

The Word of Sts. Peter & Paul



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Pray For Ukraine

All Saints of Ukraine

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One day a Sunday school class was discussing the topics of sainthood and saints. The children were riveted to the teacher's presentation, as they listened to the wondrous miracles and acts of personal sacrifice which were associated with the saints. As the presentation ended, it was time for the children to ask questions. All but one child asked a question and received their answer from the teacher. Little Suzy was the only child who sat silently in her chair looking around with a puzzled look on her face. Suzy was normally quite vocal and had opinions about everything, but she sat there silently listening to what the other students had to say. For homework, the teacher asked the students to answer the following questions - who are the saints and what does it take for someone to attain sainthood? But before class was dismissed, the teacher took the children to their church next door to show them the icons of the saints they had just talked about.

It was a bright sunny day, when the class entered the church. The children began to walk around and look closely at the icons placed on stands, on the iconostasis and painted on the walls of the church. But Suzy wasn't paying

any attention to that, instead she was standing in the middle of the church mesmerized and consumed by something else. Her eyes were fixated on the beautiful stain-glass windows. The bright sunshine was piercing through them creating a sparkle of different colors with an unbelievable brilliance of the images of the saints depicted there. Suddenly, little Suzy raised her hand and excitedly yelled out: “I know who saints are!” “They are the people who let the light of God shine through them!”

Indeed, on this second Sunday after Pentecost we celebrate those who let the Light of Christ shine through them brightly in the land of Ukraine.

We remember all those who have gone before us and who have fulfilled God’s plan for humanity here on earth. Those who have answered the call from God to join Him, and became His hands, legs, eyes, ears and voice in this world, bringing God’s love, grace and salvation.

On this day we not only commemorate those saints who are well known, but we also remember those whose names we don’t know; who are not officially recognized by the Church (Canonized), but nonetheless attained the Kingdom of Heaven, by the grace of God, and are essentially saints!

The Ukrainian nation from the beginning of its Christian era had a certain God giving role in raising saintly people. It’s worth mentioning that nowhere in the world is there another place that has produced more saints than the Kyiv-Caves monastery. In addition to the 123 incorruptible remains of saints who lived their saintly lives inside the monastery walls, there are also 61 myrrh-bearing skulls of unknown Saints preserved there with the Fathers of the Caves.

However, the theme of this Sunday goes well beyond a celebration or commemoration. It is probably the only Sunday of the church year that hits us right in between our eyes with a sober reminder and maybe even a certain degree of condemnation on what we, as Ukrainian-Orthodox Christians, are missing in our life today. **We are missing the zeal or desire of personal sainthood!!!**

How do we know that? It’s how quickly and easily we surrender to the ways of this society, rather than staying affirmed to the Divine teachings and sacred traditions of Holy Orthodoxy.

St. Apostle Paul very often in his letters addressed the first Christians as “saints”. At that time they were still alive and there was not a standard process of canonization developed yet in the



Liturgical Schedule



Sunday
August 4
8:15am Matins
9:00am Hours
9:30am Divine
Liturgy

Sunday August 4, 2024 / July 22, 2024
6th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone five.
Holy Myrrh-bearer and Equal-to-the-Apostles Mary Magdalen (1st c.).
1 Translation of the relics (404) of Hieromartyr Phocas, bishop of Sinope (117).
St. Cyril I, patriarch of Antioch (298). St. Wandregisilus of Caux (668) (*Gaul*).
The Scripture Readings
Luke 24:36-53 (6th Matins Gospel)
Romans 12:6-14
Matthew 9:1-8
1 Corinthians 9:2-12 Equal-to-the-Apostles
Luke 8:1-3 Equal-to-the-Apostles

Saturday
August 10

No vespers

Sunday
August 11
8:15 Matins
8:30am First
Confessions
9:00am Hours
9:30am Di-
vine Liturgy

Sunday August 11, 2024 / July 29, 2024
7th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone six.
1 Martyr Callinicus of Gangra in Asia Minor (250). Virgin-martyr Seraphima (Serapia) of Antioch (2nd c.). Martyr Theodota and her three sons, in Bithynia (304). St. Lupus the Confessor, bishop of Troyes (479). Martyr Michael (9th c.). St. Constantine, patriarch of Constantinople (676). The Nativity of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker from Myra in Lycia (4th c.)
The Scripture Readings
John 20:1-10 (7th Matins Gospel)
Romans 15:1-7 (Epistle)
Matthew 9:27-35 (Gospel)

Church. But he called them “saints” anyway... Why? Because they were different and willfully “separated” from the sinful ways of the world around them. The original meaning of the word “saint” (Agios in Greek) – means different, separated and exempt from common use. Undeniably, the first Christians were different from the rest of their society in the way they treated each other, and those around them; in the how they put Christ and His Church above all other earthly matters and in the way they lived and how many of them died.

They were not sinless, however by the grace of God they strived to elevate themselves above the sinful ways of society. The light of Christ shined through them intensely in the darkness of sinful and perverted cultures of those days. This same light penetrated the darkness of sin throughout generations of our ancestors being produced by the saints of our motherland Ukraine beginning from Saint Equal-to-the-Apostles Prince Volodymyr and Saintly Princess Olga.

Now, let’s ask ourselves:

How different are we in this sinful world around us? How much of God’s light do we let shine through us?

Are we dedicated to the Truth of God and Holy Orthodoxy or to lies and empty promises of today’s society?

These are the questions that we should try to answer on this Sunday of all Saints of Ukraine.

This world needs saints more than ever before. We live in time of raging Neo-paganism in this country. There are many people who call themselves Christians, but look how Un-Christian and Un-Godly this world had become. Change is much needed before it’s too late for us personally and our society in general. We have to stand up and lead the way as Ukrainian Orthodox Christians with over a thousand year long tradition of producing saints. Maybe, just maybe, that’s why the Lord brought us here to the shores of North America, as He said: **“You are the salt of the earth...”** (Mt. 5, 13), **“You are the light of the world....”** (Mt. 5, 14), and **“...let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”** (Mt. 5, 16) Christ told us last Sunday what it takes to become a saint, so that the light of God may shine through us. There were three key points that our Lord made: confessing Him openly, loving Him supremely, and following Him self-sacrificially with determination and endurance.

The time to act is now...

Parish Council

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

Next meeting is August 11, 2024 at the church hall.

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

Meeting of Jr. UOL Chapter members will take place on Sunday July 28 after Pancake Flip. New officers were elected.

Parish Festival 2024 is this Sunday.

We are looking for volunteers to help us set up this Saturday at 9:00am as well as to work at the Festival on Sunday.

If you would like to volunteer, please see Donna Nevels or PM Olenka.

Sunday's Second Collection

For the month of August Special Collection is dedicated to All Saints Camp.

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



Church Festival Basket Raffle

Basket Raffle has been very successful for 11 years. The success of this raffle depends on the support of our parishioners and friends.

If you would like to donate gift basket/s or items for gift baskets, please see Faith Neswick. There is still time.



Sisterhood of St. Anne

God bless our Volunteers!

We have been working hard to prepare for the Festival.

Thank you to the both of the kitchen crews; the morning crew as well as the night crew.



We do need help with the food during the Festival.

If you know how to work in the kitchen, see Athena Gordan.

Seven Day Vigil Candles

- For the health and God's blessings of Iryna Grzesiak by Gbur/Lang Families
- For the health and God's blessings as CeCe Huber recover's from brain surgery by Gbur & Lang Families
- For the health of my husband Michael by Pat Beck
- For the health of Frank Palasti by Fr. Vasyl
- For the health of my daughter Iryna on her Birthday. God's blessings for many years by Halyna Kashpar
- God's blessing for my new baby Great Grandson Riley James by Dorothy Seliga
- For the health of Dave Lindquist by John Batura
- For the health of Patti Faye & Jake by John Batura



In memory of my sister Joanne Yatczyshyn — Kelly
by John Yatczyshyn

In memory of my sister Betty Grega by John Yatczyshyn

In memory of Irene Belkow by John Yatczyshyn

In memory of Irene Belkow Dan Hnatusko by John Yatczyshyn

In memory of husband Paul Seliga Jr. by Dorothy Seliga

In memory of my son Mark Birmingham by Dorothy Seliga

In memory of my parents Frank & Florence Bednerz by Dorothy Seliga

In memory of my brother Tom Bednarz by Dorothy Seliga

Допомога для Новоприбулих



Безкоштовне виповнення усіх документів для новоприбулих (Re-parole, 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 6:30 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 6:30pm at the Church hall.

The class will resume on August 15, 2024

For more information, please see Pat Wolsko.

Prayer Corner for the Month of August

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

Nathan, Gail, Allie Branch, Mike Moran, Christopher Flavin, Even, Edward, Dave, Pat & Bob Lewandowski, Michael Melnyk, Lilia, Andy, Irene, Bohdan, Ralph Palm, Nikolai, David, Irine, Zoriana, Lev, Alla Grzymiski, Kathy Grzymiski, Nicole, John & Patti, Barbara Patronik, Barbara & 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:

Anhelina, Johanna, Lindsey, Britney
New moms: Kelly, Veronika & Olha.

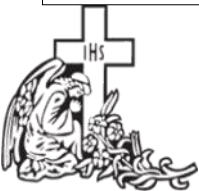
Bible Study

Next Bible Study group meeting is
 Tuesday, August 6, 2024 at 7:00 pm.
 Via Teams. We are going to work on Psalms.
 Resources; Orthodox Study Bible.



**Bible
 STUDY**
 Join us!

Monthly Memorial Service



August 25 In memory of all of those who reposed in the Lord in the month of August

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.

July 28—Jr. UOL Brunch

August 4—Annual Festival

August 11— open

August 18— open

August 25 — Kashpar Family

September 1— Jr. UOL

September 8—Annual Chicken & pork Roast

Mark your calendars

Annual Parish Festival is this Sunday — **August 4**

Please come and participate as well as volunteer at the event.

Sign up sheets are at the church hall by the bar.

We will be working to prepare for the Festival this whole week.

Please check the schedule and come to help us to prepare for it.

September 8 — Beginning of School. Chicken and Pork Roast Dinner after the Divine Liturgy.

Annual Cash Raffle

Support your parish purchase Big Cash Raffle tickets.

Cost of 1 ticket is \$100.00.

Only 200 tickets are offered.

Drawing August 4, 2024

We have started ticket sale.

You can split the cost with family, friends, coworkers, fellow parishioners. You can be on multiple tickets.

Advanced payment for tickets would be appreciated.

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

