

The Word of Sts. Peter & Paul



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Pray For Ukraine

Parish Annual Meeting

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This Sunday, March 10, 2024, we as a parish family will have a special general annual meeting of the parish. This meeting is not just a meeting to review the books and events of last year.

This general gathering of the parish is to work together on the future of the parish family, our parish family.

This is why it is vital for each and everyone of us to participate in this meeting.

We are going to gather together as one family in Christ to remember those who have stepped into eternity last year. We as a family going to thank God for the blessings He has bestowed upon us throughout the years and especially last year. We as a parish family have not survived but lived through another year serving God and His people. Thanks to your faithful support and generosity.

We as a parish family will look ahead into the future life of our community.

We will vote to elect new members of the parish council. We need strong and dedicated leadership. We need problem solvers not

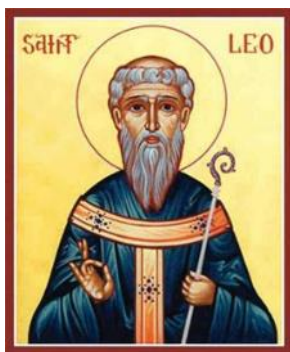
problem identifiers. I do strongly believe that our parish will continue to serve God under the patronage of Sts. Peter and Paul and leadership of good stewards for many years to come. The year 2024 will mark 115 years of parish service. The last few years were not easy years with the Pandemic and, the war in our ancestral homeland Ukraine, but we persevered. Because we stayed together, we prayed together, we supported parish family ministries. God has blessed us tremendously! May He continue to bless us, our efforts and our work as we help out those refugees from war-torn Ukraine.

Remaining in the love of Our Lord and God Jesus Christ,

Fr. Vasyl

Sunday School Corner

We were blessed last week to learn about two of our lesser-known Orthodox Saints. Yurii Kulyk presented St. Leo of Catania and Ms. Karen shared what she learned of St. Moses the Black of Ethiopia (a.k.a. Moses the Robber).



~St. Leo (703 AD-789 AD) was known for his kindness & charity--especially helping the poor, orphans and widows. After his studies he was ordained a priest and later was consecrated as Bishop of Catania in Sicily. He became widely known speaking out against paganism and heretics. One such heretic was a sorcerer named Heliódoros who denounced and blasphemed God. Heliódoros noisily interrupted a Liturgical service where St. Leo was serving. He tried using his sorcery--casting spells to confuse and frighten the congregation. St. Leo came out from behind the altar and tied his omophorion around the heretic's neck and led him outside where he challenged him openly who was in the right. St. Leo then commanded a fire be built. Tied to the sorcerer he jumped into the fire. After some time passed St. Leo emerged



Liturgical Schedule



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| <p>Sunday March 10 8:15 Matins 9:00am Hours 9:30am Divine Liturgy</p> | <p>Sunday of the Last Judgment (Meatfare). Tone seven. <u>St. Porphyrius</u>, bishop of Gaza (420). Martyrs <u>Sebastian</u> and <u>Christodoulos</u> (66). <u>St. Photina</u>, the Samaritan woman, and her sisters <u>Anatola</u>, <u>Phota</u>, <u>Photis</u>, <u>Parasceva</u>, and <u>Cyriaca</u>; her sons <u>Photinus</u> and <u>Joses</u>; and <u>Sebastian</u> the Duke, <u>Victor</u>, <u>Christodulus</u> — all martyred under Nero (66) The Scripture Readings <u>John 20:1-10</u> (7th Matins Gospel) <u>1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2</u> <u>Matthew 25:31-46</u></p> |
| <p>Sunday March 17 8:15 Matins 9:00am Hours 9:30am Divine Liturgy</p> | <p>The Sunday of Forgiveness. Tone eight. Cheesefare Sunday. Meat is excluded 1 Venerable Gerasimus of the Jordan (475). St. Daniel, prince of Moscow (1303). New Hieromartyrs Archpriest Dimitry Ivanov of Kiev (1933) John 20:11-18 (8th Matins Gospel) Romans 13:11-14:4 Matthew 6:14-21</p> |
| <p>Monday March 18</p> | <p>Canon of St. Andrew of Greere at 7:00pm</p> |
| <p>Saturday March 23</p> | <p>Pan-Orthodox Great Vespers 6:30pm St John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church 2350 W. Dempster Street, Des Plaines, IL</p> |
| <p>Sunday March 24 8:30 Matins 9:00am Hours 10:00am Divine Liturgy</p> | <p>First Sunday of the Great Lent: Triumph of Orthodoxy. Tone one. Great Lent. Food with Oil St. Sophronius, patriarch of Jerusalem (638). Venerable Alexis of Golosevsky Skete, Kiev Caves (1917). John 20:19-31 (9th Matins Gospel) Hebrews 11:24-26, 11:32-12:2 John 1:43-51</p> |

unharméd. The flames consumed Heliódoros and he perished. For this miracle and others he performed throughout his life St. Leo became renowned and received many honors by the Emperors of Constantinople. He died peacefully at the age of 86.



~ St. Moses the Black (330 AD - 405 AD) can be viewed as almost the polar opposite of St. Leo. Where St. Leo was a man of peace and charity, St. Moses came from a life of violence. He was a slave of a government official in Egypt, where he was dismissed for theft and suspected murder. He became involved with a vicious gang of robbers who caused terror and mayhem in the communities they roamed in the Nile River valley. Attempting to hide from local authorities after one robbery, he took shelter with some monks in a desert colony. The dedication of their lives, as well as their peace and contentment, influenced Moses deeply. He gave up his old way of life and became a Christian and joined the monastic community. In time he was ordained a priest. It was not easy as he was tempted at times to go back to his former way of life. He remained strong in his faith and persevered against many trials and tribulations. He was a Christian who lived by the spirit of the law, and not necessarily the letter of the law. This was especially true in his views on judging others and in keeping the Paschal Fast, which was developed at this time.

He and several other monks died violent deaths at the hands of bandits who attacked the monastery. Ordering most of the monks to retreat before the attack it is said he, as a former robber, felt it right that he remain behind, quoting from Matthew 26:52 that "All who take the sword shall perish by the sword".

Peace be with you,
Ms. Debbie & Ms. Karen

P.S. We had a special guest sit in our class last week –Pat Wolsko. The welcome mat is at our door for one and all to join us at any time.

Parish Council

Annual meeting of the parish will take place TODAY March 10, 2024 after the Divine Liturgy. Your participation is vitally important for the future of our parish family. Quite a few major decisions will have to be made at this year's meeting. Participants of the meeting will vote on crucial changes in the life of our parish.

Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council is every second Sunday of the month. Next meeting is Sunday March 17, 2024 after Sunday coffee hour.

College Scholarship Application

With the support of our Parish Council and our church parishioners, we are again offering a scholarship to a graduating high school student, who is a member of Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church to help with the cost of furthering their education. Applications are available from Pat Wolsko and must be returned by March 24. The recipient will be announced at our annual St. Thomas Day dinner.

Sunday's Second Collection

For the month of February special second collection is dedicated to Parish College Scholarship Fund.



Sisterhood of St. Anne

God bless our Volunteers!

Working days:

March 11 Monday at 8:30am

March 12 Tuesday at 8:30am & at 5:30pm

March 13 Wednesday at 5:30pm

March 17 Sunday after Divine Liturgy

March 18 Monday at 8:30am

March 19 Tuesday 19 at 5:30pm

March 20 Wednesday at 8:30am & at 5:30pm

March 21 Thursday - Easter Sale



Seven Day Vigil Candles

For the health and God's blessings of Richard
Kimak by PM Olenka

For the health of Milana, Adnriy, Olena, Serhiy,
Oleksandr, Ivanna, Olena, Victoria, Leyla, Halyna,
Ivan, Pavlo, Oksana by Kachala Family

For the health and God's blessings of alvine Gbur by Tom
Gbur & Jody Land & Family

God's blessings and restored Good health for Mike
Moran by the Tufano Family

For the health of David Lindquist by John Batura

For the health of Patti Faye by John Batura

For the health of Jerry Labarge by John Batura

For the health and God's blessings of Katie Bruce by Fr. Vasyi



In memory of Newly reposed Antec. Memory Eternal Heaven-
ly Kongdom by Kashpar Family

10 year anniversary of Eddie Klavin passing into eternal life.
Klavin Family

In memory of my parents Pavlo & Polina by Halyna Kashpar

In loving memory of Elena by Lindquist & Batura Families

Donations in memory of Elena Batura

John & Maryann McCanley—\$30.00

Carol Redmerski—\$30.00

Kathleen Studnicka—\$100.00

Gerald & Nancy LaBarge—\$100.00

Lindquist & Batura Families—\$500.00

Patricia Wolsko—\$50.00

Monthly Memorial Service March 24



In memory of Elena Batura on the 40th day of pass-
ing into eternal life.

Requested by Lindquist & Batura Families.

Liliana Roviario and family in memory of Father
and Dido, Wasyl Wanshula (Василь Ванжула) on
the 20th anniversary of his passing (March 18).

Pan Orthodox Pre-Sanctified Liturgies

The Orthodox churches of the Palos area will come together to celebrate the Presanctified Liturgies on Wednesdays of Lent at 6:30 pm. Each parish will take turns to welcome local Orthodox clergy and laity and provide a Lenten potluck dinner after the Liturgy. Also, a brief Lenten reflection will be offered by one of our priests. Please mark your calendars.

Wednesday, March 27th at 6:30 pm

Sts. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

6980 S. County Line Rd.

Burr Ridge, IL 60527

Wednesday April 3 at 6:30pm

St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church

6330 W. 127th St. Palos Heights, IL 60463

Wednesday, April 10th at 6:30 pm

St. Luke Orthodox Church (OCA)

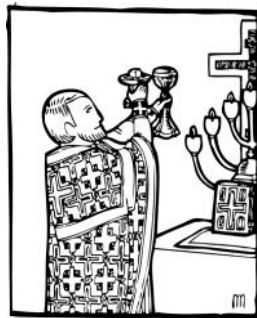
10700 S. Kean Ave

Palos Hills, IL 60465

Wednesday, April 17 at 6:30 pm

Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church

8410 W. 131st St. Palos Park, IL 60464



Prayer Corner for the Month of March

We ask all of you to remember in your prayers the following individuals, who are in need of God's healing and grace:

Michailo, Gail, Allie Branch, Mike Moran, Christopher Flavin, Even, Edward, Dave, Pat Lewandowski, Michael Melnyk, Lilia, Andy, Irene, Bohdan, Ralph Palm, Nikolai, David, Irine, Zoriana, Lev, Irene Belkow, Alla Grzymiski, Kathy Grzymiski, Nicole, John & Patti, Barbara Patronik, Katie Bruce, Michael Kimak, Chloe McKinney, Yuriy Zmysly, Dorothy Seliga, Halyna & Wolodymer Kashpar, Mykola, Priest Vasyl Dovhan, Frankie, Alexander, Anatoli & Pamela, Paul & Melissa, Olga, Janet, Sam and Natalia.

Pray for soldiers in Ukraine: Taras, Yaroslav, Pavlo, Slavko, Mikola, Victor, Taras, Yuriy, Stepan, Volodimer, Mykola, Svitlana, medic Stella, Oleg, Yuriy, Dmitro, Bohdan, Roman, Mykola, Kostia, Vitaliy, missing in action Volodimer, wounded Roman.

Pray for Our expecting mother:

Olha, Anhelina, Kelly, Olena

Coffee Hour Schedule



We are back to sponsored coffee hours

You can sponsor coffee hour monetarily by donating \$50.00 to cover the cost of one coffee hour.

If you would like to volunteer, please let PM Olenka or Fr. Vasyl know.

March 10— Sisterhood of St. Anne

March 17—Jr. UOL Cheese-fare Sunday

Larson & Pierog Families

March 24— Stephania Turiy & PM Olenka

in memory of Elena Batura

March 31— Novak & Hubanova Family

April 7— open

Mark your calendars

- ♦ Sunday, March 17 - Forgiveness Sunday Cheese-fare
- ♦ Sunday, April 21—Special Annual Meeting regarding Church Calendar

Допомога новим іммігрантам/ Help for Refugees



Безкоштовне виповнення усіх документів для новоприбулих (Re-parol, TPS, Social Security. Work permit, Benefits) кожний Пенеділок та Середа 10:00-16:00 у Церковній залі. За інформацією просимо звертатись до Пм. Оленки Сендега “Асоціація Самопоміч.”

Безкоштовні уроки Англійської мови кожний Четвер о 6:00 вечора. Більше інформації 708-361-5165.

We offer free of charge consultation as well as filling up applications for Social Security, work authorization, benefits and TPS for new immigrants. *For more info see PM Olenka.*

Our Parish offers ESL (English as a Second Language classes in the evenings for adults as well as children free of charge. Every Thursday at 6:00pm at the Church hall.

For more information, please see Pat Wolsko.