

The Word of Sts. Peter & Paul



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Today is the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee is the first Sunday of a three-week period prior to the commencement of Great Lent. It's a time for Orthodox Christians to draw closer to God through worship, prayer, fasting, and acts of charity.

The name for this Sunday is taken from the parable of our Lord Jesus Christ found in Luke 18:10-14. This is the story of two men, one a Pharisee, a member of a Jewish sect known for its diligent observance of the Law, and the other a Publican, a government official charged with the responsibility of collecting taxes. Both men enter the temple, and the Pharisee stands openly and prays, praising himself and judging others, then the publican in humility stands in the back of the temple and beats his breast asking God for forgiveness. The Publican leaves the church forgiven and the Pharisee leaves the church condemned.

Our preparation for Lent thus begins with a prayer for humility, the beginning of true repentance. Through repent-

ance, we can find and return to the true order of things, a restoration of our spiritual vision that will guide us in a very difficult and challenging world. By entering Great Lent in humility and repentance, we can attain deeper communion with God as we receive His forgiveness and He blesses by guiding us to greater spiritual heights.

Sunday School Corner



Recap of Sunday February 2, 2025

Last Sunday our children from all of the classes of Sunday School learned about the Iconostasis in the Orthodox Church.

The iconostasis represents one of the most important architectural features of Orthodox churches. It is an unbroken screen, composed of icons, separating the Sanctuary, where the sacrament of the Eucharist is celebrated, from the central part, the nave, where the congregation stands. It is well known that the original iconostasis in the form of a screen between the Sanctuary and the nave has existed in Christian churches from very ancient times, since it would resemble the designated parts of the temple of Moses in the Old Testament.

The Royal Doors are at the center. It is from out of the Royal Doors that the Gospel is proclaimed, and it is through the Royal Doors that the priest carries the chalice with the body and blood of Christ. And so, in one form or another, the Royal Doors are for the Word of God to enter and exit. Therefore, the Royal Doors as in our temple have images of the Four Evangelists (showing us the written word of God). As we look at the Iconostasis, then to the left and right of the Royal Doors are icons of the Mother of God and Christ Pantocrator (Almighty) respectively. The Mother of God holds the infant Christ, and represents the fulfillment, when Christ sits in Judgment at the end of the world.

To the right of Christ on the deacon doors we have the icon of Archangel Michael, whilst to the left of the Mother of God is the icon of St. Nicholas. The last icon on the right side of the iconostasis are usually the icon of the Patronal Saint. Our parish has



Liturgical Schedule



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

Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee. Tone 8 Martyr Nicephorus of Antioch (ca. 257). Hieromartyrs Marcellus, bishop of Sicily; Philagrius, bishop of Cyprus; and Pancratius, bishop of Taormina; disciples of Apostle Peter (1st c.). Ven. Pancratius, hieromonk of the Kyiv Caves (13th c.). Matins Gospel (11): Jn. 21:15-25; 2 Tim. 3:10-15. Lk. 18:10-14

Saturday
February 15

Vespers at 5:00pm

Sunday
February 16
 8:45am Matins
 9:30am Hours
10:00 am
Divine Liturgy

Sunday of Prodigal Son. Tone 1

Martyrs Pamphilus presbyter, Valens deacon, Paul, Seleucus, Porphyrius, Julian, Theodulus, Elias, Jeremiah, Isaiah, Samuel, and Daniel, at Caesarea in Palestine (307-309). Matins (1): Mt. 28:16-20, 1 Cor. 6:12-20; Lk. 15:11-32;

Sunday
February 23
 8:15am Matins
 9:00am Hours
9:30am Divine
Liturgy

Meatfare Sunday, of the Last Judgment. Tone 2 Hieromartyr Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna (167). Sts. John, Antioch, Antoninus, Moses, Zebinas, Polychronius, Moses, and Damian, ascetics of the Syrian desert (5th c.). St. Alexander, founder of the order of the Unsleeping Ones (430). Matins (2): Mr. 16:1-8; 1 Cor. 8:8-9:2, Mt. 25:31-46;

Meatfare Sunday February 23

Cheesefare Sunday March 2

Palm Sunday April 13

First day of Great Lent March 3

Pascha/Resurrection April 20

two saints. Therefore, we have Sts. Paul depicted on the right and St. Peter on the far left. The second row of the Iconostasis has the depiction of the twelve apostles. In the middle of the second row is the icon of the Last Holy Supper. The third and the left row of icons in our church has the icon of Jesus Christ with St. Mary His Mother and St. John the Baptist on both sides. Of course the iconostasis is towered with the three-bar cross.

The Royal Holy doors are used only by Bishops, Priests and Deacons during the services. Otherwise the deacon doors are used for entering and exiting the Sanctuary Altar servers only use the deacon doors. The Holy doors are open or close at different parts of the services show the important transition in the Divine Services.

The iconostasis is not only the mare wall with icons that separates the new parts of the church temple, it is a wall of icons- windows into heaven, which help the people to tune into the spirit of worship our Almighty God.

Moreover, the iconostasis reflects the incarnation of Christ. It's tangible, visible, and approachable, mirroring how God made himself accessible to humanity through Jesus. For Orthodox Christians, engaging with the iconostasis is a way of acknowledging God's presence and reaffirming a commitment to a life modeled after Christ's teachings.

Through the lens of the iconostasis, we are reminded of the continuity of past, present, and future. Eternal truths are enshrined in its framework, offering comfort and guidance as we navigate the complexities of modern life while rooted firmly in the traditions of our faith.

The iconostasis stands as a profound symbol within Orthodox Christianity, deeply interwoven with our spiritual practice. It's a bridge that connects us to the divine, a guide through the rich tapestry of sacred history, and a focal point for our prayers. Every time we step into the church and gaze upon the iconostasis, we are reminded of the path laid out by Christ and the saints. It's more than just a feature of church design; it's a living, breathing aspect of our faith that sustains and enriches our spiritual journey. Embracing the iconostasis is to embrace a legacy of devotion, ensuring that the timeless essence of Orthodox Christianity continues to illuminate the lives of the faithful.

In Christ, Fr. Vasyl

Announcements

Parish Council usually meets once a month on the second Sunday of the month. Next Council meeting will take place on *Sunday February 16, 2025* after the Coffee hour.

Guests are welcome. If you would like to participate at the council meeting, please let any of the officers know.

Coming up

Today — Soup-er Bowl Sunday

Have a bowl of soup for a good cause.

Sunday February 23 — Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

Jr & Sr. UOL Meatfare Sunday

Sunday's Second Collection

Sunday's Second Special Collection is dedicated each month to a different cause: Month of January - Orland Park Food Pantry
Month of February to the victims of Californian wild fires.

Sisterhood of St. Anne

Sisterhood monthly meetings are usually every second Sunday of the month, after the Coffee hour. God bless our volunteers!

We are always looking for more volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, don't be shy. Come for one hour or two, it will make a huge difference.

Updated Schedule:

February 17 Monday at 8:30am— prep perogies

February 18 Tuesday at 5:30pm- make perogies

February 24 Monday at 8:30am- prep perogies

February 25 Tuesday at 5:30pm - make perogies

March 2 Sunday after Coffee hour — make cheese balls

March 3 Monday at 8:30am- pinch cheese boil cabbage

March 4 Tuesday at 5:30pm-make Holubtsi

February 5 Wednesday at 8:30am - package Holubtsi

March 6 Thursday sale 11am-2pm

March 8 Saturday sale 11am-2pm



Seven Day Vigil Candles



- For the health of Larry Pierog by Fr. Vasyl
- For the health of Patti Faye by John Batura
- For the health of Pat Ciapinski by Pat & Mike Beck
- For the health of Janet Ganske by Pat & Mike Beck
- For the health and God' blessings for Larry Pierog
Alvine & Tom Gbur
- For the health and God's blessings of Gina & John
Gbur by Gbur/Lang Families
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- In memory of Anthony Kaczor by Michael Supilowski
- In memory of Tony Kovco by Michel Supilowski

ESL Classes

Класи Англійської мови ESL



Безкоштовні заняття КЛАСИ ESL Кожного Четверга
о 6:30 вечора в церковній залі.

Запрошуємо усіх, хто хоче вивчити мову, хто
хоче стати більш вправним в розмові, читанні та
написання англійської мови. Реєстраційні форми
знаходяться на столі при вході у церкві. *Якщо у вас є будь-які
запитання, зверніться до
Пет Волско, о. Василя або ПМ Оленки.*

50/50 Club

The winner for the month of January was *Nevels Family*.

Next drawing will take place **on Sunday February 23, 2025**

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. You can win \$250.00.

All of the proceeds go to College Scholarship Fund of our parish.
Support children of our parish family.

For more info please see Ivan Bryndzia & Vitalii Kulyk

Prayer Corner for the Month of February



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

Larry Pierog, Pat Beck, Mark, Roman, Judy Broud, Joshua Mark, Mary Wisniowski, Mary Pirtle, Nathan, Gail, Allie Branch, Mike Moran, Christopher Flavin, Even, Edward, Bob Lewandowski, Michael Melnyk, Lilia, Andy, Bohdan, Ralph Palm, David, Irine, Zoriana, Lev, Alla Grzymyski, Kathy Grzymyski, Nicole, John & Patti, Barbara Patronik, Barbara & Katie Bruce, Michael Kimak, Chloe McKinney, Yuriy Zmysly, Dorothy Seliga, Halyna & Wolodymer Kashpar, Mykola, Priest Vasyl Dovhan, Tina & Frankie, Alexander, Anatoli & Pamela, Janet, Sam and Natalia.

Pray for soldiers in Ukraine: Maksym, 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:

Daria and Myroslava.

*If there is anyone who is in need of prayers, and you want to add them to the prayer corner, please notify Fr. Vasyl
If you would like me to visit with the Sacraments of the Holy Confession and Eucharist, please call the rectory.
to set up an appointment. I will gladly visit everyone.*

Bible Study

Next Bible Study group meeting is
Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 7:00 pm.
Via Zoom. We are going to work on Psalms.
Resources; Orthodox Study Bible.



Memorial Service



Monthly memorial February 23

In memory of all of those who reposed in the Lord in the month of February

Coffee Hour Schedule



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:

February 2— *PM Olenka*

February 9— *Soup-er Bowl Sunday*

February 16 — John Batura & Patti Faye

in memory of Elena Batura

February 23 — *Jr & Sr. UOL Meatfare*

March 2— Donna Nevels

March 9 — *Sisterhood of St. Anne — Parish Annual Meeting*

March 16 — *open*

March 23 — *open*

March 30 — *Jr. UOL*

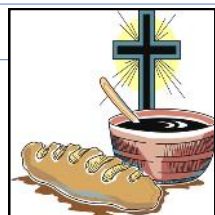
Soup-er Bowl Sunday 2025

It's the time of the year again for

Soup-er Bowl Sunday TODAY

Stop on at the church hall for our Annual Soup-er Bowl Sunday to raise funds for St. Andrew's Society Soup Kitchens for elderly in Ukraine

Eat in or take out!



Selfreliance Association



Безкоштовне вивчення усіх документів для новоприбулих (Social Security, Work permit, Benefits)

Кожної Цереди у Церковній залі з 10:00-17:00. За інформацією просимо звертатись до Пані Матки Оленки Сендега “Асоціація Самопоміч.” або за телефоном (773) 692-1010

ESL Classes

ESL Announcement:

ESL sessions have resumed in the church hall every Thursday at 6:30pm. For more information please see Pat Wolsko.

Безкоштовні ESL класи для усіх бажаючих кожного Четверга о 18:30 вечора у Церковній залі. Дотаковою інформацією просимо звертатися до о. Василя або Пані Матки Оленки.