

# The Word of Sts. Peter & Paul



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Pray For Ukraine

**SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARERS**

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A wealthy man died, apparently without leaving a will. Consequently, according to law, the estate was to be divided among the several surviving cousins who were the next of kin. Also as prescribed by law, the deceased's household goods and other items of personal property were to be converted into cash in a public auction. During the sale, the auctioneer held up a framed photograph, but no one bid on it, including the cousins. Later, a woman approached the auctioneer and asked him if she might purchase the picture for a dollar, which was all she had. She said it was a photograph of the deceased's man only son. She went on to relate that she had been a servant in the deceased's household when the boy lost his life trying to rescue a drowning person, and that she had loved him very much. The auctioneer accepted the dollar and the woman went home and placed the photograph on a table beside her bed. It was then that she noticed a bulge in the back of the frame. She undid the backing and there, to her amazement, was the rich man's will. The instructions in the will were simple: "I give and bequeath all my possessions to the person who cares enough for my son to cherish this


photograph”.

In today’s Gospel we hear of three women who were approaching the tomb of their Master, their Teacher and their Friend. Their hearts were heavy and their steps labored. How could this have happened? It was only days before that they were with Him as He taught and preached. No person had ever preached as He did; no one performed the great miracles that He accomplished. Surely He was the One; the Son of God, the Messiah!


All their hopes and dreams were shattered when He was arrested, condemned to the Cross and hurriedly buried by Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. They knew in their hearts that He deserved a proper burial. Early in the morning on Sunday they went and purchased the proper spices. Now they journeyed to the tomb to accomplish this task out of love for their Master, their Teacher, and their Friend.

All of a sudden, reality struck. Who was going to roll away the great stone that blocked the entrance of the tomb for them to be able to gain access? Others may have stopped at this point and either considered this to be a lost cause or at best, to return home and enlist the help of others in removing the stone. But this problem did not stop them from continuing on to the Tomb. True love has its way of overcoming any obstacle that is placed before it. Perhaps that is our problem today. We no longer look with love towards the Son of God and understand the great sacrifice He made for each and every one of us. We no longer look to the relationship between Jesus and His Father and the great love they want to share with us. We too have many obstacles in our lives that keep us away from a closer relationship with them. We look at Holy Orthodoxy and see it only as a religion: a series of positives and negatives – laws that can be kept or circumvented – at the pleasure of its participants. These rules and regulations become a stumbling block, a great stone barrier, for us as we live our complicated daily lives.

If we look at and see Holy Orthodoxy as a mere religion we have honestly failed to understand the teachings of our Master, our Teacher and our Friend. Holy Orthodoxy is not a series of positives and negatives – it is a way of life! And this way of life is based on true love – not a warm and fuzzy feeling about Jesus, but a real commitment to the message of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It was this great love that gave the Myrrh-bearers the courage to continue to the tomb even with the problem of rolling away the great stone. As a result of this love for Him, these same



## Liturgical Schedule



<p>Sunday May 19 8:15 Matins 9:00am Hours <b>9:30am Divine Liturgy</b></p>	<p><i>Visit of Archbishop Daniel</i> <b>Third Sunday of Pascha: The Myrrh-bearing Women. Tone two.</b> Sts. Myrrh-Bearing Women, righteous Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus Right-believing Tamara, Queen of Georgia. Sts. Mary and Martha, sisters of St. Lazarus (1st c.) New Hieromartyr Seraphim, archbishop of Phanarion and Neochorion New Martyr Demetrius of Peloponnesus (1803) Venerable Job, abbot and wonderworker of Pochaev (1651). THE SCRIPTURE READINGS Mark 16:9-20 (3rd Matins Gospel) Acts 6:1-7 <u>Mark 15:43-16:8</u></p>
<p>Saturday May 25 6:00pm</p>	<p>No Vespers</p>
<p>Sunday May 26 8:15 Matins 9:00am Hours <b>9:30am Divine Liturgy</b></p>	<p><i>May 26, 2024 / May 13, 2024</i> <b>Fourth Sunday of Pascha: The Paralyzed Man. Tone three.</b> Righteous Tabitha (1st c.) Virgin-martyr Glyceria at Heraclea (141) and with her Martyr Laodicius, jailer of St. Glyceria. Translation of the relics of St. Macarius, archimandrite of Obruch or Kanev (1678). Martyr Alexander of Rome (298). St. George the Confessor of Constantinople, with his wife and children (ca. 842). The Scripture Readings Luke 24:1-12 (4th Matins Gospel) Acts 9:32-42 John 5:1-15</p>
<p>Saturday June 1 10:00am</p>	<p>Moleben service for all of the children</p>

women were the first to hear the glorious news from the Angel of the Lord, “Do not be afraid. You are seeking Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified. He is not here. He is Risen!”

Always remember that Holy Orthodoxy is not a spectator sport. We all participate in the salvific events of our Lord. This is where we meet the Lord - our Way, our Truth and our Life. It was only a few Fridays before that you and I took the Body of our Master, our Teacher and our Friend and carried it around the Church and placed it in the Tomb. We too, early in the morning on “the first day of the week”, came to the Church to find the empty tomb and hear the beautiful words of the Angel: “Christ is Risen from the Dead, conquering Death by death, and to those in the tombs He granted life!”

We hear the words of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ “...the Father Himself loves you because you have loved Me and have believed that I came forth from the Father.” (John 16:27) Let us be modern day Myrrh-bearers or witnesses to the fact that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God Who came into the world to redeem us. In thanksgiving for all the gifts that we have received, let us with faith and love proclaim our commitment to our Savior by living the lives of “Resurrected People” and shouting out in all confidence: “Christ is Risen” “Indeed He is Risen!”

### *Sunday School Corner*

#### *Sunday School recap from 5/12/2024*

Mothers’ Day- the day for pampering those special women in our lives. And that’s exactly what the children in our combined Sunday school classes hoped to do. They put on their DIY project hats and set to work. They combined epsom salt, baking soda, the essence of oils of peppermint and lime mixed with a drop or two of green food coloring to create a wonderful foot soak to ease and refresh their Moms’ tired feet.



A special thank you to Ms. Janet and Ms. Pat for helping with this craft and in assisting in putting together the gift bags. And to Ms. Debbie for surprising the children with treat bags.

*Be blessed,*

*Ms. Debbie & Ms. Karen*

## ***Parish Council***

**Monthly Meeting** of the Parish Council is usually every second Sunday of the month.

Next meeting is TUESDAY June 11, 2024 at 7:00pm via Teams. Guests are welcome.

If you would like to be a guest at the meeting, please see any member of the parish council.

## ***College Scholarship Application***

With the support of our Parish Council and our church parishioners, we are 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. The recipient will be announced at our annual Chicken and Lamb Roast, Sunday May 19, 2024.

*Patricia Wolsko*

## ***Sunday's Second Collection***

For the month of May special second collection is dedicated to Orphanage Fund. For the month of June Second collection is dedicated to Jr UOL Chapter to help with the cost of UOL Convention.



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

### **God bless our Volunteers!**

We are planning to restart work next week

Monday May 20 **No pierogie work**

Tuesday May 21 at 8:30am

Wednesday May 22 at 5:30pm

Monday June 3 at 8:30am

Tuesday June 4 at 8:30am and 5:30pm

Wednesday June 5 at 8:30am and 5:30pm

Thursday June 6 Sale 11:00am –3:00pm



***Eternal Light***

In memory of my mother Ollie Kuzanek  
By Sharon Burger-Zellinger



***Seven Day Vigil Candles***

For the health and God's blessings of Alma Howard  
by Fr. Vasyl  
For the health and God's blessings for Barbara Bruce  
by PM Olenka  
For the health and God's blessings of Mary Wisniowski by PM  
Olenka  
God's blessings and restored Good health for Mike Moran by the  
Tufano Family  
For the health of Dave Lindquist by John Batura  
For the health of Patti Faye & Jake by John Batura  
For the health of my grandson Nethon as he celebrates his 18th  
Birthday by Halyna Kashpar  
For the health and safe return back home to Ukraine for my sister  
Evhenia by Halyna Kashpar



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In memory of Michael Cheroim by Gbur/Lang Families

In memory of my husband Anthony Zerebny and his family by  
his wife Mariya Zerebny  
In memory of family Stefurak, Platsok, Yaniv, Zerebny, Urchik,  
Matveeva, Marteklas by Maria Zerebny  
In memory of my parents Pavlo & Polina. Memory Eternal.

***50/50 Club is officially resumed***

We are excited to restart 50/50Club. Junior UOL along with their  
parents will run the club.  
First drawing will take place on Sunday **May 26, 2024**.  
We encourage to buy tickets for the whole year for a discounted  
price of \$65.00. If you would like to buy for one or several  
months the ticket is \$6.00 for a month.  
All of the proceeds from the Club will go to Scholarship Fund of  
our parish. Please be supportive and participate.  
Support children of our parish family.  
*For more info please see Ivan Bryndzia & Vitalii Kulyk*

## ***Prayer Corner for the Month of May***

***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 Grzyski, Kathy Grzyski, 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, 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, Taras, Mykola, wounded Roman, prisoner Taras.

**Pray for Our expecting mother:**

Olha, Veronika, Anhelina, Kelly

### **Sunday of Myrrh bearers**

Lamb & Chicken Roast

Sunday May 19, 2024

*served at Noon*

Donation

Adults - \$25.00

Students - \$15.00

Under 10 years—Free

Free – Children's Egg Hunt



### ***Monthly Memorial Service***



***May 19*** In memory of husband and father Mike Gbur by Gbur Family

## 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.

May 19— Chicken and Lamb Roast

May 26 — Jr. UOL Brunch

June 2— *open*

June 9 - *open*

## Mark your calendars

**Today May 19** – Visit of His Eminence Archbishop Daniel  
Blessing of the Iconostas. Ordination of two readers. Lamb and  
Chicken Roast.

**Sunday June 23**— Pentecost—Day of the First Confession

**Sunday July 14**—Parish Feast Day

**August 4** - Annual Parish Festival

## *Допомога новим імігрантам/ Help for Refugees*



***Безкоштовне*** ***виповнення*** усіх документів для  
новоприбулих (Re-parole, TPS, Social Security, Work permit,  
Benefits) кожний Понеділок 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.

***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.*