ukr. Epist.– PM Olenka</p>
<p>July 27 Saturday</p>	<p>No Vespers</p>
<p>Sunday July</p>	<p>7th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone six. Holy Myrrh-bearer and Equal-to-the-Apostles Mary Magdalen (1st c.). Translation of the relics (404) of Hieromartyr Phocas, bishop of Sinope (117). Venerable Marcella of Chios (1500). St. Cyril I, patriarch of Antioch (298). St. Wandregisilus of Caux (668) (Gaul). Romans 15:1-7 (Epistle) Matthew 9:27-35 (Gospel)</p>
	<p>Romans 10:1-10 (Epistle) Matthew 8:28-9:1 (Gospel) Reader of the Hours - Jeremy Oryhon Reader of the Eng. Epist.– Jeremy Oryhon Reader of the Ukr. Epist.– Halyna Kashpar</p>

not tell God when we are ready to be blessed by Him with children. Rather it is the other way around. With few exceptions we should be open to having children when we get married. Keep your parish strong and growing by encouraging singles that our tradition is that they marry within the Orthodox faith and that marriage means accepting the blessing of children when God see fit.

5. Beauty: Beauty is a window through which we encounter God. It's a powerful tool for evangelization and a means for Grace. Recognizing that, it should be a priority to invest in making our churches as "beautiful" as possible and using that beauty to draw people into the parish. This includes adorning our church with traditional decor and developing beautiful music and offering a strong sense of the transcendent when serving the Divine Liturgy. The Kievan Russ Primary Chronicles tell us it was the beauty of the Agia Sophia church and service that converted the Kiev Russ peoples to Orthodoxy: "...we knew not whether we were in heaven or on earth. For on earth there is no such splendor or such beauty, and we are at a loss how to describe it. We know only that God dwells there among men, and their service is fairer than the ceremonies of other nations. For we cannot forget that beauty."

*Priest Michael Lillie Nativity of Christ Orthodox Church,
Youngstown, OH*

To be continued in the next bulletin

Prayer Corner for the Month of July

We ask all of you to remember in your prayers the following individuals, who are in need of God's healing and grace: Pani Mary Donahue, Frank Palasti, Donna Nevels, Maria, Andrew J, Tony Zerebny, Maria Savoy, Nicole, Tom Macauliffe, Elena, John, Ethel Smith, Michael P, Anthony, Catherine Hladky, Andrew Hladky, Ann Podlecki, Valentina Schacht, Dean Manson, Pavlo & Polina, Barbara Patronik, Elias, Roxana, 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, Olga

If there is anyone who is in need of prayers, and you want to add them to the prayer corner, please notify Fr. Vasyl.

Festival Committee

Thank you very much to all who volunteered, who came and supported us, who donated towards the festival, who purchased Cash raffle ticket/s, who have helped us make this Festival a successful one.

*Post Festival committee meeting will be
Sunday September 1, 2019*

*Please write down your suggestion and submit them
to Donna Nevels.*



Sisterhood of St. Anne

Thank you to all of our volunteers for working in the kitchen to make pierogies, stuffed cabbage, sauerkraut, sausage and sweets for the Festival.

We are taking a break for the month of August.

We will be back in the kitchen in September.

God bless you all!



Church School Summer Camp



This Year's Church School Camp is on
Thursday August 1 & Friday August 2

The theme of the Camp is
Blast off into God's Galaxy!

We will have Mr. Ron visit with his Christian magic show!

No need to bring your own lunch. Lunch will be provided for both days.

Registration forms are available at the entrance of the church, as well as on our website: <https://sspeterandpauluoc.net>

Please 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

Eternal Light

In memory of +Brother + Peter Bruce by Barbara & Katie Bruce



Seven Day Vigil Candles

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

For the health and Gods blessing of wife Avine on Our Anniversary by Mike Gbur

For the health of Halia, Ivan, Svitlana, Vasyl, Oksana, Pavlo, Martin, Olena, Beata, Malojata, Sofoa & Olia

For the health of Milana, Andrij, Katerina, Olena, Ivanna, Oleksander, Serhiy, Maria, Taras, Roman, Maria, Igor, Mikola, Dmitro, Dmitro, Fr. Dmitro

For the health & healing of our dear friends Ray & Lynenn by Harry & Yvone Oryhon

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

For the health of Maria Jaros by Michael & Michelle Supilowski

For the health of Elena



In memory of Ann Podlecki by Tom Gbur

In memory of Volodimer, Vasyl, Luba, Katerina, Hanna, Ivan, Igor, Fr. Miron & Miron

In memory of Ann Podlecki by Fr. Vasyl

Festival Donation

Selfreliance Ukrainian Credit Union—\$1000.00

College Mission Trip to the Orphanages

I am happy to announce that August 5 – August 17, I am going on a Mission trip to the orphanages in Puhachiv and Znamyanka, Ukraine. I have volunteered to act as an adult chaperon to the teenagers and young adults participating in this trip. The trip is sustained by the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and the Children of Chernobyl Relief and Development Fund. While there the mission team will be able to do the following for the children:

Assist the staff in therapeutically procedures for the children;
Daily walks with the children in wheel chairs; Repairs, construction and painting of murals at the orphanage; Catechetical work
I ask you of prayers and support as I prepare for this trip.
Fr. Vasyly

Building Fund Donation

Katie & Barbara Bruce—\$25.00 in memory of Walter Podlecki
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Thank you very much for your generosity and remembrance.

Donation to Sisterhood of St. Ann

William and Gloria Nadey
in memory of Mildred Nadey—\$150.00

July Memorial Service



In memory of +Helen Trigg by Barbara & Katie Bruce

In memory of my mother +Ewhenia Kolada requested by Tina and Frank Palasti

In memory of our sons +John and +Paul requested by Frank and Tina Palasti

In memory of +George Podlecki and +Sabina Redmerski requested by Carol Redmerski

Coffee Hour Schedule



Today — PANCAKE FLIP
08/04/2019 Olga & Sergie Bureiko
08/11/2019 Supilowski Family
08/18/2019 *Volunteers needed*
08/25/2019 Larson, Pierog and Zmysly families
09/01/2019 Mary Wisniowski and Tina Palasti
09/08/2019 PORK & CHICKEN ROAST

1st Day of Sunday School

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 call 708-361-5165 or email opiskoun@yahoo.com

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

From the Vet

A client brought a litter of golden-retriever puppies to my veterinary clinic for inoculations and worming.

As the look-alike pups squirmed over and under one another in their box, I realized it would be difficult to tell the treated ones from the rest.

I turned on the water faucet, wet my fingers, and moistened each dog's head when I had finished.

After the fourth puppy, I noticed my hitherto talkative client had grown silent. As I sprinkled the last pup's head, the woman leaned forward and whispered, "I didn't know they had to be baptized."